

## Annex M      Micklegate Ward

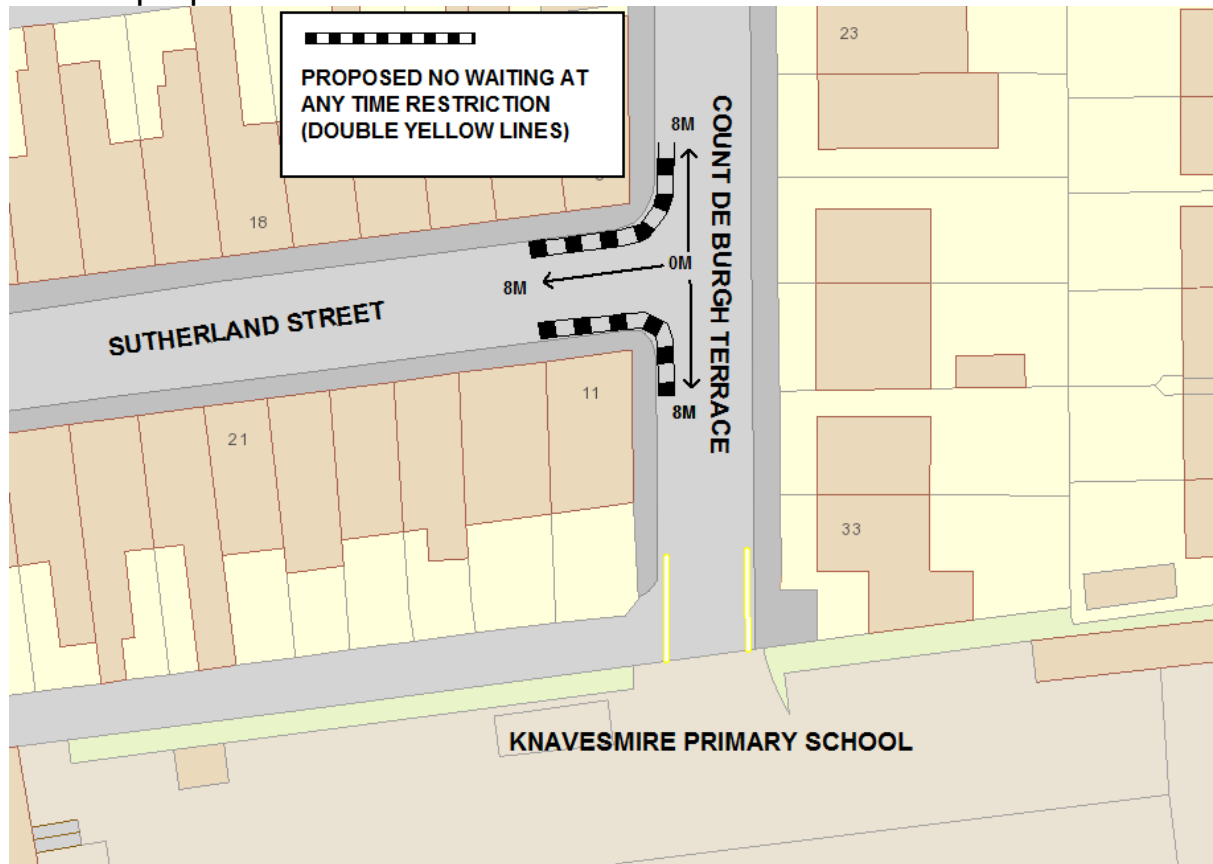
**M1**

**Location: Count De Burgh Terrace/ Sutherland Street**

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

Cllr. Kilbane and a resident requested a review of the junction of Sutherland Street and Count de Burgh terrace due to vehicles very close to the junction restricting visibility and access to the street.

Plan of proposed restrictions:



### **Representations received**

We received one objection to the proposal.

- I live at number (House number redacted) Sutherland Street and can see the plan is to put double yellows at the front and the side of our home. We have a vehicle each and continuously struggle to park outside our own property as it is, so this will force us to park even further from our house which is already an on going issue especially when carrying shopping from half way down the road. Therefore we would strongly object to this going forward!

