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**Decision Session –  
Executive Member for Transport**

**17 January 2020**

Report of Assistant Director Transport, Highways and Environment

**New Lane, Huntington – Objections to Proposed Traffic Regulation Order**

**Summary**

1. To consider the objections made to a set of proposals aimed at tackling potential parking difficulties due to the opening of the new stadium at Monks Cross.

**Recommendation**

2. It is recommended that:

Option 1 implement the proposed restrictions as advertised and re-visit the area for further measures if there are persistent parking difficulties related to the stadium operation.

Reason: to help ensure stadium related parking does not adversely impact on a key route through the area.

**Background**

3. During the Planning process for the stadium, concerns were raised about the potential impact of stadium related parking. Hence approval was given to advertise proposals to mitigate against what might occur. The proposals put out to consultation are aimed at trying to ensure the main through route (also a bus route) is not obstructed by parked vehicles. Because the actual outcome of what parking may take place has a degree of uncertainty the proposed set of measures can be viewed as a first step and additional restrictions may need to be considered once the stadium is fully operational.
4. It should be noted that a proposal for the two residential streets off Jockey Lane (Forge and Saddlers Close) is being taken forward using a different process considered more appropriate for their particular circumstances.

5. The proposal put forward for New Lane, Huntington (see Annex A) were:
  - Extend the existing clearway on Malton Road into New Lane to a point where the bulk of the residential properties begin
  - Introduce no waiting at any time restrictions from the above point to the existing restrictions at the Jockey lane junction. Thought there will also be 2 short lengths of 1 hour maximum stay parking close to the cemetery.
  - Introduce no waiting Saturday and Sunday noon to 8pm in a short section of carriageway off Anthea Drive that serves a small number of properties.
  - Introduce a mixture of no waiting at any time, no waiting Saturday and Sunday noon to 8pm between Jockey Lane and Huntington Road, leaving some sections unrestricted.
6. It is acknowledged that the above proposals may leave some lengths of road vulnerable to stadium related parking. However on the flip side if we introduce too much restriction at this point they may have an adverse impact on local residents. Hence the view that these restrictions are a first step in dealing with potential problems.

## **Consultation**

7. The proposals were advertised in the usual manner of notices on street, in the local press, to the statutory consultees and delivered to the adjacent properties, this exceeds to legal minimum.
8. During the 3 week advertising period 5 representations were received, and these are reproduced in full in Annex B.
9. The reasons given for objecting are:
  - Not enough restrictions proposed
  - Too many restrictions proposed
  - The likely adverse impact on their current activities

It is acknowledged that the proposals will have an impact on some activities and has the potential to re-distribute some parking. Whilst there may be little parking taking place in some locations at present, due to the proximity of the Stadium and the direct path linking New Lane to the Stadium area it was considered a vulnerable location for parking, hence the proposed double yellow lines which tend to be better respected than other restrictions. North of Jockey Lane the distance and route to the

stadium appears to be less desirable and double yellow lines would likely have a bigger impact on the local community, hence the more targeted duration of the restrictions. If after the stadium has been operational for a while there are ongoing problems for through traffic then these restrictions can be re-investigated. Ward Councillors have also raised concerns about potential increased use of the layby outside Brewery Cottages. From the consultation carried out there does not appear to be much concern locally but again this can be re-visited if there are ongoing regular problems.

### **Options for Consideration**

10. Option 1 – implement the proposed restrictions as advertised and re-visit the area for further measures if there are persistent parking difficulties related to the stadium operation. This is the recommended option.
11. Option 2 – consider advertising a revised set of restrictions. This is not the recommended option.
12. Option 3 – drop the proposals and take no further action. This is not the recommended option because difficulties due to parking for the stadium are anticipated and this was a concern during the planning stages for the stadium.

### **Council Plan**

13. The above proposal contributes to the Council Plan of:

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A consultation exercise has been carried out to give local residents an opportunity to engage with the process and have their say. Resident opinions and requests for changes to the proposals have been recorded, and considered within the report.

