

## Annex B

## Bishopthorpe Ward

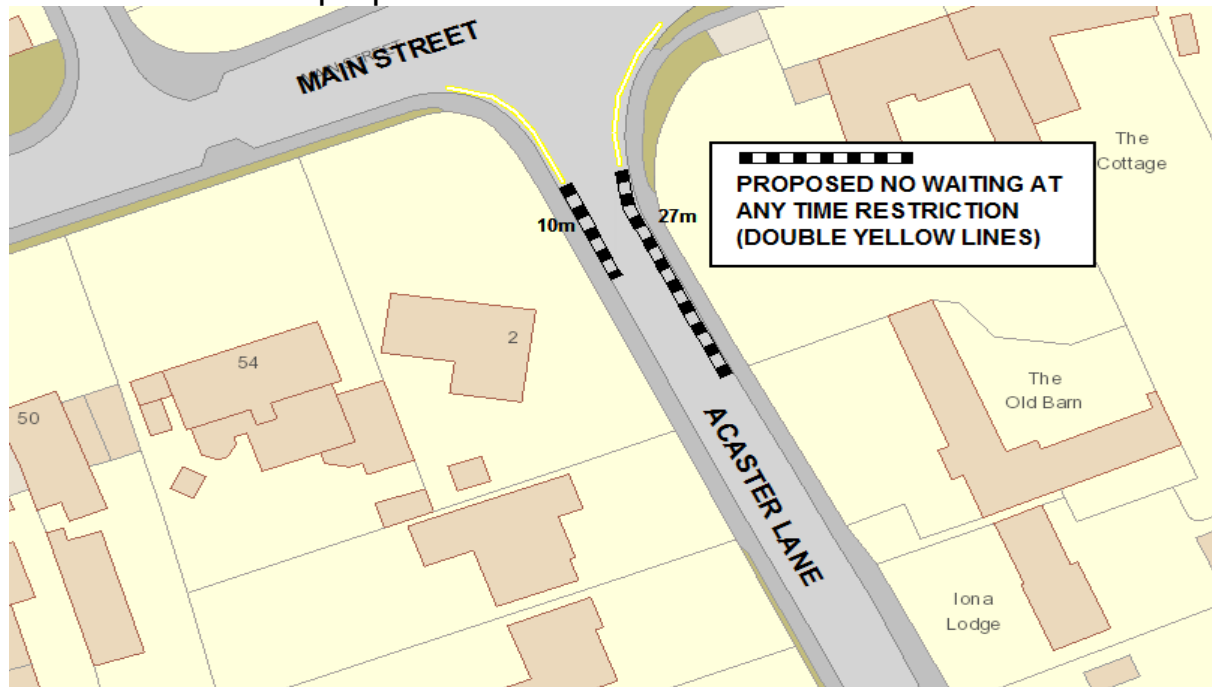
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**Location: Acaster Lane**

### **Nature of problem and advertised proposal**

The Parish Council, local ward councillors and a resident requested us to consider further restrictions due to vehicles parking close to the junction and previously implemented restrictions not resolve the issue.

Plan of advertised proposal:



### **Representations received**

We received 15 representations in support and 2 in objection.

Representations in support:

- I have received the details of the new proposed restrictions on Acaster Lane, following the shorter lines already added in the past year or so. Due to the safety issues with cars continuing to park between my driveway and the corner with Main Street I am generally in favour of the proposal.

I am attaching the comments I made at the time of the original proposal in 2021 for information. At that time the lines were going to come further into Acaster Lane which, with the potential for an 18m bus clearway, risked an overlap with my driveway.

I am pleased to see that these revised plans seem to have taken my previous worries into account, and that the new lines seem to be a little shorter, so that should a bus clearway then be added, there should be no issue for access to my property.

Since the distances are shown and quoted slightly differently it is hard to be certain, but judging from the drawings the new lines

would stop level with the border of my property while under the old drawing they came a few metres past it. Also if the 42m quoted in the current proposal is comparable to the 45m shown in the old diagram then it is 3m shorter than in 2021, which would be acceptable. On that basis I would be happy to support the proposal. However if I am incorrect and there is still the risk of an overlap with my driveway if a bus clearway should later be added, then I would have to object until the potential overlap was removed.

