

Penrith Traffic Regulation Order Variation 2 - Informal Consultation Results

Cumbria County Council carried out a consultation regarding proposals for a residents parking scheme in the Scaws area of Penrith the results of which are presented below:-

Wetheriggs Lane No Waiting at Any Time

Resident	<p>We agree with all the proposals, namely yellow lines on all the corners you have outlined, as the parking on these corners is ridiculous and dangerous. We note that you have not proposed any changes near our property. With some of the parking being stopped at the Mayburgh Avenue/Netherend Road corner this will inevitably move those cars further along Netherend Road. We already have cars parking opposite our property at the present time. We would have thought that you would have included this area around our property as cars often park opposite and on numerous occasions, tickets have been issued to those cars. This is a dangerous area that really should have double yellow lines from the road coming up from Wetheriggs Lane on to Netherend Road to where the road comes down from Huntley Avenue. These cars often park on the kerb which makes it difficult for those using the footpath. It is extremely difficult for us at times to get out of our driveway due do speeding cars coming down from the Huntley Avenue area and something should be done to mitigate that speed as it is an accident waiting to happen. Cumbria County Council, Eden District Council and Penrith Town Council really need to get their act together and get some large parking area where workers and visitors alike can park without being hounded by traffic wardens</p>	<p>We will review the parking at this location when the scheme is complete.</p>
Resident	<p>Although not part of the proposed changes, I wish to raise some related complaints. At what point will something be done about making the estate residents only parking? The problem of parking on the estate has escalated hugely in the last 10 years or so since Sainsbury's was built. We have been promised residents only parking, but nothing ever seems to move forward with this. Hopefully, this will be resolved as soon as possible. The issue of the estate also being used as a rat run between North Lakes Hotel and Sainsbury's is now at epidemic levels, despite the original planning order (which I have attached to this email) stating that - "If "rat running" does occur consideration may have to be given to further traffic restraint measures." I refer to Section 4.21 of the Penrith New Squares – Traffic Regulations Orders (8 September 2011). In those traffic regulation orders, section 4.21 states: "An additional view and comment that has been made is the possibility of vehicles using Wetheriggs Lane and Clifford Road as a short cut into or out of the development. Although large vehicles will be subject to a weight limit controls, cars and vans will not. It is expected that existing traffic calming measures in Wetheriggs will act as a deterrent to this. If "rat running" does occur consideration may have to be given to further traffic restraint measures." The addition of traffic lights at Junction 40, Kemplay Roundabout and along Bridge Lane/Victoria Road is the main reason people are using the estate to bypass the "main road". It's a well known short cut for Penrith residents. Locals have proposed either a one way system on parts of the estate near North Lakes School or some kind of extension to the residents only access as per that currently on Castle Drive (on the road between town and Queen Elizabeth Grammar School).</p>	
Resident	<p>We do not agree with the proposed parking changes for Wetheriggs Lane, as we feel residents are being penalized for the benefit of others. These areas are already desperately in need of some form of residents only parking</p>	<p>We have removed the Single Yellow Line restrictions from our proposals to allow residents and their visitors to park.</p>

Resident

Firstly your plan that you sent is incorrect as to the existing waiting restrictions. You have a continuous blue line from the Sainsbury's turn to the gate of UCC. This is incorrect as there is a section where there is no restrictions, opposite 1 Holme Riggs Avenue. Cars are always parked on this section and cause obstruction when the school buses are on the move. Secondly, we live at xx Holme Riggs Avenue and we very much welcome the double yellow lines on the corner however all this will do is move the very inconsiderate people who park their vehicles there all day/all night/all weekend further up the street to any small space area that they can squeeze into so that they don't have to walk too far! I actually witnessed a lady the other day park at the back of a workman's van (he was working on a house in the street), she reversed up so close to the back that he will have had to pull forward in order to get into the back of it. It was obvious they were working at the house but that didn't matter she had got parked as near to the bottom as she could. Her friend parked exactly opposite then decided to move her car further onto the pavement as there was hardly enough room for the bus etc to get down the road! What I am asking is that consideration is given to making at least the bottom of these streets residents parking only, Holme Riggs Avenue in particular is on the 646 bus route and some days we seem to have more cars parked on it than Sainsbury's car park and the drivers must find it hard to get through. People park so that residents struggle to get in and out of their drives and it's getting that you dare not go anywhere in your car even for 10 mins because when you get back someone will have parked and you can't get anywhere near your home. I do hope that you will consider residents parking, this will not only cut down on the congestion of vehicles parking at the bottom of these streets but on a health and safety aspect will make it safer for pedestrians trying to cross the road but also for residents pulling out from their homes as they will be able to see clearly anyone coming up or down the street which at times we cannot.

