

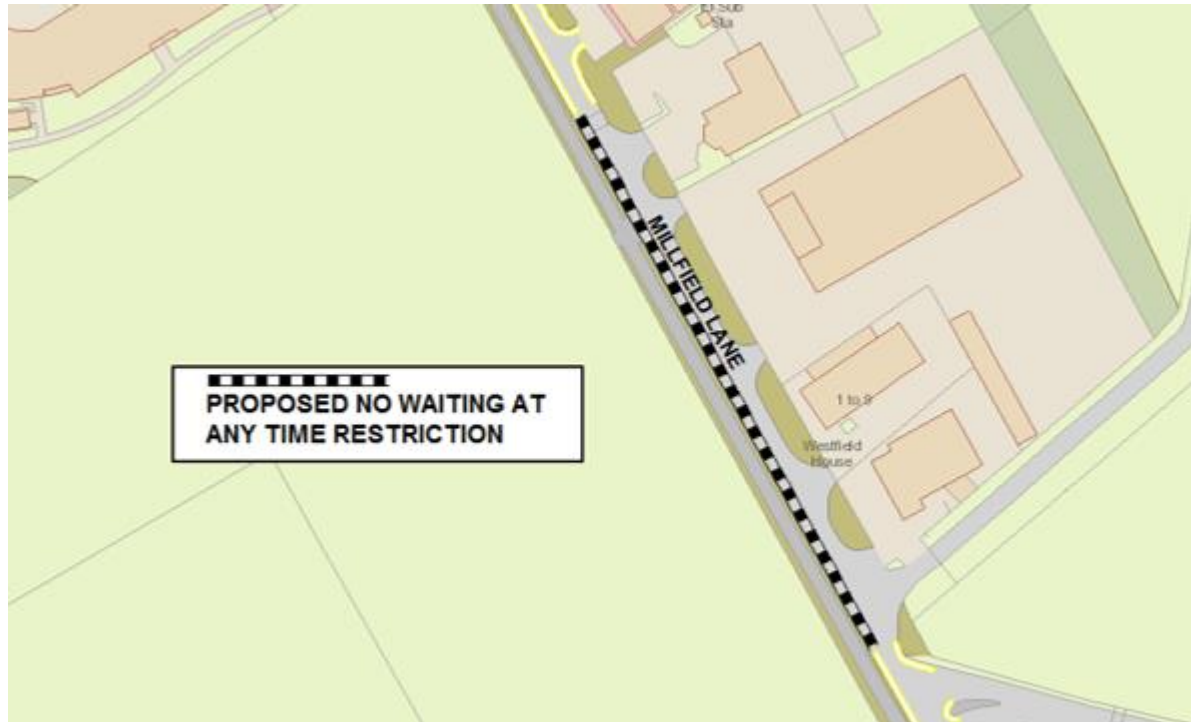
## Annex O Rural West Ward

**O1**

**Location** Millfield Lane

### **Nature of problem and plan of Advertised Proposal**

A resident raised a child safety concern regarding vehicles parking on Millfield Lane. Resident states the issue is exacerbated by HGV's attempting to reverse into the yards of businesses during peak school hours.



Recommendation advertised:

Implement 155metres of no waiting at any time restrictions to the eastern side of Millfield Lane, joining to the two existing restrictions on that side of the carriageway.

### **Representations Received**

We received one representation in support from the Parish Council and four in objection to the proposal. Three of the objections were received from the same company based on Millfield Lane.

In objection:

- Specifically the suggestion that double yellow lines should be placed along the western or School side of Millfield Lane when lines are actually needed by all businesses on the east side of this road.

As a business resident of Millfield Lane and positioned at Westfield House (between Burton Roofing & City Electrical Factors)

we already face danger pulling out onto Millfield lane due to cars parking on our side of Millfield Lane.

There are numerous business entrances on this eastern side of the road all of whom encounter this danger, indeed one of our customers had his car written off whilst pulling out of our car park being un-sighted due to parked cars on our side of the road.

With this in mind it would make much more sense to put the new double yellows on the east / business side of Millfield Lane for safer access !!!

