

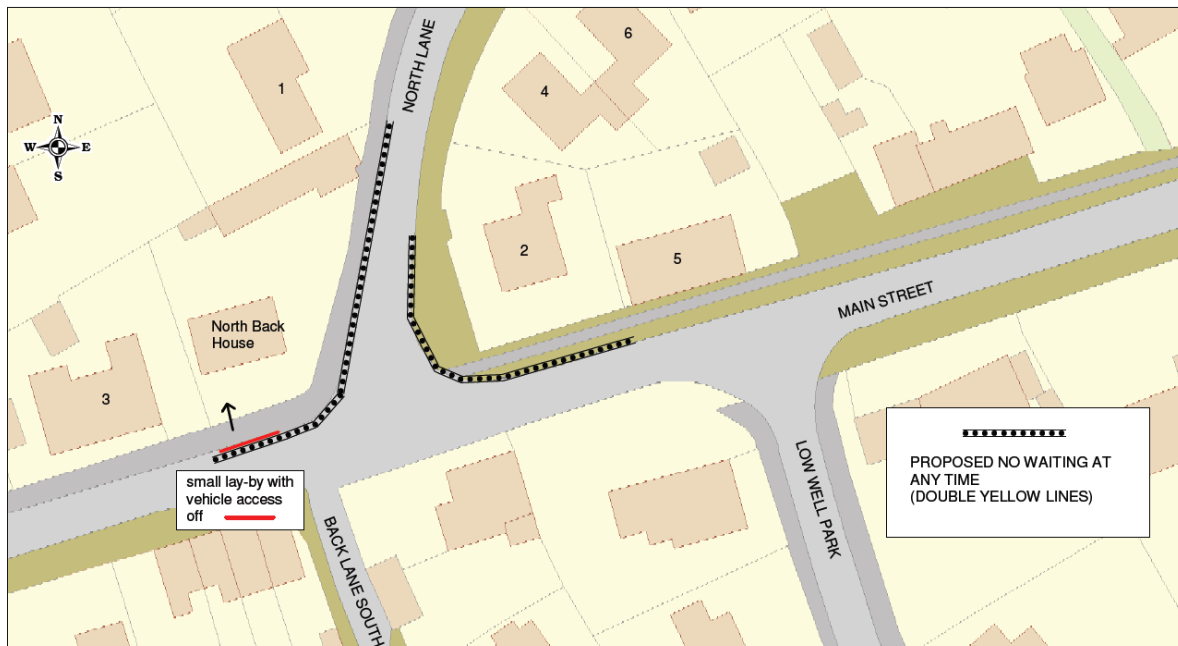
Annex O Wheldrake Ward

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Location: Junction of North Lane & Main Street, Wheldrake

Nature of problem and plan of Advertised Proposal

Vehicles parking in lay-by and close to junction. This can significantly impede sight lines when leaving North Lane and obstruct entry. The restriction was requested by the Parish Council and the Ward Councillor (at that time).



The proposal was designed to protect the sight lines on exiting North Lane and the vehicle access to North Back House.

Representations

We have received three representations to the proposal.

Resident (adjacent to the proposed restriction) – *support (in part) and request to reduce length on North Lane*
Further to your letter of 7th February regarding the proposed parking restrictions we do appreciate the need to reduce parked cars from obscuring the view along the main street. However as resident of 3 (b) Main Street we are concerned that the double yellow lines you are proposing completely surround our house restricting all parking by delivery vans or family and friends. Also having a concealed entrance to our rear car park we have problems with speeding drivers turning into North Lane as we are backing out and this must be addressed within your plans.

We would request that at least a section of approximately 5 metres is clear of restriction running along from our driveway. That way we have at least some area for what we would consider essential parking.

Although the yellow lines will in some way assist with a better view of oncoming traffic it is certainly not the answer to the current danger generated by speeding drivers along the main street. Our two children currently attend Fulford School and have to wait on the main road with a number of pupils before the school bus arrives. They have complained about the speeding cars along the main street and surely you as a traffic management body cannot avoid the necessity to introduce traffic calming on Wheldrake main street before a serious accident occurs.