### **Officer analysis and recommendation**

Vehicles parked close to the junction are leading to vehicles being unable to access or exit the junction. Vehicles are also approaching the junction in the centre of the carriageway and unable to move when faced

with a vehicle attempting to enter the junction. The proposed restrictions will provide a small space for vehicles to pull into before exiting the junction or when faced with a vehicle entering the street.

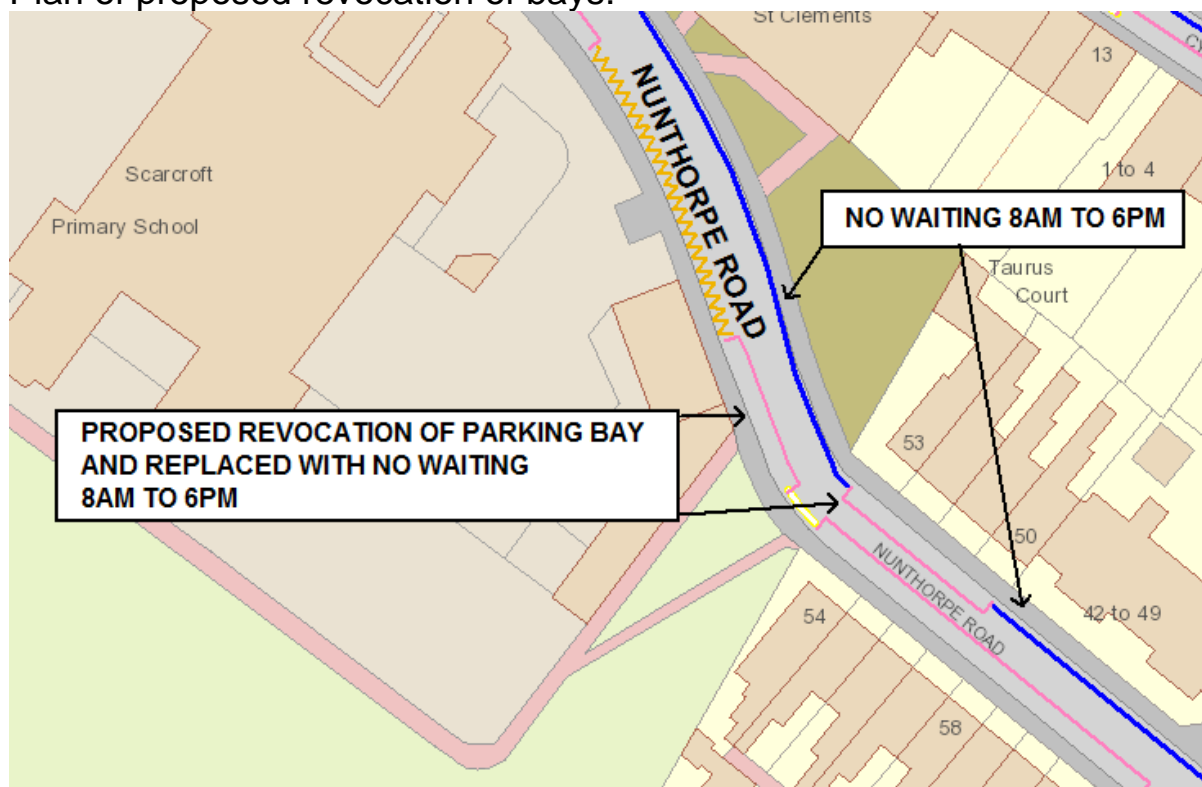
**Options**

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

**M2****Location: Nunthorpe Road****Nature of problem and advertised proposal**

The Waste Services team requested the revocation of two parking bays on Nunthorpe Road due to parked vehicles preventing access to complete the refuse collection. Refuse wagons have been unable to complete collections on numerous occasions and have also been unable to leave the area when vehicles have parked after the wagons have entered the area.