### **Implications**

14. This report has the following implications:

**Financial** – None.

**Human Resources** – None

**Equalities** – None.

**Legal** – None.

**Crime and Disorder** – None

**Information Technology** - None

**Land** – None

**Other** – None

**Risk Management**

None.

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)**

None.

**Wards Affected:** Huntington & New Earswick,

**For further information please contact the author of the report.**

**Background Papers:** None.

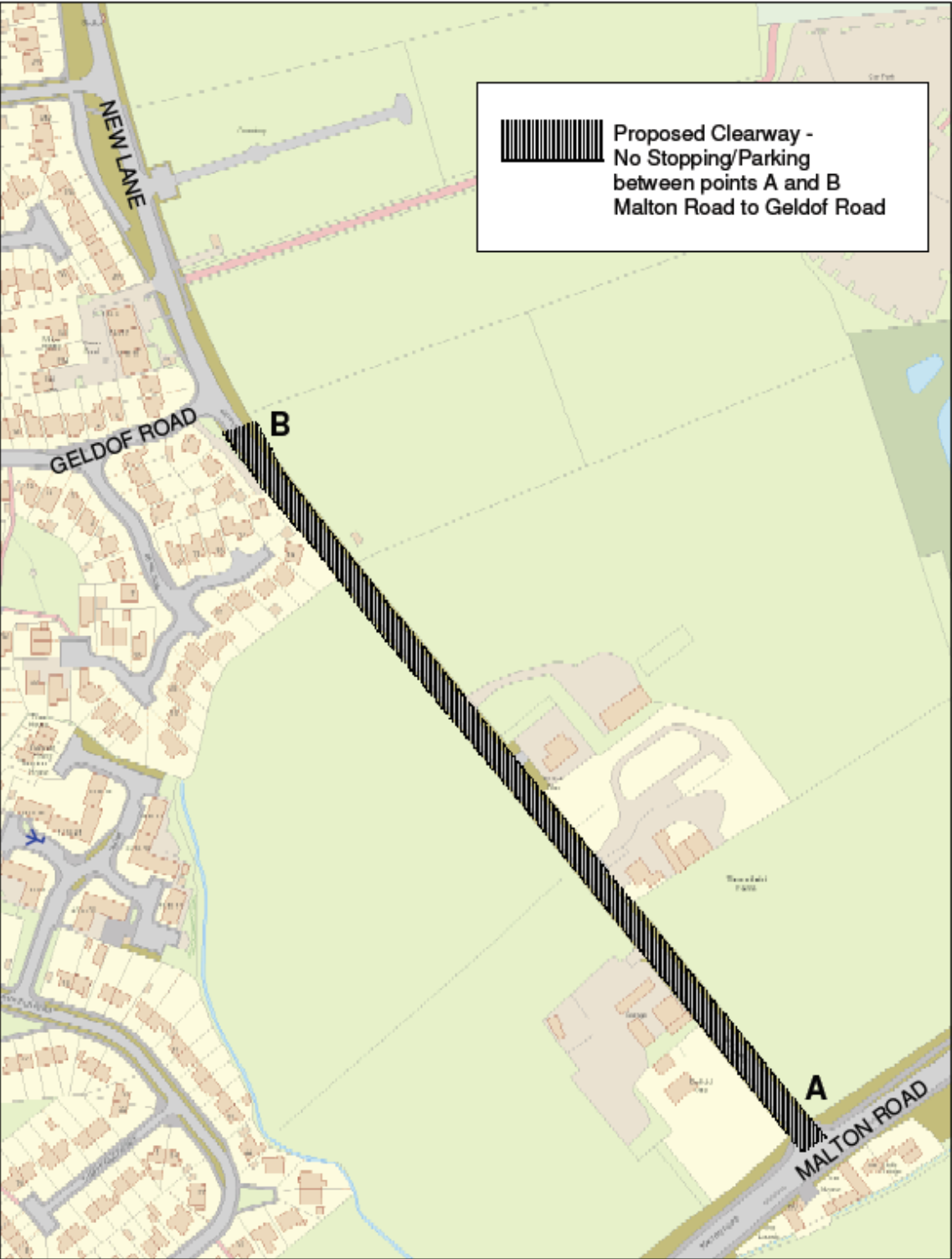