- Would you hereby take this email as our formal objection to the proposal, our reason for objection being the lack of alternative parking availability for the businesses that are based on this street.

As an office, we already have an issue with our staff parking, there are not enough spaces within our car park and each space is allocated to a business within this office block. The street is an essential parking area for all businesses on this street, along with customers of the businesses.

If these restrictions come in to force it would cause a detrimental effect on our business as our staff would not be able to park, not only causing problems with parking availability for all businesses along the street, but also our staff are sometimes required to carry tools and equipment to and from their cars, this would not be possible if they would have to park further away.

Further, our customers would not be able to park. If our customers cannot access our offices easily then we would have to find alternative arrangements, which would be potentially costly on our part.

We would respectfully ask you to reconsider this proposal.

- I understand that the new housing estate currently under construction on the west side of Millfield Lane will probably require this no waiting zone, however I would like to suggest that the east side would provide more benefit to those restrictions.

The east side of the road, where the entrance to our building's carpark is, every day is lined with parked cars. People have even been known to park on the grass verge, and on the curve of the entrance to the Westfield House carpark. This poses an obstruction of view to those leaving our carpark, which is at times extremely dangerous. The road is a busy cycle route, especially when Manor School children are going to and from school. Often you can't see oncoming traffic until you are halfway into the road, so despite every care being taken to edge forward and peer around the lines of parked cars to check for oncoming traffic, we

are frequently taken by surprise by both cars and cyclists, causing frequent near-misses. I know that people in our building have been involved in accidents at that junction in the past, and I have absolutely no doubt that it will happen again – especially considering an increase in traffic once the new housing estate is populated, and an ever growing number of children cycling to school.

This area is also just after the change in speed limit along the road, going from a 20mph zone to a 30mph zone, so any vehicles approaching from the north end of the road are accelerating as they overtake the parked cars that we are edging our way to see around.

I fear that the proposed “no waiting” restrictions will only force more people onto the east side of the road, where we already have a problem with visibility and obstruction. Not to mention that the west side is also used every day by HGVs and lorries waiting to access the yard for the roofing merchant next-door, and restrictions on that side will force them onto this side, further worsening our existing problem with larger vehicles. We would certainly benefit from some parking restrictions on the east side of the road, and I request that that is taken into consideration when planning any changes to Millfield Lane.

- Visibility is already very difficult when pulling out of our building – a lot of cars from businesses up and down the road park on the grass and the kerbside outside our entrance making it very difficult to pull out safely into traffic. A customer of ours was involved in a collision because of this a few years ago. If parking restrictions are to be put in place I would like to see them on our side of the road, or indeed both sides of the road.

Not allowing parking at the other side of the road will force more cars onto our side of the road making the existing visibility problem worse still.

There is little enough parking on this road already (made worse since Manor School closed their car park to parents) so my fear would be that parking restrictions would cause cars to park in unsafe places as they would be left with little choice.

I would also be concerned that the restrictions wouldn't be policed/monitored and would therefore be ignored anyway.

In my opinion Millfield Lane from Manor School down to CEF electrical is an “accident waiting to happen” regarding badly parked cars causing poor visibility, chaos of additional cars at school pick up/drop off and children cycling down the middle of the roads, so I would like to see an attempt to improve matters where

possible. This could be in the form of parking restrictions outside our entrance to Westfield House, as well as some car parking availability elsewhere for new residents of the development so that the parking issue doesn't worsen outside our building, and the school looking to make spaces available to parents at certain times of day.

In support:

- At last night's Parish Council meeting the Councillors discussed the plans for the yellow lines in Station Road and those on the Upper Poppleton side of Millfield Lane.

I can tell you that they resolved to support the proposals.

### **Officer analysis and Recommendation**

It is recommended to implement the proposal as advertised to help improve pedestrian safety around the school. It is also proposed to continue to monitor the area due to concerns raised about vehicles obstructing visibility by parking too close to the business accesses.

### **Options**

1. Implement as Advertised(recommended)
2. Take no further action.
3. Implement a lesser restriction than advertised