Plan of proposed revocation of bays:

**Representations received**

We received 5 objections and a petition against the revocation. The petition had 43 signatories.

Representations received in objection to the proposal:

- Currently I have a parking permit for the car which I use to commute when I am unable to cycle or take other forms of public transport. Parking is scarce as it is currently on Nunthorpe road, and removing further parking will make it impossible to own a car and live in this location.

I've recently moved to the area and am having renovations done inside the house. Work men who attend the house require a

location to park, and removing further parking would make this much more difficult for them.

Removing the 2 hour waiting time bay will make it more difficult for us to have guests from out of town as they will struggle to find parking anywhere in the area.

There is no reason given for the reason for change in the proposal. Why are the residents not being given this information as I'm confident they would be able to propose a better solution rather than inflicting restrictions to their ability to use their own transport.

- I am a resident of (House number redacted) Nunthorpe Road along with my wife and two young children. I wish to object to the proposals that have been very loosely consulted on. Firstly, my wife and I echo the points set out in the respective emails. We wish to point out the following additional points that relate to our household and our experience living here:

1. We already frequently have to park in either Dale Street, in the bays further along Nunthorpe Road between Upper Price Street and Scarcroft Road, or in the two hour visitor bays by the school rather than the spots outside my house. This indicates that demand for parking already outstrips existing capacity. Reducing parking capacity will lead to us parking further away and potentially displacing residents immediate to the areas we end up using. The proximity of Nos 50-54 to Clements Hall, Scarcroft Green Nursery and Scarcroft School should be noted. Each of these facilities generate a number of journeys most days of the week. Reducing the capacity will mean fewer residents will be able park by their houses.

2. I have a young family, with two under the age of 4. Life at this age is kit-heavy; pushchairs, changing bags, wellies, coats, toys, etc as you need to pack for all eventualities when leaving the house; any parent will attest to this. Items are frequently left in the car as I only have one pair of hands and two children. When the car is immediately accessible this isn't a problem, I can very momentarily dash out, grab what i need whilst all the time keeping an eye through the window and at the door. If i have to park more than five or so metres from my front gate I can't do this, and grabbing a sleeping bag/cuddly sleeping aid becomes a case of getting everyone's shoes/coats on, walking to the car and then securing the children in the seats as i can't have them running around for obvious safety reasons....all for a retrieving a bottle/toy/pack of nappies etc This is obviously a problem when one parent is absent from the household, which is the majority of the week.

3. My wife pretty much never leaves the house on her own on foot after dark on account of not feeling safe. It is a sad reality that many women feel this way. This is especially pronounced in the winter when the days are shorter. Revoking the bay(s) means that my wife would be more frequently be presented with a situation that is a potentially anxiety inducing one as she would be expected to walk further to access the car.

4. I don't understand that the reason being cited for revocation of the bays is because a bin lorry couldn't get through. To me it seems like a huge overreaction to a one off event considering rubbish must have been successfully collected within the confines of the existing parking constraints for decades. York is a well known historic city with narrow streets, there are other solutions to addressing the existing physical constraints without diminishing the amenity currently enjoyed by residents. What other options have been considered other than revocation of parking bays?

Finally I draw your attention to the ad hoc map I have attached which shows the locations of those petition respondents (depicted by the red dots) living in the immediate vicinity of the proposals, which underlines the opposition that has been induced. The petitioner and my wife did two sweeps for signatures. Of those houses where someone came to the door, all were in opposition to the proposals and signed our petition, there were none who were in favour of the proposals. Resultingly, I would guess that if we could get someone to the door of each house that opposition would be unanimous. There was an air of exasperation as to why this was being proposed, and that they had not been informed. I would expect York Council to do better, and show a bit more informed insight when proposing such interventions.

- We concur with all the matters raised above.

In addition, it would have been helpful if we had received confirmation as to why the decision to remove the parking bays as indicated in your map was made. To us it seemed sudden and in a vacuum. The letter we received did not explain any details. A resident had to make further enquiries to understand what had happened.

