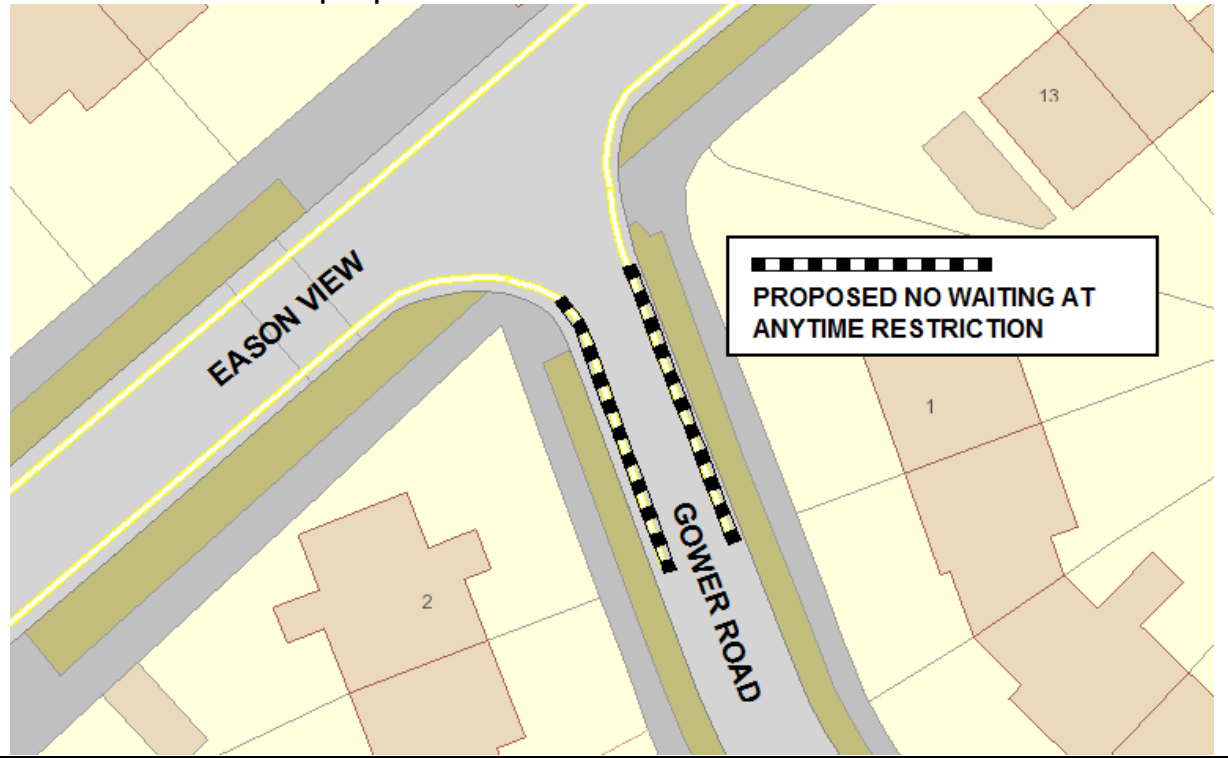


Annex E Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward

E1	Location: Gower Road
<p>Nature of problem and advertised proposal Cllr. Fenton requested an extension to the existing double yellow lines at the junction of Gower Road due to vehicles parking close to the junction and causing vehicles to approach the junction in the centre of the carriageway. Plan of advertised proposal:</p> 	
<p>Representations received We received 3 representations in objection and 3 in support of the proposal. Representations in objection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I am raising an objection to the proposal on the grounds that it will actually exacerbate the current parking problems that we experience on the road and that visitors to my own property will be left with no parking available at all. The current concerns are that non residents often park on the corner of Gower Road, reaching or on the double yellow lines already in place. This makes it very dangerous when leaving or entering the road as the view is obstructed. This is particularly the case for cyclists and pedestrians. When there are parked cars and vans on the corner leading onto Eason View, it also impacts on being able to move my own car on or off the driveway and there	

have been occasions when both myself, and my neighbour have not been able to move our cars from our own driveways until the parked cars have left.

