

Item 103 on agenda

PR0560: Objections summary

A total of 37 representations were received 34 of which are objections or are opposed to the scheme. Most respondents were in support of some parking restrictions in Church Lane (especially around the junction of Church Lane and St Mary's Road) and agreed that access is difficult if vehicles are parked on both sides of the road but were against parking restrictions outside of the community Hall. The Community Hall is used for many clubs activities and provides a vital community resource to the benefit of users physical and mental wellbeing. Most representations felt that double yellow lines around the junction of Church Lane and St Mary's Road are a good idea.

No.	Summary of Objection/ Representation ranked by number of times mentioned (includes issues raised in 3 or more representations)	Officer Response
1. a)	<u>Proposed Restrictions Church Lane north side outside of Community Hall</u> Concern for users of the hall who need to park nearby because of mobility issues. Hall has very limited off street parking and is used frequently by various clubs and activities. Many users of the hall live too far away not to use cars and park responsibly. Many of the clubs offer social and physical benefits and are important for attendees physical and mental wellbeing. (Raised in 32 responses)	<p>The double yellow lines outside of the Community Hall have been requested by the Parish Council for road safety reasons as vehicles parked outside the hall restrict visibility for road users including parents and young children attending classes etc. at the Hall. The proposed double yellow lines will improve safety for all road users including pedestrians, cyclists and mobility scooters.</p> <p>Although double yellow lines are proposed directly outside the Hall (for road safety reasons), there is some parking available within the grounds of the hall (although I appreciate this is limited) and on the road where parking will be unrestricted to the west of the entrance to the Hall.</p> <p>To clarify the limitations of the double yellow lines, it is not unlawful for persons to board or alight vehicles, for vehicles to stop to load or unload goods and waiting is not prohibited so long as such waiting by that vehicle is reasonably necessary in connection with any</p>

		<p>wedding or funeral. Blue badge holders are permitted to park on double yellow lines for up to 3 hours.</p> <p>Whilst I appreciate that the proposed Prohibition of Waiting will cause some loss of on street parking the purpose of the highway is for passing and re-passing. The Council as Highways Authority has to balance on street parking demand with road safety considerations and whilst we acknowledge that there may be some loss of on street parking because of the proposed parking restrictions the major concern is the safe movement of traffic on the public highway.</p>
b)	Proposed restrictions will displace parking to outside of residential properties and further down Church Lane and unrestricted side roads (Raised in 19 responses)	We accept there will be some displacement caused by the proposed restrictions. No restrictions are currently proposed for the side roads as they do not currently suffer from high levels of non-resident parking. Also, parking in the side roads has less safety and traffic management implications.
c)	Need to park close to Hall on unload equipment for classes. (Raised in 2 responses).	To clarify the limitations of the double yellow lines, it is not unlawful for vehicles to stop to load or unload goods.
d)	Restrictions will affect commercial sustainability of the Hall as users will stop using and the Hall raises essential funds for the Church. (Raised in 2 responses)	Noted.
2.	<u>Proposed restrictions on Church Lane South side near St Marys Church</u>	
a)	Restrictions on south side will seriously limit church members parking many of whom have limited mobility so cannot park far away (such as in Co-Op car park). Impact on Parish	The issues you have raised with a large percentage of your congregation having limited mobility and the effect the proposed parking restrictions could have on the Parish Church is noted. If the proposed restrictions were to be implemented there would still be unrestricted parking available on the north side of Church

	Church. (Raised in 5 responses)	<p>Lane (between No.s 2 Paddock Way and The Old Vicarage) and also in Paddock Way.</p> <p>I will share your comments you have raised (particularly those regarding amending the restrictions near the Church to single yellow lines with permitted parking on Sunday mornings) with the Highways Engineer at Cambridgeshire County Council who is managing this scheme who in turn may wish to share your comments with Sawston Parish Council (if you permit?) as the Parish Council have requested these restrictions.</p>
3.	<u>Alternative suggestions</u>	
a)	Omit waiting restrictions on the north side of Church Lane outside of St Mary's Community Hall (Church Hall).	<p>The double yellow lines outside of the Community Hall have been requested by the Parish Council for road safety reasons as vehicles parked outside the hall restrict visibility for road users including parents and young children attending classes etc. at the Hall. The proposed double yellow lines will improve safety for all road users including pedestrians, cyclists and mobility scooters. Although double yellow lines are proposed directly outside the Hall (for road safety reasons), there is some parking available within the grounds of the hall (although I appreciate this is limited) and on the road where parking will be unrestricted to the west of the entrance to the Hall.</p> <p>To clarify the limitations of the double yellow lines, it is not unlawful for persons to board or alight vehicles, for vehicles to stop to load or unload goods and waiting is not prohibited so long as such waiting by that vehicle is reasonably necessary in connection with any wedding or funeral. Blue badge holders are permitted to park on double yellow lines for up to 3 hours.</p>

