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Chatham Valley Road  
Oberon 2787 NSW*

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Ms Leanne Mash  
General Manager  
Oberon Council  
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Dear Ms Mash,

I note in the latest council papers that consideration is being given to official roadside parking on Edith Road adjacent to The Common.

As a constant user of this road, I suggest that this is a hazardous proposal.

I am always particularly alert when driving along this stretch of road when I notice cars parked on the roadside in the dirt, because the motorists are also often coping with children, prams, picnic gear etc, and their attention to traffic dangers is possibly reduced.

To be blunt, these motorists park there because they are too lazy to use the two convenient car parks already provided, and cannot be bothered to walk the few extra metres to the picnic places, play areas or other features on The Common. The two existing car parks are completely adequate, and I have never seen them full. A third park is therefore unnecessary, and is only pandering to laziness. Instead of condoning such parking and providing a third parking area, Council should be terminating it by installing a kerb too high for vehicles to mount or guard rail, and moving the existing posts closer to the road, rather than further into the park as suggested.

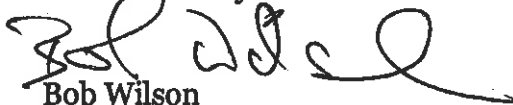
Not only is formal parking being investigated by Council officers, but also nose-in parking, which means that cars will have to back into the road, unless the parking space makes a significant paved incursion into The Common to allow vehicles to manoeuvre and exit nose first.

I cannot think of any other parking area in town where nose-in parking is practiced.

More practical co-ordinated solutions to this matter would be:

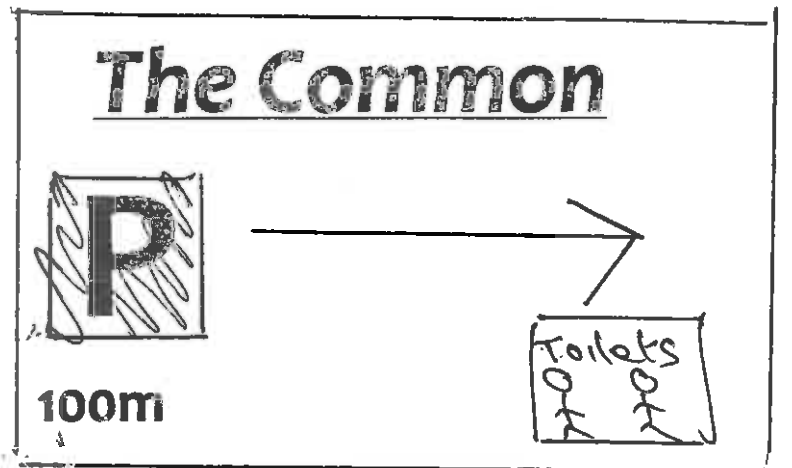
- 1) Greatly improved and more informative signage – which currently is so basic as to be almost useless - to indicate the location of the two existing car parks, particularly that near the toilets which is partially obscured from Edith Road; and
- 2) The kerbing/guard rail/post repositioning mentioned above.

Yours sincerely

  
Bob Wilson

## Some signage thoughts

From Edith



Jan Ross - Edith