Resident

1. I don't feel the new proposals will make enough difference to improve the existing traffic situation. **2.** According to your map, the 'West side of Wetheriggs Lane between the two school gates should be labelled as pick up and drop off only (max 10 min wait) with no parking at any time. School taxis / minibuses would benefit from this as the school gates are not opened early enough to let them in, so they park on the East side of Wetheriggs Lane for up to 30 mins each day whilst the West side is full. **3.** The yellow 'No Waiting at Any Time' lines should also be at the top junction from Wetheriggs Lane to Netherend Road (next to No. 13 Netherend Road) to prevent parking too close to that junction, just as there are lines at the junction off Netherend Road onto Mayburgh Avenue. Excess traffic use this hill to park on as they do on Wetheriggs Lane. **4.** The new 'No Waiting Monday to Friday 08.30 - 16.30 single yellow line should apply to the whole of the East side of Wetheriggs Lane to Clifford Road. Cars park on the West side of Wetheriggs Lane as far as Clifford Road everyday and the road is severely restricted if cars park on the East side as well. The congestion does not just occur outside the school area. **6.** Wetheriggs Lane also has a limit of 7.5 T max vehicle access however, there is continuous use by HGV's which compounds the traffic problem. **7.** The speed limit is also not adhered to as it's not visible enough. The limit is 20 mph but 90% of people believe it to be 30 mph until you get round to Clifford Road near the North Lakes Hotel. I strongly believe this is because there are not enough speed limit signs.

Resident

I have copied Helen in as in 2015 I raised with her the increasing problems caused in the area by cars being parked dangerously by contractors and other workers working on the Premier Inn development. The situation then only eased once the building was complete as unfortunately Cumbria Constabulary were unable to attend the area despite reports being made. Since then have taken a keen interest in the situation of vehicles parked in and around my and my elderly and disabled neighbours houses ever since. In part because at times it has been difficult to get off my drive due to these parked cars . I am telling your this as I believe my current knowledge is relevant to my comments below . I hope you recognise that I do see there is a need for some changes in the current waiting restrictions in the area and hope my comments will be seen as helping to provide a solution rather than being negative. 1. The map circulated does not accurately reflect the current waiting restrictions - the map shows a solid green line running from Kilgour Street up to the entrance of UCC and the area of the existing zebra crossing (indicating no waiting at any time.) In actual fact there is a definite gap large enough for approx. 3 cars to park . This begins at the end of the speed platform opposite no. 3 Holme Riggs Avenue and finishing opposite no 1 Holme Riggs Avenue . This has been the case for the 15 years I have lived here. 2. Request to change the proposal for the area outside and along the side of 2 & 4 Holme Riggs Avenue to be NO Waiting 8.30 to 4.30 Monday to Friday (as is going to be the case outside 1 & 3 Holme Riggs Ave) rather than double yellow lines . My reason for this is as follows; The parking congestion in the area of Holme Riggs Avenue and Mayburgh Avenue is caused by workers parking up and walking into the town for their days work. When Sainsbury changed their car parking to 3 hours only the long term parking provided by the previous Southend Road facility was lost to workers. This has led to a significant increase in workers parking their cars in this area for their working day. I know this because over the years I have spoken to several of the motorists as they park up. Residential streets previously empty as the residents went off to work are now congested with workers moving in to those vacated spaces. What were once relatively clear streets for the large town buses and school coaches to move through are now congested by these vehicles during day time working hours . For this reason I would ask that consideration be given to the area outside the front of my house and along the side into Holme Riggs Avenue to be single yellow line i.e. no waiting Monday to Friday as per the red line on the map rather than no waiting at any time , double yellow lines , as currently indicated. This will then allow for weekend and evening visitor parking to the properties when there are no school buses , parents waiting to pick up children or town bus service in the area which are affected by the congestion.

We have removed the SYL's from the proposals and are proposing to change the DYL mentioned to SYL.