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b)	Surely the farmer could be permitted to put out cones on the days when he needs to move machinery.	The purpose of the highway is for passing and re-passing.
c)	If you do go ahead with the proposal, could we please ask that the double yellow lines down St Mary's Road extend all the way to the dropped curb of our house, 1 St Mary's Road.	Regarding your comments about extending the double yellow lines to cover your dropped kerb access, I will share this with the Highway Engineer who is project managing this scheme however if we were to add additional double yellow lines to the proposal we would have to re-advertise the Traffic Regulation Order in the press etc. Drivers should be aware that you are not permitted to park across a dropped kerbed access and that the police can enforce any obstruction.

d)	<p>If you do go ahead with the proposal, could we please ask that the double yellow lines down St Mary's Road extend all the way to the dropped curb of our house, 2 St Mary's Road. This is further than the 10m shown in your plan. If the double yellow lines extend to the point shown in the plan we are likely to have cars parked right outside our house and blocking our entrance. This would be far worse than the current situation.</p>	As above.
e)	<p>It would be more realistic if one side of Church Lane was affected, leaving the south, walled side available for parking.</p>	As above.
f)	<p>Restricting parking on the north side of Church Lane would be preferable to the south side. There is more space on the south side to allow more cars to park, and the owners of the houses would not have their drives obstructed.</p>	As above.
g)	<p>Restricting parking on both sides of the road adjacent to the Church Hall is overkill. Often there are cars of people attending activities and events on the hall, and some on-street parking is clearly necessary.</p> <p>The current proposal will cause disruptive parking outside adjacent houses. Better to allow parking along the north side to allow parents with children to park safely.</p>	<p>Sawston Parish Council applied for LHI funding to address concerns regarding parking on both sides of Church Lane that causes narrowing of the carriageway to the extent that on some occasions access for emergency vehicles and agricultural vehicles has been blocked. The double yellow lines outside of the Community Hall have been requested by the Parish Council for road safety reasons as vehicles parked outside the hall restrict visibility for road users including parents and young children attending classes etc. at the Hall. The proposed double yellow lines will improve safety for all road users including pedestrians, cyclists and mobility scooters.</p>

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h)	Limit parking restrictions to North side of Church Lane in the vicinity of the Church to allow parking space for Church goers. Alternatively single yellow lines allowing for parking on Sunday mornings.	I will share your comments you have raised (particularly those regarding amending the restrictions near the Church to single yellow lines with permitted parking on Sunday mornings) with the Highways Engineer at Cambridgeshire County Council who is managing this scheme who in turn may wish to share your comments with Sawston Parish Council (if you permit?) as the Parish Council have requested these restrictions.
i)	Double Yellow lines should be put on the North Side	As above

	<p>continued from Paddock Way to the words “cut off” on your plan, the few bungalow’s on that side have large driveways where multiple cars can park, when they enter Church Lane it will be safer. This will mean around 20 cars can park on the south side by the wall abutting the churchyard. Then double yellow lines should be put on the South side again from the words “cut off” on your plan to around St Mary’s Road as you have drawn. This will then ensure there is no double parking and the traffic is free to flow up Church Lane, people can park to use the Church, and a few spaces to park out outside the hall if the car park is full. Of course this would mean it will be cheaper for you to install and maintain.</p>	
j)	<p>At western Church end of Church Lane. DYLS on north side. Restricted waiting for 3 hours. DYLS to be removed on hall side</p>	<p>I will share your comments you have raised (particularly those regarding amending the restrictions near the Church to single yellow lines with permitted parking on Sunday mornings) with the Highways Engineer at Cambridgeshire County Council who is managing this scheme who in turn may wish to share your comments with Sawston Parish Council (if you permit?) as the Parish Council have requested these restrictions.</p>
4.	<p><u>Safety Issues</u></p>	
a)	<p>Need for 20mph speed limit on Church Lane (and other nearby estate roads) (Received in 4 responses)</p>	<p>The introduction of a 20mph speed limit would require the making of a separate Order (a Speed Limit Order) which in turn would require prior consultation and support from the Police so would be beyond the scope of this Traffic Regulation Order.</p>
b)		