Resident adjacent to the proposed restriction (objection based on officer reply to question about enforcement):

Since this will not be Policed, a well-controlled current parking situation will be compromised as when the yellows fade and the straw and muck obscure them. My property will again be blighted by tranny vans homemade campers which becomes an eye sore through my side windows. I bought the property because of its position and I now see my enjoyment of my property compromised. Your actions which you are unable to enforce I then ask why go to the trouble. I am also interested as to why the yellow lines run for some 18 the full length of my property when in law you only need to leave 10 mtrs from a junction. Therefore I could use the other 8 for my vehicle. You are only going 10 mtrs in the other direction so something's not quite right here. So in short full enforcement you have my support. Otherwise reduce the length of lines to just the same as on the other side allowing me to park legitimately outside my property and then there will be less space to flout by others who have no vested interest or business here

Resident (from nearby street); requested the comments received are treated as an objection.

With regard to the amendments as listed in the York press re North Lane and Main Street may I point out that this does not go far enough and will not ease the problems of exiting north lane onto Main St and the reverse. Full length yellow lines should be placed between North Lane and Valley View and North Lane and the post box on Main St this will allow a clear view in both direction and safe collection and drop off for school and public transport.

Officer analysis

Speeding: two of the objectors referred to speeding issues on North Lane and Main Street. Introducing traffic calming measures is outside the remit of this proposal and report. There is a clear policy for reporting speeding concerns within the 95 Alive Partnership. Details are on the website.

Rear entrance to 3b Main Street (North Back House); we consider the restrictions as proposed, to the dropped kerb will improve access and egress from the property. Allowing a parked vehicle so close to the access will impede sight lines, especially if the drivers habitually reverse out and not in forward gear. If, as the resident reports, vehicles approach from Main Street at speed, sight lines are more important not less. We would recommend an H bar marking to highlight the access to the property.

Length of Proposed restrictions on Main Street: The request for restrictions to the next junction (and beyond) with Valley View and to the post box in the other direction would involve lengths of approximately 100m in either direction. There is a funeral directors and coffee shop on Main Street between the junctions with North Lane and Valley View. A proposal of this length is likely to bring objections from these business outlets. Restrictions of the requested length adjacent to village Business Outlets with no customer parking available is not something we would recommend.

The proposals were put forward after a site meeting with the Ward Councillor (at the time) who was also representing the Parish Council. We are unable to implement additional lengths of restrictions from this proposal.

Enforcement: Wheldrake is an outlying village in our authority. The restrictions will be fully enforceable by our Civil Enforcement Team. But it is considered that enforcement of existing restrictions will be ad-hoc or by hotline only. Although we can understand the resident who has expressed concerns about implementing a restriction when it will not be fully enforceable and can easily come into disrepute, no restriction of this nature can be enforced full time.

The length of the restrictions on both sides of the junction are similar when considering the width of the junction area and position of vehicles when exiting the property.

Options:

1. Over-rule the objections and implement as advertised.
This is the recommended option because the proposal will improve junction access and sight lines.
2. Uphold the objections (in part) and place a lesser restriction

outside the adjacent properties as requested.

This is not the recommended option because

- to shorten the restriction on Main Street will still compromise sight lines
- to shorten the restriction to allow a parking space for 3b will encourage non-residential parking close to the access point on a more regular basis which will compromise sight lines for vehicles on egress from the private parking area.

3. Uphold the objections and re-advertise a proposal for longer lengths of restrictions as requested on Main Street

This is not the recommended option because:

- it will delay further the implementation of requested restrictions in the area.
- the length of restriction suggested is not supported by officers at this time. If further requests or support for this length of restriction are submitted by the Parish Council this can be considered at that time.

Ward Councillor Comments:

Cllr C Vassie – No comments received