



Aylesbury Community Board

Title:	Response to Parking - Corner of Savernake Road and Meadowcroft, Aylesbury
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Summary

A petition has been submitted by the residents of Savernake Road area who have had ongoing problems with dangerous parking on the junction of Savernake Road and Meadowcroft.

Having reviewed the Highway Code, I can confirm that there is a degree of legal parkings at this junction as the highway code states that in rule 242, you must not leave a vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road and rule 243, do not stop or park anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services, opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space, opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle, where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles or in front of an entrance to a property except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

As there is no restrictions currently detailed on the traffic regulation order for that area that the local authority can rely on to provide enforcement this legal parking, there is a reliance on the Police to provide enforcement activities. Vehicles parking inappropriately in this location should be reported to the Police at the time of the offence on telephone number 101.

In order for the local authority to assist the Police in enforcing this location restrictions would need to be added to the traffic regulation order which formalises the restriction and allows the authorities enforcement team to provide enforcement.

In order to add restrictions to a traffic regulation order the authority must follow a set procedure set out in national legislation and includes undertaking a public consultation (see legal implications).

Please note that there is no guarantee that a public consultation on restrictions at this location will receive full support from the public and any objections will have to be considered.

Recommendation

We recommend that an application be submitted for restrictions to be considered at this location in the form of double yellow lines (No waiting at any time).

This can be done via the below web page:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/roads-parking/parking-control-request/>

Supporting information to include the following if a decision is being requested:

Resource implications

The authority holds limited funding to provide new restrictions on the public highway (maintained at public expense). This funding must be targeted to the most appropriate locations. Therefore the authority will only consider the introduction of restrictions where evidence shows that parking is causing:

- a significant obstruction of the public highway (maintained by the authority)
- road safety issues on the public highway (maintained by the authority)

As the authority receives a number of requests that fulfil this requirement the authority score request and can only fund the highest scoring locations as a priority. Unfortunately this means that not all requests can be actioned and the locations that do not receive funding will continue to rely on the provision of enforcement by the Police.

Legal implications

Buckinghamshire Council as a traffic authority is required to comply with primary legislation when introducing waiting, loading and parking restrictions. The Road traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 set out the legal procedures we must follow prior to any restriction being placed on the public highway.

Other implications/issues

Equality and Diversity Issues – Equality Act of 2010. The introduction of double yellow lines at this location will not have any disproportionate effect upon people with protected characteristics, and concerning pavement parking, should improve access.