	<p>It's not the parking in Church Lane that's a problem, it's parking inconsiderately that is. (received in 1 response)</p>	<p>I agree with your comment regarding inconsiderate parking and the proposed parking restrictions will enforce considerate parking. Better management of parking can have safety benefits, such as by ensuring visibility at junctions is not obscured.</p>
5.	<p><u>Other issues</u></p> <p>a) Whilst it is important that people do not park dangerously, it is deeply concerning that too many parking restrictions will kill the life of the village centre and force more parking into residential estates where the dangers to children are greater.</p> <p>b) Church Lane is used for people parking by users of the frequent coach trips which leave from the war memorial. (3)</p>	
6.	<p><u>Consultation</u></p> <p>a) I think it unfortunate that this consultation has taken place in August when many people are away. The Hall is also used less in the summer so Users from further away (who come by car!) have not had a chance to see the Notices and object to the proposals. Between 200 and 300 people use the Hall each week in term-time.</p> <p>ALSO St Mary's Hall has a letterbox – but we have not had any notification of the proposed TRO outside the property. Should we have</p>	<p>Regarding your point about St Mary's Hall having a letter box and not receiving notification, I was on site on the 24th July 2019 to put up the site notice and hand deliver the consultation letters and clearly recall posting a consultation letter into the letter box next to the main entrance of the Hall so I don't know whether the letter could have been taken out by anyone else? I am aware that the deadline for consultation responses is today but if the Hall Management Committee feels it needs more time to prepare any representations I would be happy to allow an extension if required?</p>

	had correspondence about this?	
7.	<u>Comments in support</u>	
a)	I wish to lend my support to the proposals to install double yellow lines on the proposed streets in Sawston. I often find that parking on both sides of the roads causes the road to become extremely narrow, restricting traffic flow and preventing access for large / emergency vehicles. I also find increasingly difficult to back out of my drive with cars parked on both sides of the road.	Your comments in support of this proposal are noted.
b)	I live in St Marys Road Sawston and have children. As there is only pavement on one side of Church Lane, we have to cross Church Lane every time we walk down the village. There is only one obvious place to do this - by the entrance to St Marys Church Hall. At the moment, people park their cars such that crossing here is often quite difficult and dangerous. I want to encourage my children to have independence - they are old enough that, in a village like Sawston, they ought to be able to cross minor roads safely on their own. I think that double yellow lines near the entrance to St Marys Church Hall will mean that we have better visibility when crossing the road.	Your comments in support of this proposal are noted.

8.	<u>Other issues raised, but not directly related to the parking restriction proposals</u>	<i>These responses are not directly related to the published proposals, so probably not to be reported to Committee.</i>
a)	DYLS at the top of Mill Lane are ignored by people using the post office, these should be enforced. (Raised in 1 response)	Parking enforcement in South Cambridgeshire is a police function and it is acknowledged that their resources are stretched. However, double yellow lines are generally well understood by drivers and largely self-enforcing. Drivers may make short duration stops on the double yellow lines for the purposes of loading/unloading, setting down/picking up passengers and other essential activities.
b)	Please be aware that, since the Co-op took over from Budgens in Sawston, there has been the introduction of a 3 hour parking limit in the car park there. This has increased the need for business users and workers to park in the surrounding roads, including Church Lane. (Raised in 3 responses)	I note your comments regarding the effects caused by the introduction of a 3 hour parking restriction in the Co-Op car park. I am not sure who owns and manages the car park in Sawston but given that available parking in the High Street is limited it may be worth raising this issue with the Parish Council and or your local Councillor.

POSSIBLE OPTIONS GOING FORWARD

Option	Description	Officer Comment
A	Implement the scheme as published.	
B		
C		
D	Abandon the whole scheme.	