Whilst extending the double yellow lines would assist with this issue, continuing the lines along the whole of my property, and that of 2 Gower Road would actually exacerbate the parking situation further up the road. Gower Road is narrow and residents who live further up the road often need to park outside no 1 and no 2 so that other vehicles can still pass up and down the road. By extending the double yellow lines as per the notice of proposal, the road would lose a minimum of two parking spaces, therefore forcing residents to park further up the road and meaning other vehicles may not be able to pass in and out of the road.

Under the amendments in the notice of proposal, my parents, who support with childcare on a weekly basis would not be able to park anywhere near my own property. Again, this would exacerbate the parking situation further up the road.

I would suggest that extending the double yellow lines to the edge of my property on Gower Road, at the nearest edge to Eason View and mirroring this on the other side of the road outside 2 Gower Road would be a better option. This way the dangerous parking that is currently taking place on the corners of the road could be prevented without impacted resident parking further up the road. I trust this objection will be taken into full consideration, including my own proposed amendments, as the current notice of proposal will negatively impact my own property.

- Having reviewed the proposal (1g) for the addition of the double yellow lines and having worked in the Highways Department for over 5 years; I believe the proposal will have a negative impact on the parking on Gower Road.

I believe a more suitable proposal would be change the extent to the start of the drop kerbs of the properties at number 1 and 2 Gower Road. Extending past the drive increases the pressure for already small numbers of on street parking for guests/additional cars to the properties. The road is already densely populated with additional cars on street parking and extending past the drives would reduce the currently parking capacity by 3/4 cars. This will likely lead to causing dispute forcing the residents at 1 and 2 to force visiting vehicles to park in front of other properties and on difficult road bends. I have no issue with the parking in front of the property it helps reduce the stress on vehicles for a number of properties around Gower Road and Eason View.

While I welcome the addition of the yellow lines from safety aspect

I believe changing to the proposal to the suggested above is a more suitable and functional solution. It will ensure safety for drivers using the Gower Road entrance without causing and dispute for on street parking.

- I would like to object to the length of the proposed double yellow lines at the beginning of the road. I do believe that extending them to the beginning of the drives of numbers 1 and 2 would make turning in and out of the road safer. But extending to the whole of the properties is unnecessary and would also lead to more parking problems further up the road and we have enough of those as it is.

Representations in support:

- I would like to support, the proposal to have double yellow lines at the end of Gower Road. It is extremely dangerous for cyclists when cars are parked on this junction, and it is also dangerous for children playing in the street if cars come round the corner into the street with their view obscured by parked cars.
- We have no objections and would be much safer. The present situation is residents parking all along Gower Road. We are writing to you on our mothers behalf, who suffers with dementia and other issues and only goes out when we take her. We are concerned the residents from the top end of the road leave their vehicles for long periods of time which causes us some issues. The matter will get worse when the lines are installed. Most of the vans, cars, mobile homes are permanently left on the road thus making it difficult to get through sometimes. We sometimes have to call ambulances, doctors etc and feel it's difficult for them parking on verges and is making a mess of the footpaths and making it too messy to walk on. Residents have space on their driveways but don't use them. We have spoken to the police/council and highways but have been told there is nothing they can do as long as the vehicles are taxed. The works should be carried out regardless of the issues although they will start to park further down the road than they are doing now.
- I would like to register my support for the council proposal as is. There are too many times when a vehicle is parked close to the end of the road, making leaving or entering difficult and unsafe. Some residents in the middle to the Eason View end of the road have too many vehicles (up to 4 per house) which means they must park on the road. This is where the parking problem is on Gower Rd, not at the cul-de-sac end where residents are living within their limits. Neither do I believe that the council (my taxes) should pay for dropped curb alterations. The householder should

have to pay for this, and there is precedent for this, I believe. The terrible mess that a small minority of residents have made on the grass curb is shameful, and the muck often is deposited on the footpath where we walk.

Officer analysis and recommendation

Vehicles parking close to the junction leads to vehicles having to approach the junction in the centre of the carriageway.

