

# Annex I Heworth Without Ward

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**Location** Elmfield Terrace/Stray Garth

## Nature of problem and plan of Advertised Proposal

Vehicles parking in the bend area causing issues with obstruction, footway and fence damage and larger vehicles unable to access Stray Garth.



Recommendation advertised: Waiting restrictions to prevent parking in this area to improve access and lessen obstruction issues.

## Representations Received

We received three representations in support and four in objection to the proposal.

Support:

- I fully support the proposed parking restrictions above. My property bounds the right angle corner of both these roads and I have written to Nigel Ayre several times requesting the installation of bollards on this corner to stop dog walkers and dog walking businesses parking here. This results in other road users having to drive on the wrong side of the road on this blind corner. As a result you meet oncoming traffic head on - some of these vehicles also exceed the 20mph speed limit and sooner or later there will be an accident.

This corner is also used as a turning point and my fence has been damaged on more than one occasion by drivers who have poor judgement or have a trailer attached.

Additionally the bin lorry has to reverse the whole length of both roads and one driver recently nearly hit my fence. I am not

complaining about this as the bin drivers do a great job and are very careful as they also have the benefit of colleagues to guide them around the corner. It would be a great relief to have these restrictions in place especially to stop the many dog walking businesses parking their vans directly on the corner. They are big offenders on a daily basis. (image provided)



- We fully support the intention to tackle this issue which has to us been a cause of concern for some time. In studying the proposal however we are concerned that the cessation of the double yellow lines after ten metres into Elmfield Terrace will simply move the problem into an equally problematic area.

Unfortunately our experience shows that people, including commercial dog walking companies, attempt to park as close as possible to the stray gate and the likelihood is that they will therefore move only to the extent of the ten metre zone. The Terrace from the corner of Stray Garth to our gate is extremely narrow and large vehicles, both delivery and utility, already have trouble on the corner due to the narrowness of the road and the sharpness of the corner. If their manoeuvring is still restricted by parked cars forcing them on to the opposite side of the narrow road this problem will remain. It is also the case that drivers who are traversing the bend, sometimes at speeds that whilst legal are unwise, have no visibility of oncoming traffic and if this traffic is forced onto the opposite side of the road by parked vehicles this equally gives rise to a dangerous situation.

We appreciate that this is an effort to resolve the problem but would ask, for the above reasons, that consideration be given to extending the restrictions further away from the corner and to a point where the terrace starts to widen

- I live in Stray Garth and have had a 'near miss' several times when driving the car past a parked vehicle in the corner as we have to swing round it and can't see approaching traffic from

Elmfield. So I do see the sense in putting the restriction in for parking there, and would be happy for that to be done. Also, when it is clear, it is a useful space for vans and cars to turn in rather than coming down Stray Garth and finding difficulty at the end for turning. On that matter, we do seem to have vehicles coming down thinking they can get through, not realising that it is a cul-de-sac. Might it be possible to have a sign at the corner of Elmfield Terrace and Stray Garth indicating that perhaps?

However, I am concerned that if the dog walkers can't park in that corner they might be parking further into Stray Garth or Elmfield (which some already do) which are both too narrow to cope with additional cars. I don't think it will necessarily deter the dog walkers. It is lovely that the Stray is being so well used but car access to it is so restricted. I wish there more safe parking spaces for dog walkers but can't see how that is possible.

Objections:

- The proposed order may address the specific problem of obstruction of the corner, but it will simply displace the wider problem of obstruction and property damage to 10m along the road. The frontage to my property will be closest to the 10m exclusion zone on Elmfield Terrace. Already, when the corner has been parked on, other vehicles either park on the pavement outside my house (forcing pedestrians off the pavement and on to the road and, sometimes, blocking my small gate) or they park on the road. The latter circumstance means that other vehicles - including the increasing number of large delivery vans and trucks - tend to drive over my verge to get past the obstruction - on numerous occasions damaging my verge and plants in the process.
- I am writing to oppose this. I live off Elmfield Avenue on Thorn Nook on a street which only has limited parking at the moment and is likely to become more congested should double yellow be introduced on the top road.
- As residents of Stray Garth we wish to object to the proposed parking restrictions at the junction of Stray Garth and Elmfield Terrace.

The amount of parking which takes place on this bend is minimal. There is absolutely no evidence of any boundary having been damaged by vehicles either large or small and we have not seen any evidence of large vehicles being impeded by parked cars. We also feel that yellow lines in this residential area next to Monk Stray would be intrusive and a total waste of limited Council resources at this difficult time.

- We would oppose the proposal as it would, to our minds, simply push parking further along Stray Garth and create hazards and obstructions to egress and ingress of the residents. The corner is used for parking by dog walkers using the Stray, which can be a mild nuisance when negotiating the corner if there is traffic coming the other way, but this is less problematic than the proposal offered as a remedy. We think that either a slow sign or road marking on Elmfield Terrace warning of the corner, and/or a concave mirror placed on the outer side of the corner, would be a more effective safety measure in negotiating the corner. We do not feel that yellow lines will deter people using the Stray from parking at this location, but would merely push the traffic onto potentially more hazardous locations on Stray Garth, inconveniencing the residents and any visitors they might have, with no clear benefit.

#### **Officer analysis and Recommendation**

The advertised restrictions will ensure the sharp bend is clear of obstructions. Regarding the requests to extend the restrictions, as we can only implement as advertised or a lesser restriction the recommendation is to implement as advertised and add the location to the next annual review for further investigation.

#### **Options**

1. Implement as Advertised(Recommended)
2. Take no further action.
3. Implement a lesser restriction than advertised