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Dear Councilor Harvey & Councillor members of the Working Party.

When I went to the Council Office in Ledbury yesterday I received excellent service & advice about the problem that has risen in Queen's Court, Ledbury since charges were put on the Car Park in Ays/Bridge St. More & more people are parking in Queen's Court from 8.0 a.m. & coming back at the end of their working day & leaving. They are not residents of Queen's Court. As an elderly, 89 years old, and no longer a driver, you may wonder why this should bother me. I have therefore set out a list of the problems & given examples as to how they have affected me.

1. Which ever way you enter Queen's Court from Bridge St there are 2 well lit signs that show a car & a motorbike in a red circle on a white background. Underneath there is a written sign which says UNLESS FOR ACCESS.
2. Emergency vehicles. No one here questions their right to park as near to whatever the emergency is.
3. Men who have been contracted to do work which may involve heavy equipment.
4. Visitors (long or short stay) who may also be elderly & disabled.
5. Special deliveries by companies who work to a very tight time schedule often double park.
6. Local residents have taken to leaving notes under wind speed wipers.

Examples of how it has affected me & some of my neighbours, follow over the page.

Point 1. These signs have been interpreted by the locals as meaning residents only apart from contracted deliverers or workers. So if these non-wanted drivers have read their High Way Codes they must know they are not entitled to park here.

Point 3.

My gardener called on the off chance that as he had the heavy machine on board for removing the roots & remains of some well established but not wanted bushes, he would park as near to my place as possible. There wasn't a single space vacant so he left. Not wishing to double park in order to let me know he'd tried. He phoned in the evening. Not a happy man!

Point 4.

I have elderly friends who are able to drive but cannot walk long distances wheeling suitcases so they cannot come and stay with me as they have in the past as a stop over on their way to and from Wales or Scotland and Cornwall. I miss them very much.

One of my sons who lives in Cheltenham had to park in Margaret Road on one visit. He is blessed with good legs thankfully.

One Thursday I was waiting for the Community Bus and I watched as a very large GB Liner removal van tried to turn his vehicle at the T junction just above No 9 where he had just unloaded a new arrival's furniture. After several attempts he couldn't do it because of the parked cars so he had to back down the road & an assistant had to stop

the traffic on Bridge St to let him out.

Point 6.

This note leaving could escalate into a nasty confrontation.

As an ex-motorist I do appreciate that daily parking fees make it very expensive to come and work in Ledbury but I have heard that there is a Council scheme that runs for a yearly fee allowing cheaper parking in local car parks. If this is so could it be made more obvious in local information boards & booklets such as Ledbury Focus?

I look forward to your views of my letter & wonder what action - if any - you can take. Also how any action might affect me in any way? Is there any more I can do?

Thank you very much.

P.S. I apologise for writing on lined paper but due to eye problems (hence not driving any more) & arthritis in my right shoulder due to a fall on black ice 10 years ago, my writing tends to be less controllable on plain paper.