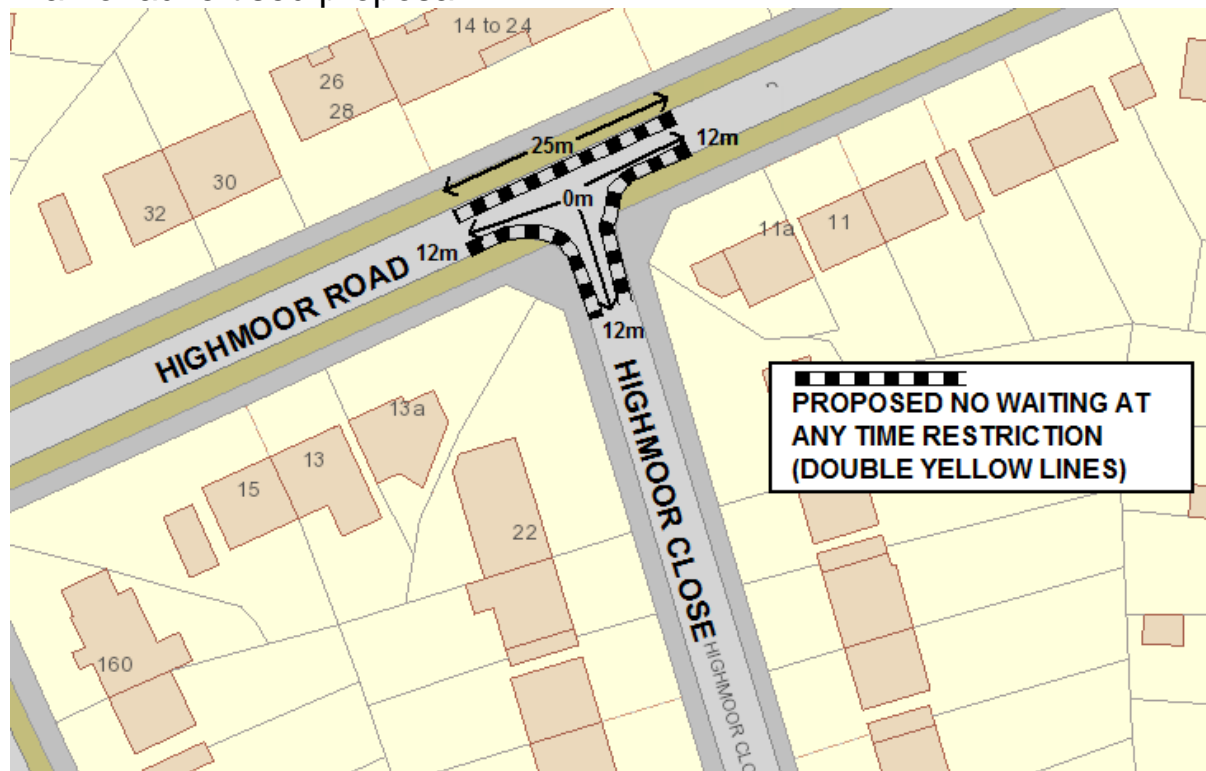
The objections received have asked for the restrictions to end at the beginning of the dropped kerbs of property numbers 1&2 in order for visitors to park on the dropped kerbs of these properties. Parking in front of dropped kerbs is an enforceable offence and would also lead to a displacement of parking. One of the supporters is a resident from further along Gower Road, accepts there will be a displacement of parking and supports the extension of the existing restrictions.

- 1. Implement as Advertised-** Recommended
- 2. Take no further action-** Not recommended
- 3. Implement a lesser restriction than advertised-** Not recommended

E2**Location: Highmoor Road/ Highmoor Close****Nature of problem and advertised proposal**

Cllr. Fenton and a resident raised the issue of vehicles parking close to, and opposite the junction of Highmoor Close restricting vehicles entering and exiting the junction.

Plan of advertised proposal:



We received three representations in objection.

Representations received:

- **Please accept this as our formal objection to your proposed amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order, specifically at Highmoor Road and the adjoining Highmoor Close.**

Reasons being:

1. We have very busy lives with a young family and had our driveway removed by our landlords. We already struggle to park near our house as a result. Your proposals could potentially increase the safety risk to our family and other residents on the street, and make every day tasks such as getting shopping/pushchairs to and from the car much much more difficult.

