

## **STAFFORDSHIRE PARKING BOARD**

### **Prioritisation of parking related Traffic Regulation Orders**

Report for the consideration of parking related Traffic Regulation Order requests within the Cannock Chase District

#### **New Requests**

##### Arch Street, Rugeley

**Problem:** A request has been received from Cllr Southwell investigating the possibility of removing an existing double yellow line restriction to allow parking for residents with out the provision of off-street parking.

**Comments:** Since the introduction of this restriction we feel that there have been some significant changes to the area as a whole, non more so than the alteration to the flow of traffic on Arch Street which now only allows vehicles to travel in one direction; from Keystone Road through to Armitage Road. It is our recommendation that this request be considered for inclusion as part of the current forward programme for parking restrictions.

##### Huntington Terrace Road junction with Belt Road, Cannock

**Problem:** A request from Cllr Adamson to investigate the possibility of a parking restriction to be implemented at the above junction to remove parked vehicles which are causing problems to other motorists exiting and entering Belt Road.

**Comments:** The majority of the issues concerning parking around this junction are caused by visitors to the convenience store located at the corner of Huntington Terrace Road and Belt Road. This in itself will create its own problems; visitors to the store are in the main stopping for short periods of time and as a result will ignore any potential parking restriction put in place. This would not be remedied by sufficient enforcement due to the 5 minute viewing time required for a double yellow line restriction. This would only be solved by the introduction of a no loading/unloading order which would have obvious detrimental effects on the operation of the convenience store as a business. It is our recommendation that this request be returned no further action.

##### Dartmouth Road, Cannock

**Problem:** This particular request concerns an issue with a resident of Dartmouth Road being unable to access or exit their drive due to parked cars on the carriageway. There is already a double yellow line restriction in place on the east side of the carriageway and the request is to provide the same along the west side of the carriageway.



The majority of residents have converted the front garden area to allow space for one vehicle to park off the highway; however some residents have not done this or, like so many areas around the County, own more than one vehicle.

We feel that any proposal to introduce a parking restriction along Dartmouth Road will receive a strong negative response from those residents who have no additional facility for their vehicles. Clearing all of the vehicles from Dartmouth Road may also see an increase in vehicles speeds, with the current situation acting as a natural traffic calming. It is our recommendation that this request be returned no further action.

#### Cemetery Road, Cannock

**Problem:** This refers to a request received from a member of the public concerning problems they are experiencing accessing their property due to the amount of parked vehicles lining either side of the carriageway. There is a double yellow line restriction in place from the junction of Cannock Road/Huntington Terrace Road for a distance of roughly 50m. The request would require this existing marking to be extended a further 50m along Cemetery Road to cover the property.

**Comments:** The majority of the houses along this section have off street parking, mostly for one vehicle, however increased car ownership and less movement through the housing market particularly with first time buyers has meant that the majority of these households park additional vehicles on the carriageway. It would be difficult to justify the extension of these markings purely because a resident was experiencing difficulty manoeuvring their vehicle off their drive. It is our recommendation that this be returned as no further action.

#### Stafford Road, Cannock

**Problem:** At the rear of the convenience store on Stafford Road there are currently 3 spaces which allow for parking Monday - Saturday for a limited period of 20 minutes. The proprietor of these stores has requested that this restriction be removed to allow him to park his vehicle their. He is aware that this may mean visitors to the town would be able to park there all day thus preventing him from parking there.

**Comments:** I would imagine that these spaces were conceived to help keep a steady turn around for patrons visiting the store. By removing this restriction there is every possibility that people working in Cannock may take advantage of this and park here for the majority of the day. This would potentially deter customers from the store or worse force them to park on the double yellow lines instead and risk receiving a parking ticket. It is our recommendation that this be returned no further action.



**Priority 2 (2011/2012)**

**Cecil Street and John Street, Cannock - W2/11/008**

Problem: The current traffic orders for these roads have now become obsolete due to a change in the circumstances in the areas surrounding these streets.

Scheme Development

All statutory and informal residents' consultations have taken place. However this is still waiting for confirmation from the County Councillor before the next stage of the process can be continued.

**Hickling Road, Kingswood - W2/11/009**

Problem: A number of issues have been raised concerning the obstruction of the carriageway overnight by HCV's parking on Hickling Road and the surrounding area.

Scheme Development

The consultation process has begun regarding the possibility of implementing a parking restriction on this road and outside the Agrekko building.

**Park Street, Bridgtown - W2/11/010**

Problem: The current traffic order on this road has now become obsolete due to a change in the circumstances in the business units surrounding this street.

Scheme Development

This request to have the parking restriction rescinded has been advertised, but following one formal objection this will now need to be reviewed by the Traffic Manager for a decision on whether to proceed or not.

**Talbot Road, Rugeley - W2/11/011**

Problem: The Parish Council raised a request to look at the problems with the current parking situation around the school.

Scheme Development

A site visit has been made to assess what if anything can be done with the parking restrictions as they currently stand. The next step is to liaise further with the Parish Council regards suggestions and ideas they might wish to contribute.

