

I am writing to formally request a review and amendment of Traffic Regulation Order PE415, specifically in relation to the enforcement of single yellow line restrictions within Talbot Village on UK Bank Holidays.

The existing restriction applies Monday to Friday, 10am–4pm, and was introduced to address sustained parking pressure associated with university related commuter parking. Residents have accepted these restrictions for many years in recognition of that purpose.

However, Bank Holidays operate in practice in the same way as weekends:

- Universities are not in session
- Commuter and student parking demand is absent
- Parking demand is limited largely to short-term residential visitors

Enforcement on Bank Holidays therefore does not serve the original intent of the Order. Instead, it disproportionately impacts residents and their visitors on a small number of nationally recognised holidays when family visits are most likely to occur. This is particularly problematic for elderly or less mobile visitors, for whom alternative parking locations are not a realistic option.

It is also relevant that the restrictions were previously seasonal (September–June), demonstrating that the Council has historically accepted the need for flexibility and proportionality in this area. The current all year approach, including Bank Holidays, appears inconsistent with both the original purpose of the TRO and its earlier operation.

This request does not seek to prevent enforcement where vehicles are obstructive, unsafe, or cause access issues. Where obstruction or safety concerns arise, enforcement is entirely appropriate. The request relates solely to non-obstructive parking on single yellow lines on UK Bank Holidays, where enforcement achieves no traffic management benefit.

I therefore formally request that the Council considers one of the following amendments to TRO PE415:

1. An explicit exemption from enforcement on UK Bank Holidays, aligning them with weekend arrangements; or
2. A defined discretionary non-enforcement approach on Bank Holidays, where no obstruction or safety issue is present.

Such an amendment would better reflect the purpose of the Order, improve fairness for residents and support a proportionate approach to enforcement while retaining all necessary powers to address genuine safety concerns.

I would welcome confirmation that this request (attached below) will be reviewed and would be grateful for a written response outlining the Council's position and next steps.