2. There are absolutely no issues on both Highmoor Road and Highmoor Close with the current parking arrangements. There is always plenty of room for bin lorries etc to pass through. I

find it puzzling that our local Councillor objects to the Highmoor Road proposals yet supports the Highmoor Close one. If the restrictions on Highmoor Close were implemented, it would increase the difficulty of residents being able to park near their homes on Highmoor Road

3. You've proposed these ideas without any consideration for local residents and the impact it would have on our lives.

Furthermore, you have failed to provide any suitable alternative solutions as to where we can safely park.

I don't understand why York Council are always so determined to bring misery on their residents lives.

Nor do I understand why you couldn't have attached a copy of the statement of reasons to your letter instead of putting the onus on us to visit your offices - rather difficult when many of us work full time.

Director, these proposals are utterly pointless and unnecessary. I question whether you're fit to hold the position that you do.

- I'm a resident of flat on Highmoor Road. We just received a 2nd letter about a proposed plan to introduce traffic restrictions near our property or plans to install double yellow lines.**

I live there a good few years and need to say that sometimes there's difficulty with parking my car but at least I've always have some space. I'm working long hours shifts and coming back between 7-8pm. It would be quite difficult to find space about this time, especially when most people are already at home and parking spaces are limited. If you will put some restrictions on our street that will not solve the problem at all, there would be even more people complaining about blocked streets around, because of cars from ours residents flats. I just wonder why you are planning yellow lines? Where was that idea from and why? I would suggest trying one more time to arrange for parking bays in the grass area in front of the flats. I hope you will help us solve that problem.

Representation from Cllr. Stephen Fenton:

- I would like to register my objection to the proposal to implement double yellow line restrictions on the north side of Highmoor Road outside flats 14 to 24. I have no objection to the proposed double yellow lines on Highmoor Close and on the south side of Highmoor Road.**

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- In advance of the Executive Member Decision Session which took place on 12 September, ward councillors submitted the following comments:

“By way of background, over recent years councillors and CYC Housing officers have been engaging with the residents of the flats to establish whether there would be support for the creation of off-street parking. Unlike other similar three-storey blocks of flats locally, the Highmoor Road flats have no off-road parking. This leads to parking near to and opposite the junction with Highmoor Close which can cause difficulties for vehicles entering and exiting Highmoor Close (particularly for large vehicles). It had been hoped to create parking bays in the verge, as this would be optimal in terms of creating off-road parking whilst retaining the grassed area in front of the flats, but this was ruled out as a realistic option due to the presence of utilities in the verge. Options were explored to install ‘ecogrid’ parking bays in the grassed area in front of the flats. There was not a consensus among residents of the flats, but a majority of respondents were in favour. This had been added to the list of schemes to potentially be progressed through a combination of ward funding and HEIP funding, but following recent changes to ward funding and HEIP arrangements, this may now be unlikely. So ward councillors propose that the restrictions around the corners at the junction of Highmoor Road and Highmoor Close are advertised. We propose that consideration of restrictions on Highmoor Road opposite the junction is deferred until there is greater clarity around future funding options for off-road parking schemes for block of flats such as this.”