**Annexes:**

Annex A Plans of the proposals

Annex B The representations

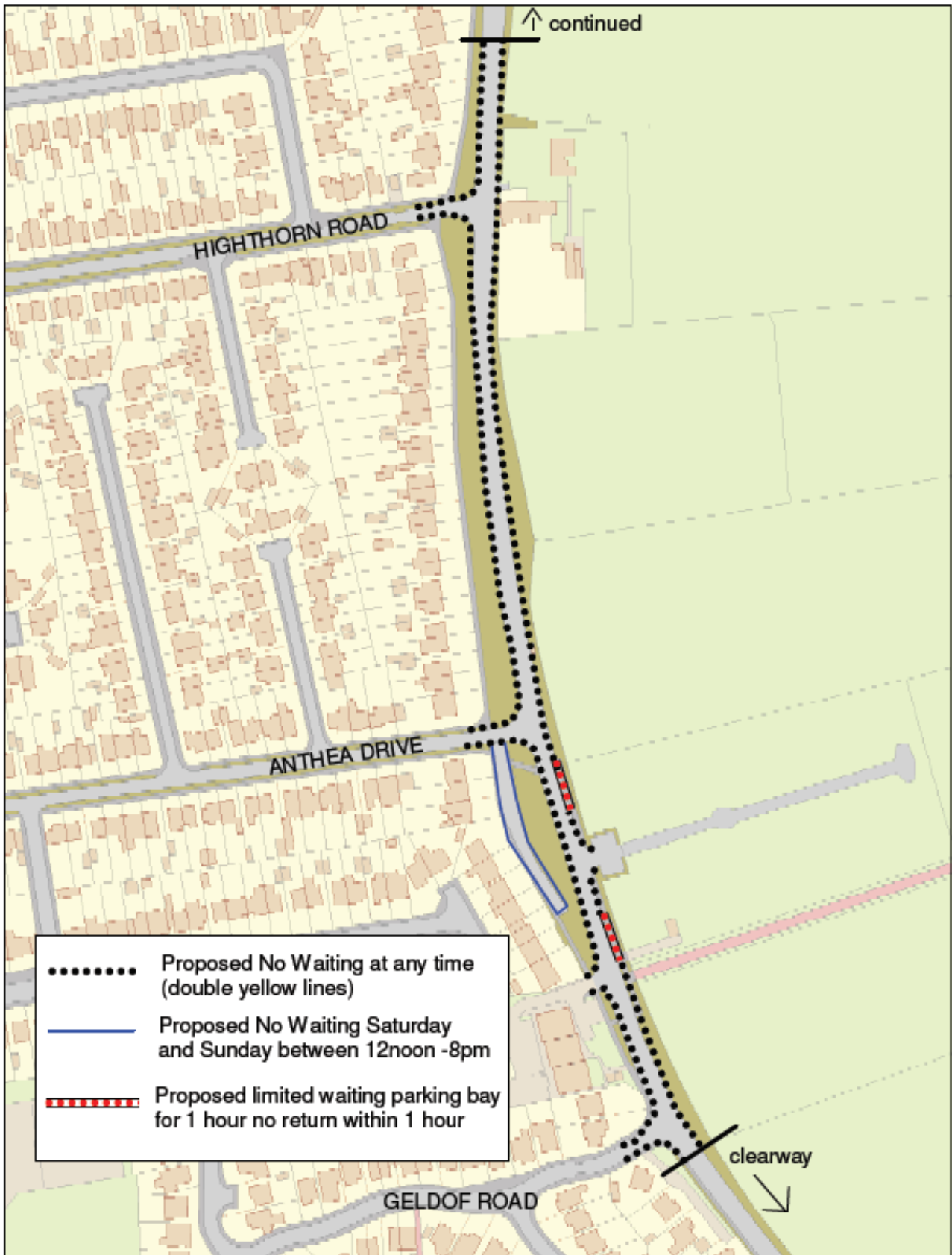
# Annex A

## Plans of the Proposals



New Lane, Huntington

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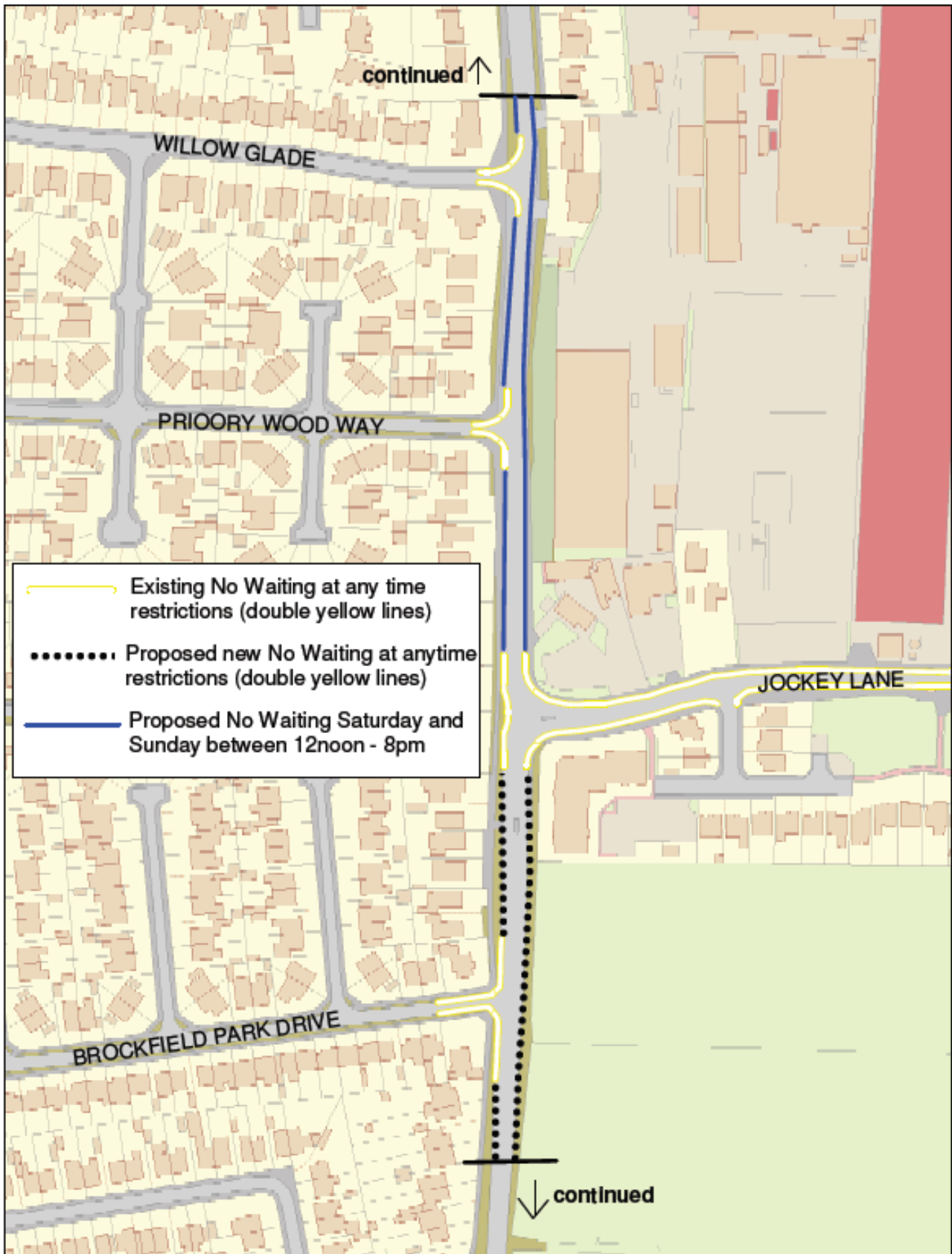


