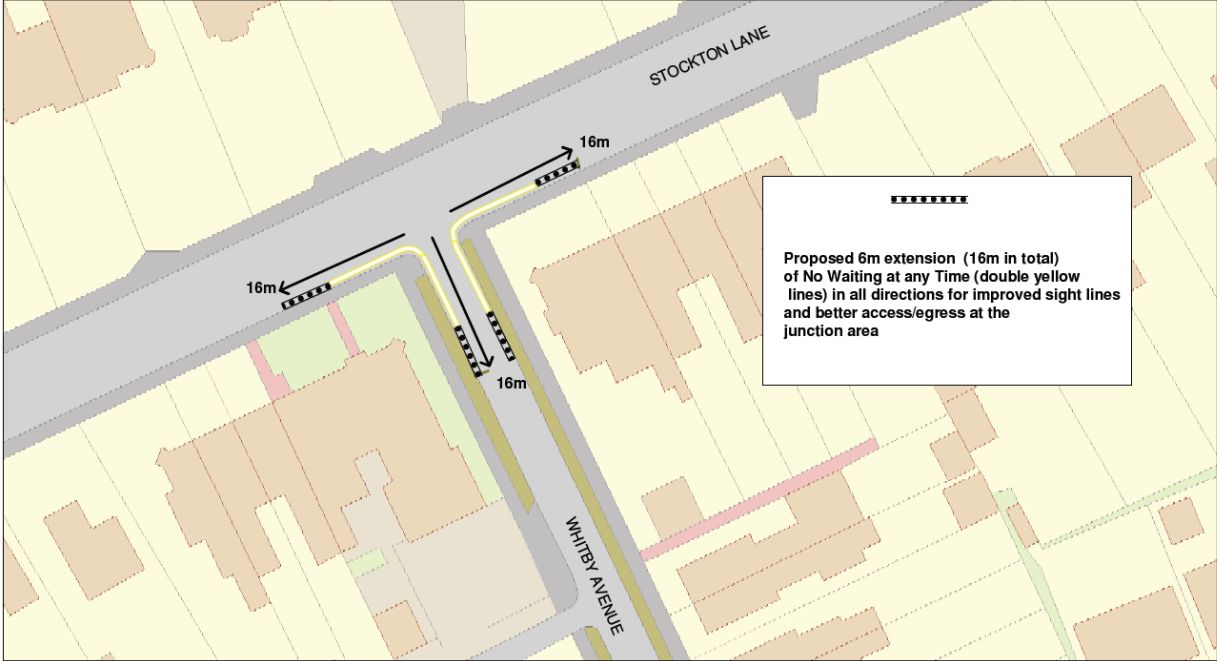


Annex H Heworth Without Ward

H1	Location: Stockton Lane, Whitby Avenue junction
Nature of problem and plan of Advertised Proposal Parked cars are causing obstruction of sight lines and issues with access and egress to Whitby Avenue.	
	
<p>The proposal was to extend the existing 10m restrictions by a further 6m in all directions to improve sight lines when exiting onto Stockton Lane and give additional length for access.</p>	
<p>Representations Received: <i>We have received two objections to the proposal.</i></p> <p>Objection from two Residents:</p> <p><i>I am writing in objection to the ... restrictions to the junction of Whitby Avenue and Stockton Lane (specifically the stretch south west along Stockton Lane from Whitby Avenue).</i></p> <p><i>The stretch of Stockton Lane south west from the existing terminal point of the double yellow lines running from the Whitby Avenue junction, is used by residents to park outside the houses from 172 to 180 Stockton Lane. We do not have anywhere else to park at our house (no drive/car garage), other than on the road outside.</i></p> <p><i>Other residents have two cars with no other parking arrangements, the</i></p>	

existing stretch is required to enable parking outside these houses. By extending the double yellow line restrictions, this will have the direct effect of meaning the residents would need to park on the opposite side of the road. The result of this would be that cars traveling along Stockton Lane would have to navigate past cars parked on both sides of the road, something which doesn't currently occur. As this wouldn't leave space for cars travelling in both directions to pass at the same time, as is currently the case, there would be a direct increased safety risk for cars travelling down Stockton Lane and an increased risk of collision. In addition to this, we have a toddler whom having to park across the other side of the road would mean having to cross this stretch of road on a regular basis to get to and from our house, which would mean a clear safety risk for our child. There seems to be no clear reason for this restriction, as for any cars emerging from Whitby Avenue, it is the section north east where the visibility is required as the nearest lane of traffic. Yet it will, for the reasons set out above, provide a clear safety risk to both cars and pedestrians.

Officer analysis

This is a busy junction and route into the city. There are no casualty accident records but we do receive reports of alleged near misses and minor shunts from residents.

In 2017 we advertised a similar length of restrictions and pulled back to 10m because of objections received. We still continue to receive complaints of obstruction to vehicles and sight lines from residents and Councillors and therefore have revisited the matter with a view to extending the restrictions to that originally proposed previously.

The objections are both from residents to the south west of the junction, where there are two terraced properties with no off street parking amenity. We believe 178 Stockton Lane has a parking amenity to the rear of the property for one vehicle and after conversion from the Hotel 180a and 180b Stockton Lane both have an off street parking amenity for two vehicles. 172 Stockton Lane has a drive access which can accommodate two or more vehicles.

If implemented there will remain a parking amenity on an unrestricted stretch to the front boundary of 172-176 Stockton Lane to allow parking for 3 to 4 vehicles.

We do not accept residents will have no alternative to park opposite on

Stockton Lane; in addition to the unrestricted carriageway remaining on Stockton Lane, unrestricted carriageway is available on Whitby Avenue close to the rear pedestrian access to these properties.

We have received requests for restrictions opposite the junction; these were not taken forward as we considered this request was as a result of nearby works which were completed and parking here was no longer happening. The objections received have indicated that presently parking on both sides of the carriageway is not an issue. Should parking be displaced opposite the junction we may have to reconsider restrictions in this area.

The objectors make a valid point about the priority sight line when exiting Whitby Avenue is to the east. However, parked cars can obstruct sight lines for vehicles approaching from the west and create issues for drivers turning right into the east bound lane.

Options:

1. Over-rule the objections and implement as advertised.
This is the recommended option because implementation of a 10m restriction a few years ago did not resolve the issue to the satisfaction of residents.
2. Uphold the objections and implement in part with no further action to the south west of the junction with Whitby Avenue
This is not the recommended option because it will not resolve the complaints or obstruction of sight lines reported to us.

Ward Councillor Comments:

Cllr N Ayre – No comments received