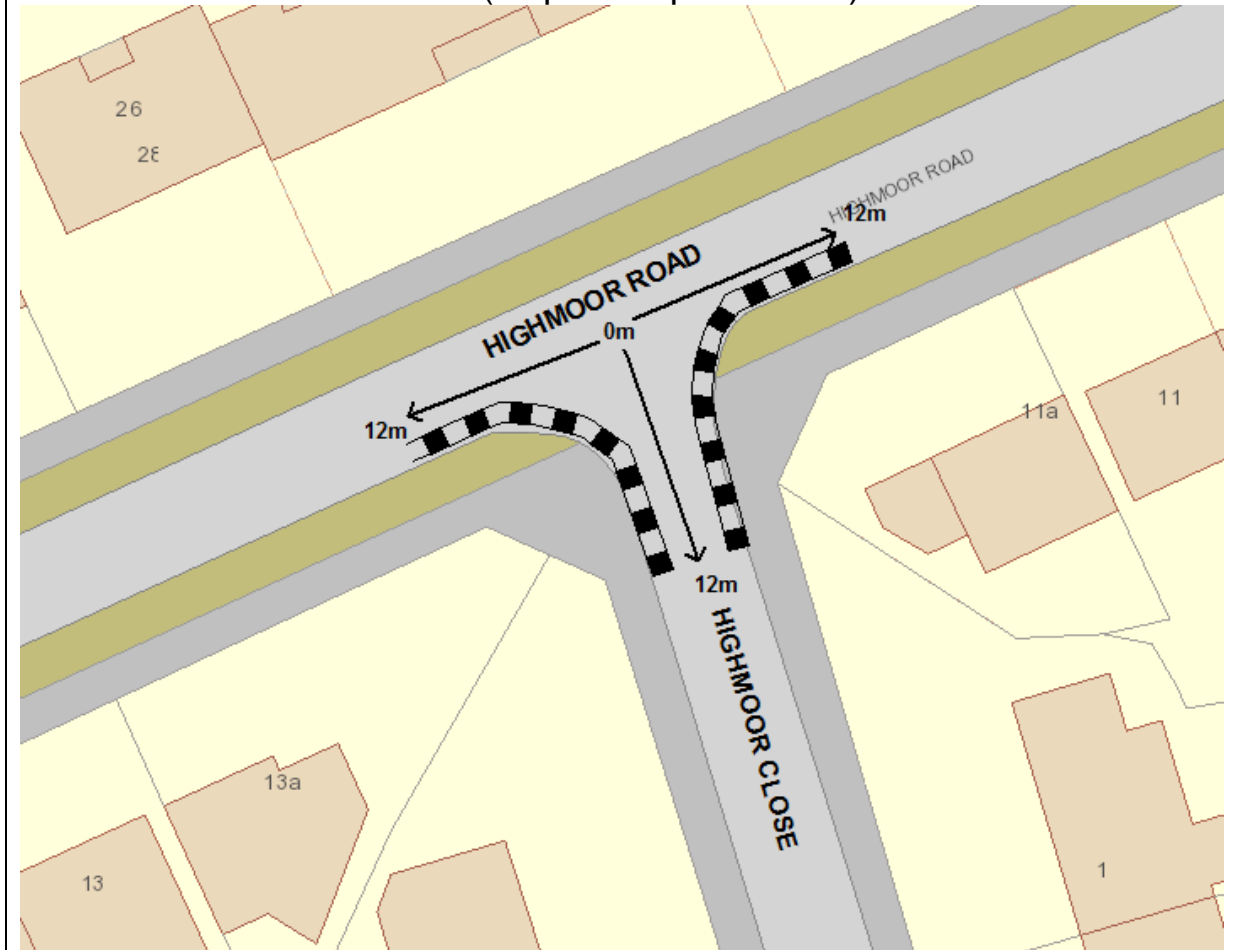
The comments above did not lead to an amended officer recommendation being agreed at the 12 September meeting. I am therefore re-submitting these comments in the hope that they will be considered again before a final decision is made.

Officer analysis and recommendation.

Vehicles parking close to the junction of Highmoor Close are leading to restricted visibility and manoeuvrability when entering or exiting the junction. Removing the proposed restriction on the north side of Northmoor Road will provide parking amenity for residents.

Options.