- Please extend the yellow lines. I have witnessed so many near misses when vehicles are turning onto Acaster Lane from the Main Street when cars are parked on Acaster Lane, almost on the corner. Sometimes the bus stop is blocked with cars. Leaving it as it is, with people parking there is an accident waiting to happen.
- I am writing to agree with the extension of the double yellow lines from the junction all the way along to the bus stop. It is a dangerous place for people to park and we often see cars parked far too close to the entrance to Acaster lane from Main Street. They park there then walk along to the crematorium or elsewhere.
- I am writing to express my support for the proposal to extend the double yellow lines at this junction. As a resident of Bishopthorpe, I know just how busy that junction can get at times. Cars parked up as they currently can do, causes problems for all vehicles turning into and out of Acaster Lane. It also causes problems for the bus on the approach to the bus stop. In my opinion, double yellow lines up to the bus stop would make it a safer junction, where traffic can flow more easily.
- This is an urgent requirement to prevent an accident. The cafe at the end of Main St is very popular and results in people thoughtlessly parking their cars at the end of Acaster Lane, near the bus-stop in that road. Locals turning left into Acaster Lane from Bishopthorpe Rd/Main St have learned to turn in very slowly but the parked cars still cause a hazard. In addition, the line of parked cars is sometimes so long that it causes problems overtaking and avoiding cars coming towards Main St.  
I admire the skills of the No 11 bus drivers in coping with this problem but it's one that they should not have to deal with. The bus stop is a busy one for people getting off the bus, so the parked cars are also a hazard for pedestrians crossing the road. It is somewhat unbelievable that car owners are unaware of the Highway Code ruling about not parking so near a corner/junction.

- May we add our support for the increase in length of double yellow lines to the bus stop at the bottom of Acaster Lane.

An accident waiting to happen has been here for some time, indeed I have had a cyclist drive into the back on my car once. Residents of Bishopthorpe know to slow down nearly to crawl when approaching the lane when coming from town as on most days people park with no consideration.

I've witnessed people parking to go to the cafe or little outlets, walkers from outside the village, people parking then using the bus service, people getting cycles out of their car boot!

There is adequate parking now in the Ebor car park and if the problem is not addressed most certainly there will be an accident.

- I write in support of the proposed introduction of double yellow lines at the Main Street end of Acaster Lane in Bishopthorpe. I have witnessed a great deal of inconsiderate parking, with cars often parked alongside the bus stop making it very difficult for the bus drivers.

In my opinion there needs to be a proper bus stop box painted which would prevent cars parking on the left as you turn up Acaster Lane from Main Street, with double yellows from the back of the box to meet the double yellow lines towards Main Street. When there are four or five cars parked there and a driver stuck behind them waiting to get past it is only a matter of time before another car drives into the back of the waiting car.

- We most strongly support the proposed extension of the double-yellow lines along Acaster Lane south of the junction with Main Street, Bishopthorpe.

People using a nearby cafe on Main St adjacent to the junction park along this section. As it lies immediately beyond a blind bend for drivers coming out of York and heading south to Acaster Lane, the Keble Park estate and further south to Acaster Malbis and reduces the top of Acaster Lane to a single lane's width, this regularly creates a very dangerous situation in which southbound drivers have to brake heavily and/or risk hitting cars heading north to the junction, as well as frequently causing queues and congestion at this busy junction.

I am surprised that there has not yet been a serious 'rear-ending' accident by a southbound driver from Bishopthorpe Road into the rear of the line of parked cars or worse, a head-on collision with a northbound vehicle on Acaster Lane.

- I would also suggest that the yellow lines on the left side of the road as you turn onto Acaster Lane from Main Street be extended all the way to the bus stop outside The Old Barn and include a bus

stop hatched are. Without this, cars will still be parked at the stop and on both sides of the road (as they often are) hindering progress and stopping of the regular no 21 and 11 busses. The alternative to preventing parking on both sides it to extend the double yellows on the other side all the way to my property (4 Acaster Lane).

Parking on only one side of the road to beyond the bus stop outside The Old Barn is the only sure way to stop the issues for the bus (and cars) that witness daily.

- The measures will be welcome but just wanted to check that the 42m extension on the east side will take the restriction all the way to the bus stop and to make the suggestion that the bus stop itself should also be demarked to allow the bus to pull up unrestricted. Long overdue.
- I am writing to express my full support for the implementation of new parking restrictions on Acaster Lane at the junction with Main Street.

Motorists frequently park on that corner causing the potential for riad collisions and injury.

