

Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 25 October 2023

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Subject:

BACK APSLEY CRESCENT, MANNINGHAM, BRADFORD - PETITION

Summary statement:

This report considers a petition requesting the revocation of the double yellow lines in Back Apsley Crescent.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

It is expected that there would be no disproportionate impact from the scheme recommended for future consideration within this report. Where a scheme is prioritised for funding, it will be subject to Equality Impact Assessments if potential disproportionate impact is identified through more detailed investigation and design.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Regeneration & Environment

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report considers a petition requesting the revocation of the double yellow lines in Back Apsley Crescent.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Background information is provided in Appendix 1 to this report.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. Local ward members have been consulted and one has expressed support for the petition.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1. There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations within this report. Funding would be subject to future prioritisation by the Bradford West Area Committee as and when the Safe Roads budget is next determined.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1. There are no significant risks arising out of the implementation of the proposed recommendations.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1. There are no specific issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in general accordance with the Council's powers as Highway Authority.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1.1. None

7.2. TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.2.1. The recommendations within this report will not directly tackle the Climate Emergency or help reduce carbon emissions.

7.3. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.3.1. There are no community safety implications arising from the report recommendations.

7.4. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- 7.4.1. There are no implications on the Human Rights Act

7.5. TRADE UNION

7.5.1. There are no implications for the Trade Unions.

7.6. WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.6.1. Ward members have been consulted on the petitions.

7.7. AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1. There are no relevant priorities within the Manningham ward plan.

7.8. IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

7.8.1. None

7.9. ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.9.1. None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1. None

9. OPTIONS

9.1. Members may propose alternative actions from those recommended on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1. That an item to amend the waiting restrictions on Back Apsley Crescent be added to the list of schemes awaiting funding from the Safe Roads Budget.

10.2. That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

11. APPENDICES

11.1. Appendix 1 – Petition Back Apsley Crescent, Manningham, Bradford

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1. None.

Petition Back Apsley Road, Bradford (23 signatures)

Background information

The petitioners have submitted this petition to “revoke double yellow lines outside the houses for the residents of Lumb Lane from house numbers starting 218 – 254 Lumb Lane and Back Apsley Crescent”.

The petitioners are also concerned that: -

- the yellow lines were put in at the request of one resident and no consultation took place with the remaining residents.
- There are many back streets throughout the district with no parking restrictions that are often blocked. Back Apsley Road is not used by emergency services. The bin collection service has never had a problem.
- The road name Back Apsley Crescent is not on OS maps or Google maps.
- Allow residents to park on Lumb Lane

Highways records show that the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to restrict waiting on Back Apsley Crescent was first introduced before 2009. Whilst it is no longer documented why the restrictions were originally implemented, they clearly help to protect access to the rear of properties on Lumb Lane and Apsley Crescent and, as the petitioners have identified, they also assist refuse collections which can be a significant problem on back streets without waiting restrictions. Over the years the yellow lines have faded however Back Apsley Crescent was recently surface dressed and the yellow lines reinstated in accordance with the prevailing TRO, which has made them more apparent.

There are back streets throughout the district that do not have waiting restrictions; many of these roads were built before car ownership was as prevalent as it is today. Adding or remove yellow lines or amending existing waiting restrictions requires the processing of a legal Order. Such Orders involve a lengthy and costly legal process therefore it is not possible to introduce waiting restrictions on all the back streets in Bradford with the current budget available. Maintaining access on these back roads relies mainly on the residents parking considerately and the police who have the legislative powers to ticket or remove any obstructive vehicles. Due to the limited budget only a small number of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) can be promoted each year.

The Council is responsible for assigning street names. The road is therefore identified as Back Apsley Crescent by the Council. There are many back streets that are not named on OS maps but are defined in the Council’s records.

Parking is available on Lumb Lane at night and all-day Sunday. However, it would not be feasible to allow parking during the day, Monday to Saturday, due to traffic queuing from the Marlborough Road junction. At peak times parked vehicles would obstruct traffic travelling towards the city centre. This issue is more pertinent in this area because Lumb Lane is a bus route therefore it would cause major disruption to the bus services that operate along this road.

Recommendation

It is recommended that an item to amend the waiting restrictions on Back Apsley Crescent be added to the list of schemes awaiting funding from the Safe Roads Budget.

Dated: 14/08/2023

TO BRADFORD METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

TO ALL THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS/ AUTHORITIES

(Petition to revoke double yellow lines outside the houses for the residents of Lumb Lane from house numbers starting 218- 254 Lumb Lane and Back Apsley Crescent)

Dear Sir/Madam

This is with regard to our issue regarding the double yellow lines been put by the Bradford Council at our back street which has caused resentment among the residents of Lumb Lane.

It is beyond our understanding as to why the council have opted to put yellow lines on our back street. The parking is a big issue for us now as on average there at least two car per household. We do not have big enough drives to fit more than one car in. The council never consulted the residents on putting the lines on our back street. One resident asked for these double yellow lines verbally around our back street to stop Bradford city supporters parking outside our drives and for it to only be for residents only. No one from the council consulted the rest of the street about this and we didn't even get a chance to object. We simply woke up one morning and the double yellow lines were there.

There are many back streets in Bradford with no parking restrictions. Our back street is only used for residents parking and bin collection which is done smoothly every week with no problems for over 20 years I've lived here. Ambulance and fire services have always used front entrance whenever required. This shows the incompetence of council and we believe they are only concerned with generating revenue by issuing undue fines. They should have a uniform policy over the parking for residents and should have alternate arrangements for resident and their visitors.

Furthermore the council identifies the back street as 'back apsey crescent' as mentioned on the parking fines issued to us whereas according to ORDINANCE SURVEY and Google maps and Yorkshire police no such street exists.

Alternatively allow all the residents to park their car on Lumb Lane at the front of their houses with marked parking bays like Bradford council have facilitated Sweet Centre on Lumb Lane by favouring them which is more dangerous during school and rush hours which also obstructs the bus stop. The parking bays are placed directly opposite a bus stop which causes chaos during busy periods and also blocks a junction which is beyond our understanding how this is allowed, yet you have an issue with us parking outside OUR houses.

Our question is, why all the back streets don't have double yellow lines for example 'Back Kensington Street' and 'Back Girlington Road' where even one parked car blocks the entire road. Our back street is never used by emergency services. The front side is always used. The bin collection services have never had an issue and is carried out swiftly as it is a through road.

Dated: 14/08/2023

We the undersigned, are concerned residents who urge our leaders to act now! Please find below the petition from residents of Lumb Lane and Apsley Crescent who would like you take up this issue with the relevant authorities and revoke all the parking fines issued to the residents as this is a complete discrimination against us.

Furthermore we contacted our [REDACTED] regarding the issue but he completely ignored us and didn't bother to reply while we still remember when he was advocating highly controversial parking outside sweet centre despite strong reservations from the residents reflecting the favouritism and incompetence in BDMC.


If you need to contact anyone in regards to this petition, kindly contact the main petitioner via email: [REDACTED]

(Petition to revoke double yellow lines outside the houses for the residents of Lumb Lane from house numbers starting 218- 254 Lumb Lane and Back Apsley Crescent)

Name	Address	Signature	Date	Comments
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