..... Proposed No Waiting at any time  
 (double yellow lines)  
 — Proposed No Waiting Saturday  
 and Sunday between 12noon -8pm  
 ▨ Proposed limited waiting parking bay  
 for 1 hour no return within 1 hour



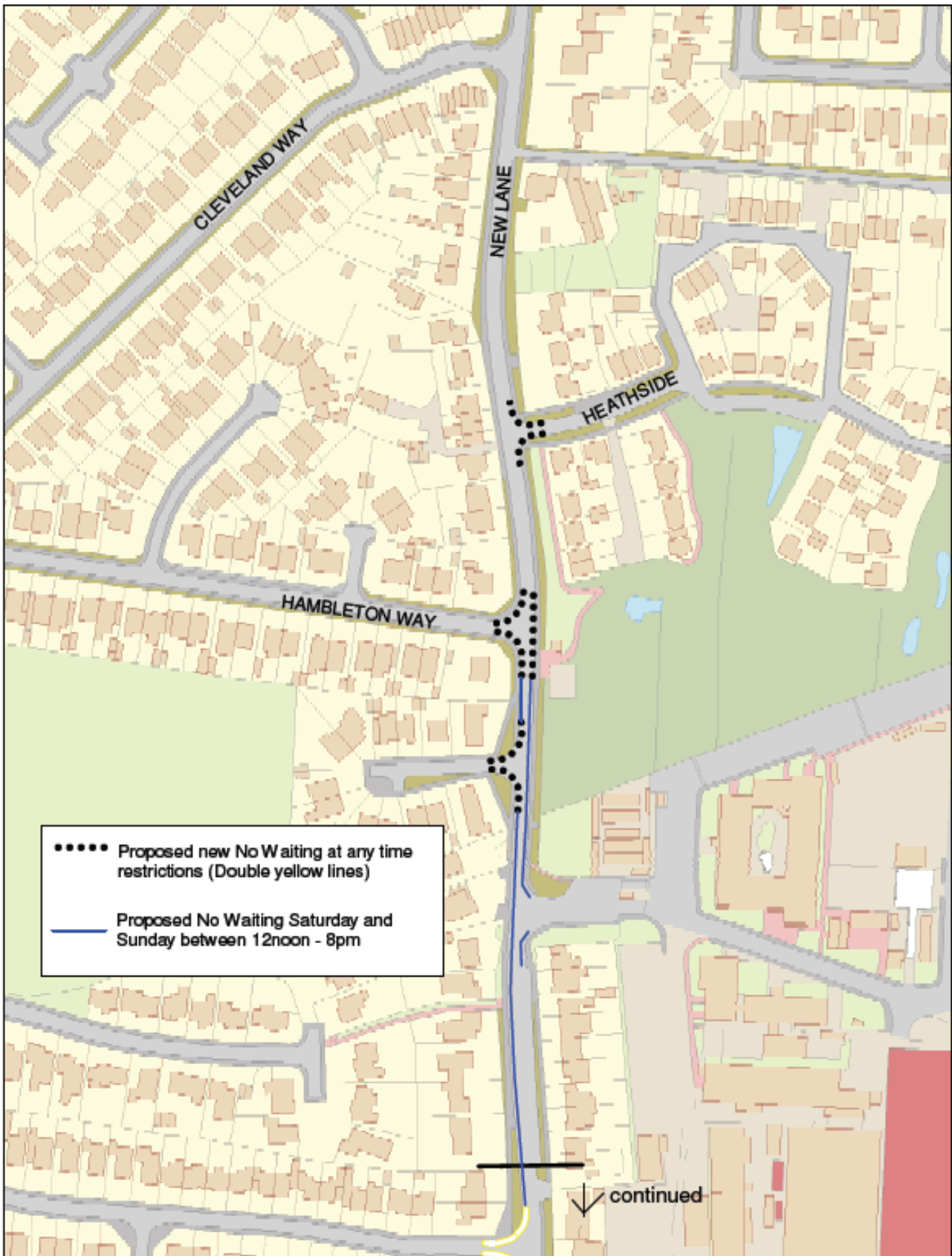
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**New Lane/Huntington Road Junction**

