# Annex Q Westfield Ward

**Q1** 

**Location** Askham Croft

# Nature of problem and plan of Advertised Proposal

Parked vehicles obstructing footways and pedestrian tactile crossings.



Recommendation advertised: No Waiting at any Time restrictions for junction protection and one side of the access to enable parking to take place without obstruction of footways.

# **Representations Received**

We received two representations in support and two in objection to the proposal.

#### In support:

• I would firstly like to express my strong opinion in FAVOUR of the application of double yellow lines/no stopping lines between Tedder Road and Askham Croft. There have been numerous occasions when I've seen cars parked half on the footpath, and several other vehicles,at the same time on this short piece of road. God forbid there would be a situation that an emergency were to occur that required a fire engine, the driver would have absolutely no way of getting past the number and positioning of the parked cars to attend to whatever emergency might be occurring.
3 times a day this short stretch of road is very busy with Mum's and Dad's taking their small children to Westfield Primary School. I've personally witnessed Parents with a buggy,or double buggy and small school child in tow,trying to use the footpath but finding the gap too small due to cars on the footpath ,and having to walk along the road. As a motorist myself I've found myself on several

- occasions "meeting" another car head on at the junction at the Askham Croft end of the short stretch of road. If there were to be a car accident, cars can be replaced, small children can't. In summary, I'm slightly dumbfounded that when the estate was built in 1993, that double yellow lines weren't put down at the time, especially given that the only vehicular access for Askham Croft, Waterman Court and Minter Close is via this short stretch of road.
- As a resident of Minter Close, I drive along Askham Croft at least twice daily, and have had numerous 'near misses' with other moving vehicles on and at the junctions of Askham Croft due to vehicles being parked on the road too close to the junctions. Most (if not all) houses in the vicinity have either a driveway or allocated parking spaces, so there should be no reason to park on the road close to the junctions of Askham Croft, causing obstructions and causing vehicles to have to be in the middle of the road when giving way at the junctions.
   In my opinion, it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident due to vehicles being allowed to park close to the Askham Croft junctions.

#### In objection:

- Having just received your proposal of restricting parking between tedder rd and Askham croft I can only see that you will be moving the problem and not solving. Although I agree that parking is a nightmare subject the rules in force already do not get enforced, this move to yellow line this road will move the cars into Askham croft and increase the parking and destruction of our green space opposite our homes, which I have already raised this to no avail.
- I am extremely concerned about the proposed parking restrictions on Askham Croft, which I feel are completely and utterly ridiculous and unnecessary for such a small stretch of road that is not even located in York City Centre. I am a car driver and have never experienced any problems with access or driving through Askham Croft, so I cannot understand why this is even being considered. As a tax payer, I would hope that my monthly Council tax actually contributes towards far more important and pressing issues, i.e. health and social care, more job opportunities to be made available, police, fire services, hospitals, education, repairing the absolutely appalling state of the roads in and around York, as well as tackling the increasing poverty that many families now find themselves in, following the recent pandemic. Can I please urge you to stop going ahead with this complete waste of time and money and put it to far better use and where it is urgently needed?

# Officer analysis and Recommendation

The restrictions provide junction protection when entering and exiting Askham Croft, with restrictions on the western side of the carriageway ensuring the footpath remains clear for pedestrians. The recommendation is to implement the restrictions as advertised.

# **Options**

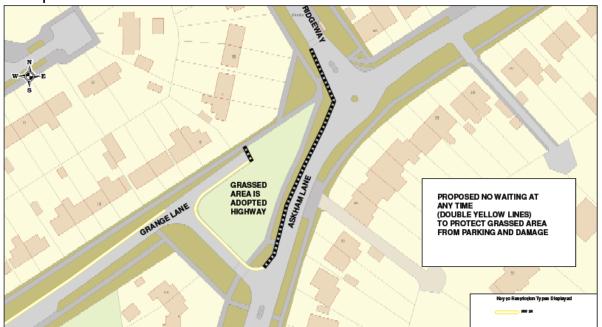
- 1. Implement as Advertised(recommended)
- 2. Take no further action.
- 3. Implement a lesser restriction than advertised

Q2

**Location** Askham Lane/Grange Lane

### Nature of problem and plan of Advertised Proposal

The large green area is surrounded by adopted highway. Vehicles are driving onto the verge and parking at the side of the green where no restrictions are in place causing damage. Parking services have asked the green area is surrounded by restrictions to allow enforcement to take place.



Recommendation advertised: No Waiting restrictions to surround the green area.

# **Representations Received**

We received two representations in objection to the proposal.

