

Briefing Note

Failsworth District Executive

Request for Double Yellow Lines, Medlock Road Woodhouses

1 Background

A request has been received from the residents of 120 Medlock Road, Woodhouses, for the introduction of yellow lines outside theirs and their neighbour's property, due to obstructive parking taking place, generated by patrons of the Dog and Partridge Pub.

The pub re-opened last year further to a period of refurbishment and although there is a large car park, its popularity means that the car park can become full and overspill parking can at times take place along Medlock Road, both outside the pub and the houses opposite. The residents initially contacted Unity Highways last year explaining that the parking outside their properties is causing them extreme difficulties seeing approaching traffic when trying to exit from their driveways and the parking opposite is causing the residents difficulty being able to manoeuvre off their driveways. The residents therefore requested that double yellow lines be introduced on both sides of the road, along the pub frontage and outside their properties, to alleviate the problem.

Observations undertaken last year in the area, at various times of the day and evening and on various days of the week, revealed that parking was taking place on both sides of the road. However, the level of parking was different on each visit and did not always generate the problems described. Observations were also undertaken along the full length of Medlock Road, within the village area, which revealed problematic parking occurring intermittently throughout Medlock Road. Photographs undertaken at the times of the observations are attached at Appendix A

Introducing double yellow lines, on both sides of the road, in the vicinity of the pub and the residents' properties would prevent any vehicle from

waiting, but this would also include residents and their visitors; double yellow lines would also displace parking to other locations possibly creating the same problems for other residents.

Due to the parking levels throughout the village and the displaced parking that could result from the introduction of double yellow lines, the matter was discussed with ward members for advice on how they wished to proceed. The feedback received was to monitor the situation for the time being, due to the popularity of the pub being re—opened.

2 Current Position

The parking problems reported last year seemed to die down for a period of time, but the resident at number 120 Medlock Road has recently made contact again with Unity Highways regarding the parking problems now being experienced again and has forwarded photographic evidence for consideration. The photos are attached at Appendix B.

The resident has explained that they confirm the exact times the parking takes place but it can vary from when the pub opens and can continue overnight. The parking can vary from anything from 12 noon until closing both on Saturdays and Sundays. Weekday parking generally starts from 5pm onwards. The resident has also stated that customers are also parking on the road even when the car park is empty.

The resident is now requesting that further consideration be given to the introduction of double yellow lines.

It is clear from the photos that have been supplied that parking can at times be problematic, however, observations recently undertaken on a weekend period have not revealed the obstructive parking taking place in the vicinity of the pub, but again footway parking was taking place along other sections of Medlock Road where residents rely on the highway for parking.

Due to the demand for highway parking, the introduction of double yellow lines in the vicinity of the Dog and Partridge pub could displace the overspill pub parking to outside the properties where residents rely on the highway for parking or could transfer the problem outside other residents' driveways.

Isolated short lengths of double yellow lines can also be difficult to enforce, which can lead to contraventions if regular enforcement is not undertaken.

3. Recommendation

Due to the parking levels throughout the village, the intermittent parking observed outside the pub and the displaced parking that could result from the introduction of double yellow lines, it is recommended that the District Executive advise how they feel the matter should be progressed.