- The yellow lines at this junction certainly do need extending. Why they were ever painted so short has never ceased to amaze me after all the discussions that took place before they were painted.

In wintertime, when the sun is very low, it shines directly down Acaster Lane, blinding people as they turn into the lane. I know of one accident, there when someone ran into the back of a parked vehicle.

They need to be updated, as soon as possible, before someone, who does not know the road, has a similar accident.

- Whilst I fully support the proposed amendments, I don't think the restrictions go far enough up Acaster Lane. The extension to the existing yellow lines will simply push parked vehicles up Acaster Lane towards the junction of Ferry Lane/Montague Road. There has been increased traffic on Ferry Lane since the welcomed opening of Bosuns restaurant and the riverside cafe, I fear you are simply moving the traffic problem and dangers 200 yards up Acaster Lane.

During race meets, the whole of lower Acaster Lane is coned off to prevent parking so highways clearly see this part of Acaster Lane as in need of preventative measures. I would therefore like to propose that the yellow lines are extended to the junction of Ferry Lane/Montague Road.

Comments received from Parish and Ward Councillors:

- I am writing this on behalf of Bishopthorpe Parish Council and residents who have spoken to us about the proposed no waiting restrictions on Acaster Lane Bishopthorpe.

We fully support the proposals to extend the "No waiting at any time" on both the East and West side of Acaster Lane Bishopthorpe.

However the following points have been raised:

We would like to see the extension on the West side to have matched the extended East side.

We would also like the Bus Stop to be identified with road markings to prevent parking at the bus stop.(Cllr. S. Harrison)

- I support the introduction of the yellow lines along Acaster Lane, Bishopthorpe as proposed in the public notice.(Cllr. M. Nicholls)

Representations received in objection:

- I wish to strongly object to this proposal.

Reasons Set out:

1. Home care staff need access in this vicinity any extra time wasted in finding alternative parking in this area will result in those in need having less time with their help. As we know only a specific time is allocated and this includes travel.

2. All businesses in the area need space for customers to park to use the shops etc especially the coffee shop which is a social hub of the area often busy. A reduction in parking space will result in a detrimental effect on our coffee morning folk conducting normal day to day activities which that enhance life in Bishopthorpe.

3. There has been no reports of accidents here.

4. Cars occasionally parking there do not restrict bus access.

5. Cars are not parked there on a continuous basis, i.e for a full day at work only for a short period. Less than a hour.

6. Could not be responsibly enforced in a financial sense due to the cost of allocating CEO out of York City Centre and the potential income from PCN tickets issued in Bishopthorpe which I believe has never occurred.

7. Making this road clearer does not necessarily make it safer, it could actually encourage drivers to speed up a position whereas at the moment if there's a parked vehicle they have to take extra care.

8. Implementing the 20 mph zone is going to decrease any potentiality of possible accidents anyway I can see what the DYL will achieve.

9. The reason implied by YCC is lacking logic.

10. During Festivals in Bishopthorpe village Main Street is closed to parking on these occasions residents park where YCC is proposing this change.

11. Activities on the riverbank encourage many visitors to the area who use this section of road to park. If there can't find a parking space there won't come therefore inflicting financial deprement to local businesses.

12. Previous TRO was executed here a few years ago and due to my objections the extension of this DYL was reduced sensibly to an adequate need. I can't see why we are going down this road again ( sorry about the pun )When there's been no change in the area whatsoever it seems to be a unessesary action.

13. Are the people actually car drivers deciding on these TRO I wonder how truly reasonable is the problem here as never a single accident?