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# Annex B

## The Representations

I have just received the proposals for the Traffic Restrictions for New Lane, I am in favour of the proposals except the plan shows the layby outside of my property and the rest of Brewery cottages with no restrictions, as everywhere else will be prohibited to park I would assume that the layby will be filled with cars that do not belong to the residents and their visitors. I understand that the layby was put in place by Portacabin so that their wagons could gain access to their site, although I do not want Residents parking scheme, I think that something needs to be put in place to protect the residents of Brewery Cottages from rogue parking.

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I am writing to you regarding the above proposal, and whilst I welcome any restrictions on parking on this extremely busy road, I don't feel it goes far enough to address the parking problem. I can't understand why the double yellow lines are going to stop at Jockey Lane as the main problem extends beyond there. The parking has become notably worse since the opening of the Vanguard Shopping Complex, as I understand staff are unable to park there. I can only see that this is going to become worse when the rest of the businesses open. There is also a large number of cars parking there from the Kingdom Hall on Jockey Lane, however the restrictions would go some way to alleviate this. Cars regularly park in front of the bus stop which I believe is illegal.

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I am contacting you because I have genuine concern about the proposed traffic restrictions around the immediate area of my property which is xxx New Lane .

The small access road to the front of our property tapers off to it's narrowest directly outside my driveway and has no turning room for vehicles without them reversing onto my driveway itself which is not ideal.

The bollards which mark the end of the access road directly outside no 256 New lane have been damaged after being repeatedly knocked by vehicles attempting to turn around there.

We have seen an increase in the number of vehicles being left parked along this access road for whole days by people either working of visiting the vanguard and monks cross facilities. Whilst there are currently no restrictions along this access road I feel the time was approaching whereby this would have needed to change.

The traffic restriction proposals for this area in particular are to limit parking between 12pm and 20.00 on Sat and Sun only and this seems appropriate with the anticipated opening of the new stadium.

I would respectfully request that consideration be given to place further restrictions directly outside the three properties at the narrowest point of this access road namely no's 252-256 to deter vehicles from causing unnecessary obstruction to safely accessing my driveway and/or using my driveway as a turning point .

I have photographic evidence to show how difficult it can become when a vehicle parks directly outside my gate posts and there have been a few occasions in recent weeks where I have been unable to turn out of my driveway because of the lack of space left by parked vehicles, especially the larger 4x4 type .

This access road is extremely poorly lit at night and for safety reasons I always reverse into my driveway to reduce risk to pedestrians, cyclists, dog walkers and joggers as i know from 22 years experience living here that I have safer and clearer vision when driving forwards out of my driveway.

I also have concerns that should parking become a problem along this access road it would make it difficult for emergency vehicles to get through safely

My xxxxxxxxxxxx had to attend a lot of medical appointments and therefore I need unhindered access to my driveway at all times.

On a plus side I think the double yellow lines along neighbouring Anthea Drive are well overdue

I hope you will give due consideration to my concerns and by all means please feel free to come along and park on my drive and consider how you might get in and out with limited space to turn .

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In response to your note of 25<sup>th</sup> October illustrating your proposals for parking restrictions on New Lane; while I understand your wish to anticipate possible problems on match days, I believe your proposals go way beyond what might be required. Clearly, there are some elements of the proposals which make sense. For example, adding double yellow lines around the junctions of those side roads that do not already have them is a logical step that would apply a more consistent approach without materially affecting residents. Indeed, anyone with any common sense would already avoid anything more than picking-up and dropping-off at such points.

However, what is fundamentally wrong with the bulk of your proposals is that you are imposing parking restrictions on the whole length of New Lane south of Jockey Lane that will apply 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, even though the problems you are anticipating are only likely to arise when there are matches at the stadium. This can be seen pretty clearly by the various stretches of "No Waiting Saturday and Sunday 12 noon to 8pm" to be applied north of Jockey Lane and it would make much more sense for this restriction to be similarly applied on the southern section also.