• As a resident in the area (Parker Avenue, off Grange Lane) I am deeply concerned that this area would have more double yellow lines added to it - the double yellow lines that are already present adjacent to the junction of Hotham Avenue are ineffective and at school pick up and drop off times regularly have multiple vehicles parked on them - introducing more double yellow lines will just push more vehicles onto the surrounding roads at school times. How are you proposing to deal with the absolute nightmare of parking for parents? It is currently a nightmare for me to head straight off to work after dropping my daughters at the school - because cars park all along the top of Hotham avenue and if I am heading towards grange lane I regularly have to reverse back to Parker avenue to allow cars through, then there is the challenge of turning right (I would never consider turning left) onto Grange lane at school times. The challenge is because cars park on the

double yellow lines! Is there the possibility of removing the grass verge to put some parking bays on the same side as the school - this would not solve the issue but could certainly alleviate the issue slightly? I really feel for any parents that are required to drive to the school as it is so limited for legal parking spaces - I am lucky that I live so close to the school - but then sometimes can't set off to work straight away for fear of getting caught up and stuck in the backlog of cars, so find myself sat waiting to give the roads time to clear. I understand these are difficult times but feel that you should be working with the school and the residents in the area. The school do so much to try and ensure that the roads around are safe with staff regularly outside the gates monitoring the situation - but reducing any parking will particularly make the other end of grange lane even more dangerous.

• I am just writing to say that I have an objection to your Notice of proposal to parking, stopping and waiting amendment no 14/48 traffic order 2021 (c). This is at the end of our driveway, from the road onto our drive we have a very steep slope so when the weather is bad we have to park on the road outside our driveway. If you put the yellow lines there, we wouldn't be able to and we set off for work very early in the morning and there-is no public transport, but if there was an alternative to this so we would still be able to park outside our driveway then we would be more than willing to listen to it. We don't feel that it is fair as every other household is able to park outside their houses other than ourselves.

### Officer analysis and Recommendation

The restrictions will prevent parking on grassed area and verge surrounding it. The restriction on Grange Lane does not present any access issues to the driveway of the adjacent property. The recommendation is to implement the restrictions as advertised.

# **Options**

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

Q3

**Location** Gale Lane

# Nature of problem and plan of Advertised Proposal

Long term parking preventing customer access to McColls convenience store.



Recommendation advertised: Introduce a timed 20 minute parking bay.

#### **Representations Received**

We have received two representations in objection to the proposal.

- I am intrigued to know why the highway's department are wanting to restrict parking outside 155 and 157a Gale Lane as I have lived here for 35 years and have had no problems whatsoever with people parking their vehicles in the mentioned lay-by. The only problems I do have is that for whatever reasons we now have articulated lorries making deliveries to McColl's shop from 5am disturbing us with their cooling units waking us up. After all this is supposed to be a residential area.
  - Also there is a gentleman across the road from me who has carers visit him 4 times a day so where are they supposed to park. I assume that McColls have requested this so business overrides what the residents want.
- I live on Gale Lane, which is a council owned house. As this
  property does not have a dropped curb, although does have the
  space for a driveway. The intended place for us to park is exactly
  where you propose the parking restrictions, which is across the
  road from our property. There is no other safe place to park our
  car along Gale lane.

I would appreciate a meeting with a member of your team to discuss the alternative plans that will be made for the parking of residents that do not have driveways.

I understand that there is a problem in this area since the house of multiple occupation was granted for the bungalow next to the shop, as they often have visitors parking in these spaces. Also the large refrigerated lorries that arrive now at 5.30 in the morning, since McColls took over the shop. This is a residential area and these lorries are very noisy at this hour of the morning while unloading.

Most of our problems started when McColls took over the shop. We have had staff members demanding we move our car, saying it is private property. Also they have sent the lorry drivers over during the day time, asking us to move so they can get their deliveries. They have multiple deliveries each day. None of this ever happened with the previous shop owners because they only had small vans making deliveries, which parked on their driveway at the side of the shop.

### Officer analysis and Recommendation

The introduction of a limited time parking bay provides the ability for customers of the convenience store to use the bay and there is unrestricted parking for two vehicles in front of 157a Gale Lane. The recommendation is to implement as advertised.

### **Options**

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

### **Ward Councillor Comments:**

#### Cllr. A Waller-

On Q1- As ward councillors we have received a number of concerns about parking across the footpath on the stretch of Askham Croft leading from Tedder Road with specific concern about the proximity of a cable box further limiting the effective width of the footpath to start with. As there are sharp turns after this point either towards Waterman Court or Minter Way this has been a particular concern about visibility of oncoming traffic. Resolution of this junction point would assist both pedestrians and road users.

Q2- The parking on the large green area happens behind existing double yellow lines not the proposed lines. As there are properties which would be adversely impacted by the proposed lines we do not support the additional double yellow lines. There are ongoing issues with parking along Grange Lane and residents are particularly keen to have existing double yellow lines enforced.

Q3- We appreciate the request from the shop, which has now changed hands since the initial application, however, ask that the request to meet residents in relation to support for parking for nearby residents is undertaken.