Princes Street

Thank you for your reply, but I still maintain that Princes St. as far as I am aware does not extend beyond No. 4 Great Dockray which has been my address for many years which is where the road begins to narrow more quickly. I can see, as I said in my previous email, that double yellow lines from there to Crown Square would make sense. I cannot however see that the remaining stretch warrants that level of restriction when there is already a single yellow in place, and parking after 6.00pm does not cause a problem for the amount of traffic using the road at that time. A number of people with disabled badges park in this area during the day, but adding double yellow lines will not change that situation. I have to say that the problem is, that no action is taken in enforcing the single yellow restrictions that are in place at the moment, so what difference will putting double lines there make? So therefore I would like to register my objection to double yellow lines beyond No4 Great Dockray but would not oppose them, from there down, on Princes St. to Crown Square

Ash Road

Resident

I am writing with regard to your letter dated 1st December 2017, Ref TRO ASH. the proposed markings on the plan that was delivered to me are not very clear, but it appears that if the proposal goes ahead, I will have double yellow lines in front of my house. If this is the case, where are my visitors expected to park? With the restrictions applied by Cumbrian Homes that liveried vehicles are not allowed to park on the properties it means that many park along Ash Road, therefore preventing any visitors from parking there. If this is a measure to enforce the Highway Code, why are the yellow lines only at the junctions of Laburnum Way and Hawthorn Drive with Ash Road and not any of the other junctions, including the opposite side of the road to the junctions

Resident

We think you need to re-consider the Double Yellow lines at this junction, we actually live at Laburnum Way and have done since the Estate was built. We think you have this totally wrong! In the 17 years we have lived here we have never had any cars parked! Not sure who is complaining! We have never had an issue. If it's not broken don't fix it i think is the saying. We think you need to look at the entrance to Cherry Gardens and next to the traffic island this area is always congested. Are you acting on complaints or have you actually driven around the estate at various times of day! To check this out. Our Council money would be better spent filling pot Holes (i.e Sandgate and outside Arnold Clark's - maybe not your area but please pass it on

Cherry Gardens

Resident

1). Please can you send me a copy of the complaints that you have received as I am interested to see how many there are. 2). Are the double yellow lines going further down the road - on the other side of the buildout? 3). Have you looked at measuring the speed of the vehicles along Ash Road? My first thought would be that the speed of vehicles up and down the road causes more of a problem as they can't stop in time when a car approaches from the hillside bend. We are more than willing for you to assemble a camera to monitor this from our property if you wish to do so. 4). Do you have a solution to any of the parking issues? It's all well and good putting down double yellows but the cars will move elsewhere and cause a problem somewhere else.

We have changed our design to allow a space for parking.

Resident

I just wanted to email to say thanks for the letter regarding the no waiting at any time restriction on Ash Road. I have been meaning to contact the council about this for some time! I live at Cherry Gardens and it is definitely required. I do also feel that problem area is further down – I have attached your plan and added in pink (apologies) where people park up to the little island thing where there is a bike lane on the left. When this section is full of cars it means you have to commit to going for it and we frequently meet cars coming from the opposite direction, speeding around the corner. I don't really understand why there is a bike lane there and nowhere else but I am sure you have your reasons... Whilst I understand this is a slightly different problem it is just as dangerous as us having to pull out blind because cars are parked around the junction.

Pategill Road

Resident

Reference to your proposal for double lines Pategill Road. my property not marked on your plan is a household that will be effected i have monitored this situation for the last 8 years i strongly believe if you place the double yellow lines on the other side of the road from the pavement leading to number 78 to the pavement leading down to Carleton Drive by number 76 this will allow for the bus it then manage the area quite easily ,also the bus will be able to get near the pavement . With your proposal you will get cars parking along the road were the bus stop is . The other proposal make it residents only parking the problem we have is with people using Pategill Road as a cheap carpark . With your proposal i would have to park my vehicles small smart car and a van away from the house were would be of great interest. I am a demand engineer working for Hospitals and business all over the north of England i get called out through the night so lugging my tools of my trade in and out of the vehicle is not a great option. The old link road could that not be used as the bus stop allowing the bus to pull in ?

We have modified the scheme to a staggered single yellow line to maximise parking whilst keeping the Bus Stop clear of parking.