Although I can see that it is less likely to be affected by match day parking, it is interesting to note that you are not proposing any restrictions, other than around the junctions, on the length north of Hambleton Way, yet it is this stretch which is has always been much more affected by on-road parked vehicles throughout the day. (I have lived on, or just off, New Lane for nearly 45 years) The southern end simply does not see the same degree of obstructive parking. In any case, what parking there is on the whole length of New Lane does not materially affect the buses and certainly not to the same extent as traffic congestion on the roundabout at Monks Cross, exacerbated by the adjacent traffic lights at the junction with Kathryn Avenue.

You may also wish to consider the likelihood of the grass verges on the west side of New Lane being damaged to a much greater extent by ordinary resident/visitor/tradesmen parking, even if stopping only for a short time, if double yellow lines do get applied, particularly on the length between Brockfield Park Drive and Jockey Lane which is already obstructed by the traffic island. As it is, parking on the road is already impossible in front of numbers 160 and lower, northward beyond the Jockey Lane junction so any double yellow lines there would simply be formalising the situation as it currently exists. However, the short stretch in front of numbers 166, 164 and 162 (ourselves), where parking is possible without causing an obstruction, is used from time to time by couriers and visitors to the aforementioned lower numbered properties and I believe this facility needs to be retained, both for purely practical reasons and to reduce the possibility of damage to your grass verges. The "No Waiting Saturday and Sunday" restriction would be the obvious solution for this short stretch.

I have been given to understand that, for administrative convenience, you are applying for the maximum possible restrictions because it would be easier to reduce them subsequently, rather than to increase them, but I would urge you to have a bit more consideration for residents or visitors/tradesmen going about their everyday business and apply the restrictions throughout, only for the Saturday and Sunday times. I cannot help but think that the large car parks in the Monks Cross area which offer 2 hours or more free parking for shoppers are likely to be the first choice for those coming to the stadium on most occasions.

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We were really shocked yesterday (26.11.2019) to discover a document entitled "Proposed Traffic Restrictions – New Lane, Huntington" dated 25 October 2019.

The proposals in that document will have a significant adverse impact on our congregation members and specifically their ability to attend for worship at the Kingdom Hall, Jockey Lane, on Sundays.

Both our morning and afternoon meetings will be affected. We are therefore greatly concerned that we were not involved in the proposal or given an opportunity to voice an objection!

We note the closing date for objections has passed, but would hereby ask for the opportunity to fully present our case and in that connection we will be preparing further comments, in the next few days, for your examination.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> letter**

We thank you for your letter dated 9/12/2019 regarding the proposed waiting restrictions for New Lane.

We mentioned in our initial letter that the proposals in that document will have a significant adverse effect on our congregation members ability to attend the Jockey Lane Kingdom Hall for worship on Sundays, throughout the year.

We currently hold 2 meetings every Sunday, one in the morning, 10.00am – 11.45am and one in the afternoon, 1.30pm – 3.15pm, each congregation meeting having a similar number of attendees. A recent car park survey (carried out this month, December 2019), revealed that once our 29 Kingdom Hall car spaces are filled, we had an overflow of around 16 cars, parked along New Lane between Illingworths Insurance Brokers and Minister Alarms. This area of parking, on one side of a reasonably wide road, causes minimum inconvenience to anybody else living and working nearby. As an alternative, we have recently recced the residential streets across the other side of New Lane – Willow Glade, Priory Wood Way, Brockfield Park Drive, etc, but found that, although there are 1 or 2 areas to park, in general this would only antagonise local residents and possibly impede the flow of traffic. Keen not to do that, but at the same time, aware of the significant adverse effect your proposed waiting restrictions will have on our congregation members, we therefore would kindly ask you to reconsider whether these restrictions are absolutely necessary on the side of New Lane between Illingworths and Minster Alarms.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit our representations on this subject.

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