

Appendix B – March 2025

LCC response to PC request for junction protection at High Street/Queens Street

I refer to your enquiry regarding parking issues on Queen Street, Bottesford.

We do appreciate the difficulties that can be experienced due to parked vehicles and we would expect all drivers to be considerate of where they park their vehicles to ensure residents and other highway users are not inconvenienced, however this isn't always the case.

The County Council does not have any powers to deal with the issue of inconsiderate parking, unless it is in contravention of waiting restrictions. However, it is important to note that even in the absence of any formal parking controls, it remains an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988 for any person in charge of a vehicle to cause or permit that vehicle to stand on a road in such a manner that is considered to be dangerous, or that which causes an obstruction to the safe and effective use of the highway. Any such instances of this should be reported to the Police on their non-emergency number '101'.

We can also advise that Leicestershire Police have launched Neighbourhood Link.

Neighbourhood Link is a free email messaging service from Leicestershire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other partner organisations, providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you.

You can sign up and receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in your local area as well as crime prevention advice and information. You will also have the opportunity to reply directly to your neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys.

More info is available on the following link:

<https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/>

Leicestershire County Council (LCC) receives many requests for road improvements and we investigate all requests on an evidence led basis to assess where we allocate our extremely limited funding. Our current policy is to consider essential safety improvements only, with these being limited to areas with a proven collision history higher than national average or higher than otherwise would be expected and to maintain the condition of our highway network.

Regarding parking restrictions such as double yellow lines, the introduction of new waiting restrictions is a lengthy legal process which is necessary to create a traffic regulation order which is essential for the restrictions to be enforced. Although we endeavour to help where we can we receive a large number of requests for new waiting restrictions and other minor highway improvements and we do not have the resources available to assist with a large number of the requests we receive. We are currently targeting the limited resources we have on locations where there is a significant recorded road traffic collision history which fortunately is not the case here.

We are looking to promote schemes where implementing measures can actually make a difference based on that data analysis. The information that has been provided by the police indicates that there have fortunately been no reported road traffic collisions recorded on Queen

Street in the past 5 years. These are all good indicators that motorists are aware of the prevailing environment. Based on our analysis this does not meet with our criteria for intervention.

With our current drive to concentrate on locations where there have been recorded road traffic collisions, residential locations like this where people are parking inappropriately do tend to get a low priority even where waiting restrictions may be of benefit and there are valid safety concerns. If we were to install double yellow lines at this location we would be setting a precedent that we would be unable to maintain.

Waiting restrictions in rural areas are very difficult to manage because with limited resources, they are extremely difficult to enforce on a regular basis. Therefore, the lack of enforcement usually means vehicles continue to park on them which results in the issue reoccurring.

Thank you once again for raising this matter with us but unfortunately, we can be of no further assistance to you in this matter.