

Agenda Annex



**SOUTH WEST
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE
26 SEPTEMBER 2024
WRITTEN ANSWERS PROVIDED TO
PUBLIC QUESTIONS**



1.	Public question from Peter Lowe
	<p>Question 1:</p> <p>Due to proximity to Forge Dam park we are plagued on our narrow road (S10 4GL) with cars parked on the pavement. The large SUV's particularly are the worst. Cars on pavements block the footway for pedestrians, pushchairs carrying small children, wheelchairs, and disability scooters. This behaviour suggests that the vehicle owners care more about protecting their vehicles against potential damage from passing cars than they do about the inconvenience caused to footway users.</p> <p>What will the council do to stop pavement parking in our street?</p>
	<p>Response 1:</p> <p>There was a traffic order made in 2022 which banned pavement parking from most of the City Centre roads. We do not currently have any plans to extend this beyond the City Centre. There is a link to see the detail of the City Centre order:-</p> <p>City centre pavement parking sealed traffic order (sheffield.gov.uk)</p> <p>Obstructive or dangerous parking can be reported to the police using the non-emergency 101 number.</p>
	<p>Question 2:</p> <p>Long term street parking of motor homes is unsightly and unfair on surrounding residents as they take more space and disfigure the streetscape. It suggests that although the owners wish to take occasional holidays in them they do not wish to play their part in community by paying to park them away from residential streets for the majority of the remaining year in designated caravan and/or motor home storage facilities.</p> <p>What can the council do to discourage long term street parking of motor homes?</p>
	<p>Response 2:</p> <p>There are many instances of members of the public contacting us regarding camper vans being parked on the highway and there is no easy solution. Caravans are not permitted to be parked on the highway unless they are attached to a vehicle. If there are instances of caravans being left without a car/van</p>

	<p>attached, then please contact our highway enforcement department at highways@sheffield.gov.uk and they will investigate your concerns.</p> <p>We do not currently have any plans to introduce parking restrictions at this location. Parking restrictions would require a legal process involving public consultation and resulting in a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and corresponding single lines (restricting parking for a limited number of hours) or double yellow lines (restricting parking 24/7).</p> <p>We currently have in excess of 2,000 requests from across the city on our system and a limited budget meaning that only a small amount are considered for implementation each year. There is a request for Whiteley Lane on our Double Yellow Line list – when assessed it scored 9, but we are currently implementing schemes that score higher than 11. The request will remain on our system for consideration in future years. Obviously if yellow lines were installed on Whiteley Lane then this would affect all vehicles wishing to park here and not just the camper vans.</p> <p>As the road is public highway, providing the vehicles are taxed and MOT'd then they can park legally.</p> <p>There is no guarantee that residents or their visitors can park outside their property or even their road unless they have private off-road facilities.</p>
	<p>Question 3:</p> <p>We heard that Sheffield City Council plan to introduce a 20mph speed limit in our street (Whiteley Lane). The street is narrow, it runs past the pedestrian gateway to Forge Dam park, widely used by the local community as well as visitors from further afield, and yet cars regularly exceed the current 30 mph speed limit along it, even when there is a line of parked vehicles occupying one side of the single carriageway. This behaviour is recklessly dangerous.</p> <p>When is the council going to introduce a 20mph speed limit in Whiteley Lane?</p>
	<p>Response 3:</p> <p>The Fulwood 20mph scheme includes Whiteley Lane. The installation of this scheme is due to commence towards the end of September 2024.</p>
	<p>Question 4:</p> <p>Due to the high popularity of forge Dam park which attracts many parked cars causing a shortage of parking places, cars are regularly parked immediately right up to the gateposts of our house, which restricts our ability to turn out safely and dangerously blocks our ability to see any approaching passing vehicles (some of which are speeding) when we are exiting our driveway in our car into the remaining half road width in our narrow street.</p>

We know that we can pay Sheffield City Council to paint non-mandatory white lines to each side of our entrance, but we are not alone in our street in regularly experiencing this risky situation.

