

From: Highways District Lead Officer
Sent: 04 November 2021 16:06
To: 'clerk@whittlelewoodsparishcouncil.org.uk'
Subject: 62863 - Parking Issues on Chorley Old Road

Dear Lisa,

Thank you for your attached letter, on behalf of Whittle-Le-Woods Parish Council, regarding parking issues by the Co-op on Chorley Old Road and Mill Lane junction.

Officers carried out a number of site visits here to get a better understanding of the situation and we have just completed them. Our observations revealed that whilst a level of parking is present outside the Co-op Store, due to the extended width of the carriageway at this point, this has not been witnessed as presenting a hinderance to traffic flows through the area. We did not witness vehicles traversing the centre line without sufficient forward visibility to assess potential oncoming conflicts.

Our collision data do not reveal the occurrence of any injury collisions in the past 5 years within this 20mph area. This would indicate that presently the road and junction does appear to be operating satisfactorily in terms of road safety. In view of this, we are unable to justify introducing parking restrictions here.

With regard to the suggestions put forward:-

1. Placement of rectangular flower tubs along this section of footpath to discourage vehicles from parking here.

Although this removes the possibility of future obstruction to the short section of footway fronting the store, it is unlikely to discourage parking at the location and would result in vehicles continuing to park fully within the carriageway thus having little effect.

2. Police suggestion for double yellow lines at the junction.

The Highway Code contains clear directions on vehicle parking in the vicinity of junctions and where this is observed to result in either a hazard or unnecessary obstruction to other users. The Police possess more immediate powers to undertake enforcement activity to resolve the issue. Should individual instances of vehicles parking in a manner which represents either a hazard or unnecessary obstruction are witnessed, these should in the first instance, be reported to the Police as they have the powers of enforcement. Where this results in a sustained issue for which Police enforcement is unsustainable i.e. a continuous high turnover of vehicles, they will request that additional parking restrictions are considered to provide a more prominent visual deterrent.

This would require the progression of a defined legal process with an average timeframe to completion of 26 weeks. As this has the potential to effect parking for residents/local businesses, this requires a period of public consultation to allow an opportunity for comments to be submitted.

3. Removal of the section of footpath directly outside the Co-op entrance creating a layby parking facility.

Whilst we will always acknowledge and investigate concerns raised at a local level, our priority is to focus on delivering proposals at locations where the occurrence of injury collision incidents are evidenced, and further mitigation measures will result in a

demonstrable impact in improving road safety. Regrettably, there are other locations in the county where pedestrian injury collisions do occur. It would be remiss of us not to try and make a positive impact at these locations our priority.

I hope this information helps.

Kind Regards,

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Subject: Parking Issues on Chorley Old Road

Dear LCC Highways

Please find attached a letter requesting assistance from Lancashire County Council regarding parking issues on Chorley Old Road near the Co-op Supermarket and Mill Lane junction.

Thanks
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