The proposal put forward by in 2020/2021 did receive support from a local councillor who took the time to come and do a site visit. We would welcome a site visit again by those involved in the decision making, so we can consult on site and explain the issues/concerns.

If indeed the removal of the bays near the nursery is to allow 'refuse trucks' to get through, the removal of the bays near the

nursery will have no effect on that issue; the pinch points are the bays outside numbers 52 and 54. However, to just remove those and not replace them places even greater pressures on residents along the whole street.

- Presumably this was the first and only time the refuse truck could not get through, otherwise I am sure we would have been contacted before.

We must be allowed to park safely and reasonably. We are not against changes being made, but they should only be done where necessary and proportionate.

- My main objections are as follows:-

1.) Our main objection is that we cannot afford to lose any current parking bays when parking is already limited on Nunthorpe Road.

2.) The loss of the 2 hour waiting time is going to make it very difficult for Clements Hall visitors as these people regularly use these bays.

3.) We all accept that the road is potentially dangerous & something should be done to alleviate the situation. We would once again point you to my proposal back in 2020 of removing 2 bays outside no's 52 & 53 Nunthorpe Rd & placing them beyond no.50

4.) The real pinch point is the bend beyond no.53 where you can't see people approaching from either direction. The problem is not on the side of the nursery.

5.) If you instigate this proposal you will have traffic travelling even faster into the bend than it does now.

6.) We understand that this issue has been raised because a refuse lorry couldn't get through. Was the driver new to the round or were there cars parked illegally as I have never known refuse lorries not being able to get through in the 8 years I have lived here?

7.) It would be appreciated if you could consider talking with the residents as we know the problem with this road better than anyone.

Supporting statement received from the Waste Services Team:

We have an ongoing issue with legally parked vehicles blocking the access of refuse collection vehicles to residential properties in this area. The streets that are affected when access is blocked are Moss Street / Dale Street & Caesar Court. Introducing the requested parking restrictions will reduce the likelihood of parked vehicles blocking access.

The blocked access results in waste remaining on the public highway in front of domestic dwellings until access is available, sometimes up to several days. This causes:

- distress to residents
- adds cost to the waste collection plan due to multiple visits to collect the waste
- increases emissions from the refuse collection vehicles

I have listed comments expressed by a resident directly to City of York Council and an article on the matter from YorkMix published August this year.

Comment 1 is an extract from correspondence received from a resident of Dale Street for over 50 years

Comment 2 is an article from YorkMix published 1/8/23, and contains information from the Head of Environmental Services Ben Grabham and a desire by a resident to find a long term solution to the issue.

Comment 1

Dear Administrators,

I have to report for the second time this year the Council's failure to collect on its designated day the household waste in Dale Street YO23 off Nunnery Lane to pedestrians, entry for vehicles from the Moss Street Nunthorpe Road end, opposite Scarcroft School.

Obviously this is a public health hazard. In the heat today, 31° C, the collection of bags piled up outside my house, in apparent readiness for the wagon, quickly began to stink as their contents started to ferment, attracting clouds of bluebottles. As the temperature drops this evening and night draws in no doubt the rats will be drawn to the pile and possibly cats and foxes will be at them scattering contents around the street.

I first moved into this street in 1970 and am happy to report that this problem has only rarely arisen before but now twice in quick succession this year warns that the generally increased width of vehicles and indifference to other's welfare brought on by the stresses of modern life may have brought this about.

Dale Street  
York  
YO23 1AE

## Comment 2

Inconsiderate drivers have been blamed for the failure to collect bin bags from a York street.

YorkMix reported on Saturday that around 90 bin bags had been left uncollected for days on Dale Street.

Residents said the rubbish posed a public health hazard.

It was due to be collected last Wednesday. A householder contacted City of York Council on Thursday, but the waste still hadn't been collected by Friday evening.

The council collected the rubbish yesterday, and have now explained the delay.

Head of environmental services Ben Grabham told YorkMix: "On Wednesday our teams were unable to complete their scheduled waste collection on Dale Street because access for the waste vehicle was blocked by parked cars on the street.