Can Sheffield City Council please change the parking rules on Whiteley Lane so as to prevent vehicles parking dangerously close to residents driveway entrances?

Judicious introduction of double yellow lines in sections of the street, particularly to prevent parking opposite driveways and up to driveways would reduce the current risks of collisions.

Response 4:

Guidance and an application form can be provided should Mr Lowe wish to consider installing a white 'H' marking. The Traffic Management Act 2004 gives Sheffield City Councils powers to enforce if a vehicle is parked in front of a dropped kerb. The wording on this specifically says:

A vehicle must not be parked on the carriageway adjacent to a footway, cycle track or verge where:-

- a) the footway, cycle track or verge has been lowered to meet the level of the carriageway for the purpose of:-
 - i. assisting pedestrians crossing the carriageway,
 - ii. assisting cyclists entering or leaving the carriageway, or
 - iii. assisting vehicles entering or leaving the carriageway across the footway, cycle track or verge;

I am sorry vehicles parking near to your driveway (but not in front of the lowered kerb) may cause you problems turning in or out, but we cannot apply the above regulations in this case. As advised previously we can only issue a parking ticket (Penalty Charge Notice) if at least a wheel of a vehicle is on the dropped kerb area, or wheel or other part of the vehicle across the flat section of the dropped kerb.

If a vehicle is parked in front of your dropped kerb, you can report this to us online https://forms.sheffield.gov.uk/form/auto/dropped_kerb Response times may vary but we would assess all such requests made.

Obstruction or dangerous parking can be reported to the police on the non-emergency 101 number

As mentioned above, there is a request on our Double Yellow Line list for Whiteley Lane already on our system. We will now add an additional request for double yellow lines at the junctions on Whiteley Road but cannot offer any guarantee when or indeed if this request would be considered.

Installing double yellow lines involves a legal process and includes full consultation, obviously, living on a residential road there is always the potential

	<p>that residents will object to the reduction in parking and all objections and support would be considered before a scheme would be installed.</p> <p>The Council has a Local Safety Scheme programme that is prioritised by a citywide strategy to reduce road traffic collisions, particularly focused on reducing killed and seriously injured (KSIs) casualties. Although we would like to respond to every collision and enquiry for help, Sheffield City Council Road Safety Department works on a data-led and worst-first approach to target the resources we do have effectively on locations where measures are most urgently needed. Currently, this area is not a feature on our list in need of further intervention.</p> <p>To find out more about what the Road Safety Team are delivering, you can find the Road Safety Action Plan here:- SCC Road Safety Action Plan 2024 - 2029.pdf</p> <p>We appreciate you bringing this to our attention and will continue to assess all the data we receive.</p>
2.	Chris Stewart
	<p>Question:</p> <p>I would like to ask a question about disabled parking in Crosspool shopping centre, I am a disabled driver with a blue badge and often I cannot get parked because non-blue badge drivers park in the spaces and a lot of delivery vans and lorries also park in the blue badge spaces. More than once I found a delivery van in the single blue badge space and on the other side of the road a large lorry parked in the double blue badge bay leaving no space at all for disabled drivers. This is more than frustrating.</p> <p>How can blue badge spaces be more enforced to only blue badge holders and not delivery and non-blue badge drivers?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>We do respond to complaints in the Crosspool area, especially about parking in the blue badge spaces. Not long ago there were discussions with one of the local Councillors regarding the disabled bays. Unfortunately, due to our resources and the number of requests we get it is not possible to be in the area as often as we would like. A patrol will be sent as often as is possible.</p> <p>It is possible that there could be some consultation with local businesses around delivery drivers being more responsible on where they are parking. There are similar problems all over Sheffield, such as Ecclesfield, where the Local Area Committee team spoke to local businesses to try and improve the constant “cat and mouse” situation we face with people parking at their convenience where it is restricted.</p>