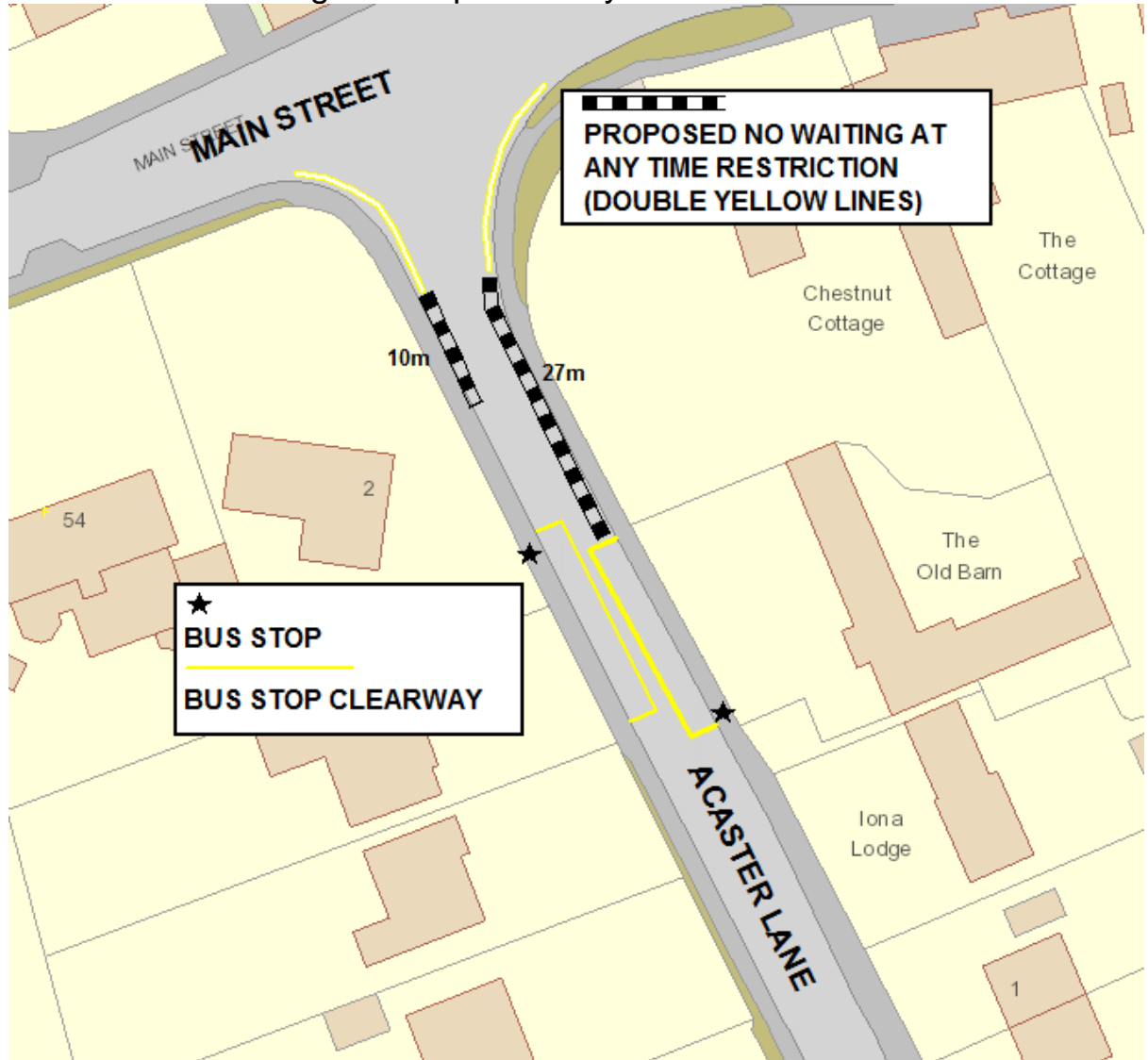
14. As a local resident I pass by his area twice a day with my dogs Vinnie and Mo its normal to see no cars parked. Whereas I do see cars speeding around the junction and cyclists cutting it short by accommodating the pavement to cut he corners and not being observant of the highway code.

- Whilst I agree that this is needed, I believe it should be taken right down to the corner of Acaster lane and Montague Road - as putting it just on the corner will move parked traffic down the road and create a further problem for residents at the top of Acaster lane. It's already extremely difficult for residents to exit their driveways if cars are parked opposite or closely against the edges of our driveway entrances. (There has been two accidents in the last month) extending the yellows down to Montague would allow people to park opposite the playing fields which has less impact to any residents and a lot of the traffic has typically turned in to Montague.

### **Officer analysis and recommendation**

The proposed restrictions would reduce but not remove parking amenity on Acaster Lane. If bus stop clearways were also installed this would further reduce parking amenity but would also leave some unrestricted parking available 20m away from the junction. Our Travel Team support the installation of the bus stop clearways and could be installed during the restrictions lining works.

Plan below including bus stop clearways:



### Options

- 1. Implement as advertised-** This is recommended. Some representations have requested a further extension to the proposal, but this is not possible at this stage of the process.
- 2. Take no further action.** Not recommended.
- 3. Implement a lesser restriction.** Not recommended.