"In these situations we normally re-collect the next day, but on Thursday our teams encountered the same issue.

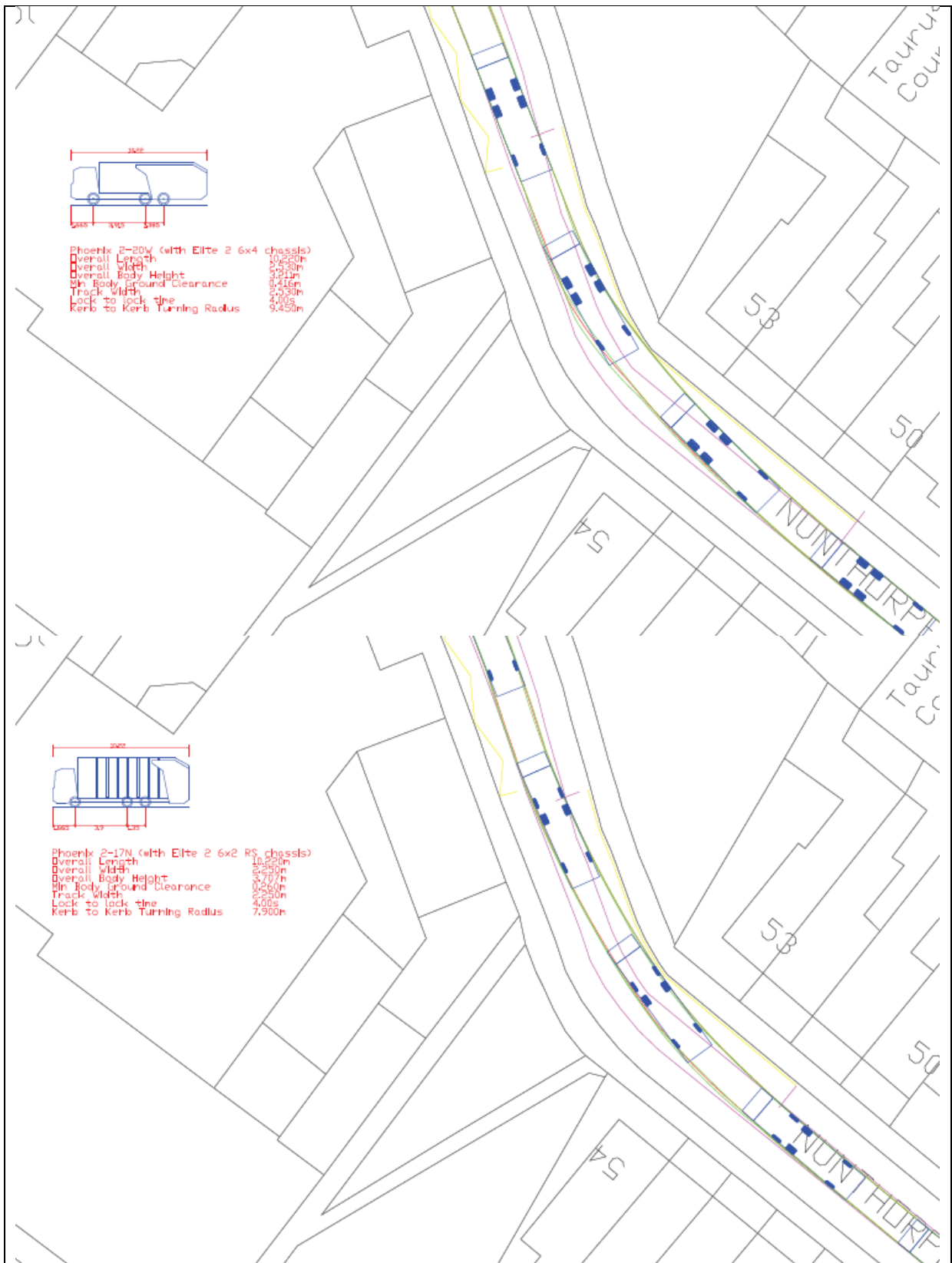
"The waste has now been collected by our teams on Monday morning. We apologise that we were unable to collect any sooner and would encourage drivers to consider access when parking their vehicles."