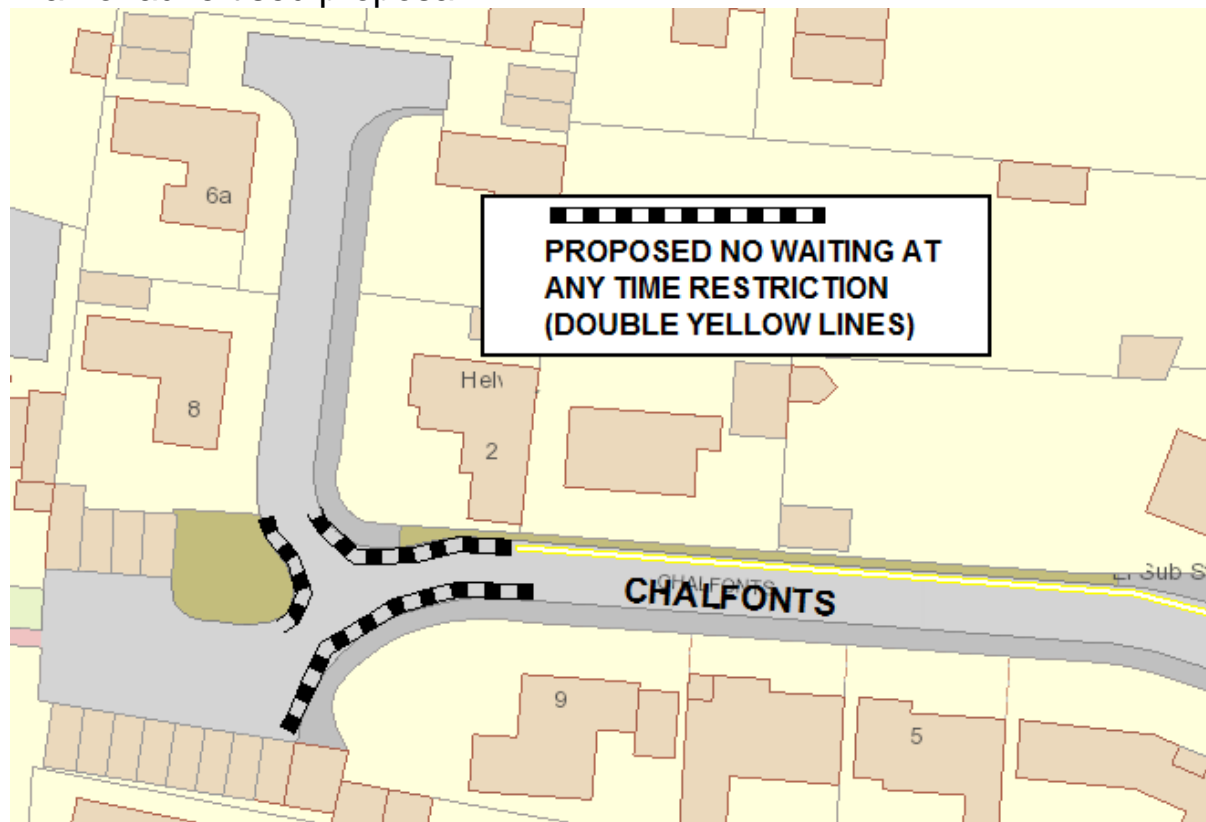
1. **Implement as advertised-** Not recommended.
2. **No further action-** Not recommended.
3. **Implement a lesser restriction-** Recommended. Taking in to account the objections raised regarding the parking outside the flats already being limited removing the restrictions on the north side is recommended(as per the plan below)



E3**Location: Chalfonts****Nature of problem and advertised proposal**

A resident raised the issue of refuse wagons being unable to access the cul-de-sac part of the street without mounting the verge due to parked vehicles.

Plan of advertised proposal:



We received one representation in objection.

Representation received:

- I am writing to register my strong rejection of the proposal to make Chalfonts a no waiting area. I and my family believe that this is totally unnecessary and unwarranted. Having been residents of Chalfonts for the last 14 years, there has not been even one single occasion when there has been any issue with access or parking for residents and road users. Indeed, the available space is ideal for visiting family and friends. Despite being opposite the racecourse, the street is never fully utilised or overcrowded. Making these changes will create problems that don't currently exist when there is absolutely no problem to solve. I would also ask why the council are using tax payers money on something irrelevant and unwanted at a time when we know it has none to spare? I appreciate my feedback and views being considered in this matter.

Officer analysis and recommendation

Our Waste Services Team have confirmed this is a problem area due to parked cars resulting in difficulty accessing 2 to 6 Chalfonts.

Reducing the restrictions on the south side by 6m will provide space for the garage owner to park their vehicle in front of the garage when required and would still provide enough space for the refuse wagon to manoeuvre and reverse into the cul-de-sac end of Chalfonts.

Options.

1. **Implement as advertised-** Not recommended
2. **No further action-** Not Recommended
3. **Implement a lesser restriction-** Recommended for the reasons outlined above(as per plan below)

