

### TM2/20/486- HOLLINS LANE, BURY

## **COMMENTS ON THE OBJECTIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PROPOSALS**

### **Introduction:**

Concerns have been raised regarding vehicles that are parked on the bend on Hollins Lane between Sykes Avenue and Hollins Close.

Parking both sides of the carriageway particularly on the bend can cause obstruction and road safety problems for passing traffic, with opposing vehicles forced to override the existing centre hatching (which is intended to keep vehicles apart) on the bend. Parking also causes visibility/blind spot problems for pedestrians using the school crossing patrol service (which is located outside number 127 Hollins Lane) and indeed approaching vehicular traffic.

A letter was sent to residents in March 20 informing them of the safety issues and asking them to park more appropriately. Unfortunately, site visits have shown that the problem still persists.

In view of the above, it is proposed to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions between number 123 and number 131 Hollins Lane (on the southerly) to alleviate the existing problems occurring on site.

This report was circulated to the Traffic Management Unit members for 29 September 2020, the decision being to recommend the introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions to alleviate the visibility and traffic flow obstruction problems.

The advertised proposals (Bury Times 12 November 2020 edition) were as follows:-

### **Introduction of No Waiting at any time**

Hollins Lane, Bury

Southerly side, from a point 17 metres east of the easterly kerbline of Hollins Close for a distance of 58 metres in an easterly and southerly direction

## **Objections:**

**Following the advertisement of the proposals the Council received 1 objection from a local resident.**

This is as follows:

### **Objection ~**

*With reference to the above "Prohibition of Waiting" order for Hollins Lane, I would request you consider the following items.*

*I am concerned that the prohibition of waiting order as currently proposed is not sufficient. The cars that currently park on the westerly side of the bend will, following the prohibition order, simply choose to park on the bend outside 142, 140 and 138 Hollins Lane.*

*There is currently a car that parks outside 142 every day. This already presents a problem for vehicles approaching from Hollins Village (buses in particular) which have to move into the central area - or even the other carriageway - to avoid the cars parked on the easterly side of the bend.*

*I would like to propose that double yellow lines are places on both sides of the bend of Hollins Lane to ensure that both residents, pedestrians and those travelling in vehicles are safe.*

**Comment on objection** – At present, on-street parking occurs both sides of Hollins Lane therefore the impact of waiting restrictions on the southerly side is likely to be minimal. In addition, there are likely to be objections to any further proposals for restrictions along both sides of Hollins Lane due to the lack of off-street parking for many residents.

Parking on the northerly side does not impact on the visibility of the designated crossing point and although parking can interfere with traffic flow after the bend for vehicles travelling in an easterly direction this will also be minimal. Speed and bend warning signs also reduce traffic speeds for drivers traveling towards the bend in the easterly direction.

There is a driveway at the side of number 142 Hollins Lane for off-street parking. If there is an increase in parking displacement to the northerly side of Hollins Lane, which impacts on the driveway sightline (particularly on the Hollins Village side of the driveway), this can be resolved by introducing a bollard, as vehicles generally park over the footway. In addition, there are likely to be objections to any further proposals for restrictions along both sides of Hollins Lane due to the lack of off-street parking for many residents.

**In summary** - It is recommended that double yellow lines be introduced on Hollins Lane as advertised to alleviate visibility and obstruction problems.

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