The resident who contacted YorkMix about the problem urged the council to work with people on the street to find a long-term solution to providing access for the bin lorries.

## **Officer analysis and recommendation**

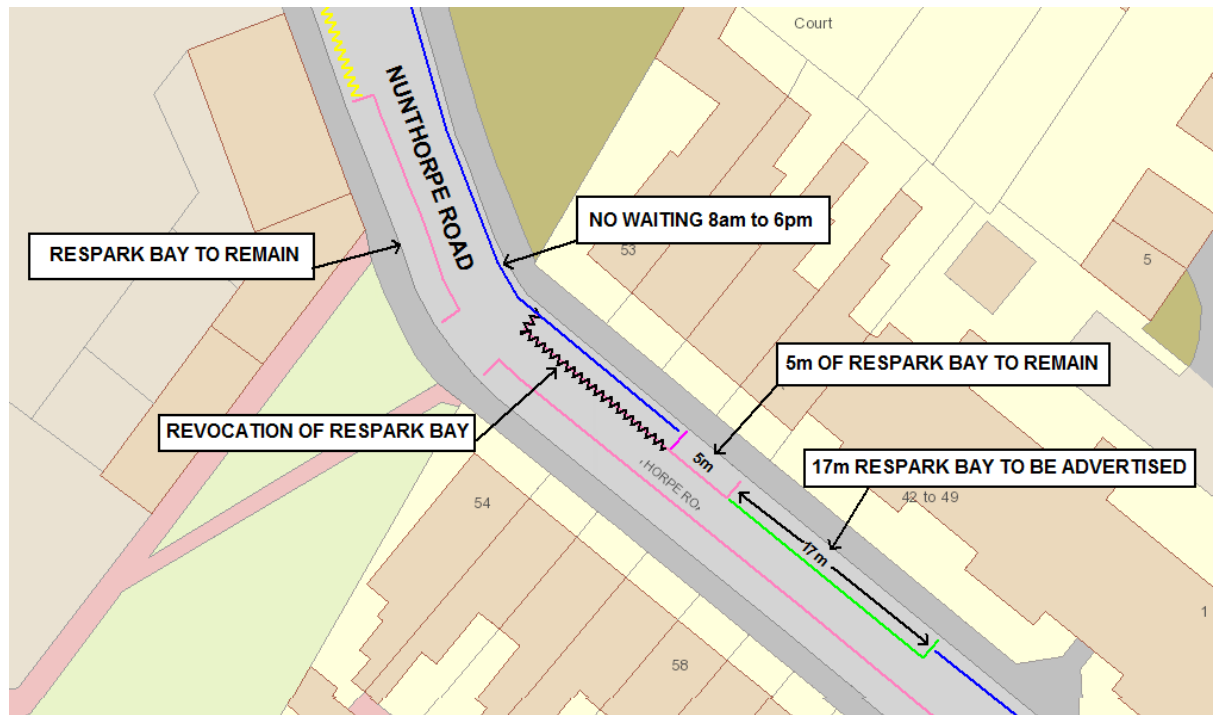
Please find below vehicle tracking plans that shows the tracking of both sizes of refuse vehicles we use.





The Waste Service Team have provided evidence there is an issue of waste refuse trucks being able to enter and exit the area when vehicles are legally parked and the tracking plans also show the refuse vehicles require more clearance when approaching and then clearing the bend.

We have also taken into consideration the objections raised by the residents and the impact upon parking amenity being removed. Please find below a revised plan for consideration. In the short term there will be a revocation of part of the bay on the northern side that will facilitate the access for the refuse trucks. We then request permission to advertise a 17m extension to the 5m of bay outside 50 Nunthorpe Road. If agreed there will be an increase to the available parking when installed.



### Options

1. **Implement as advertised-** Not recommended
2. **No further action-** Not recommended
3. **Implement a lesser-** Recommended with a further request to advertise a 17m bay and increase parking amenity overall.