

## Residents of Ben Hale Close

Dear sir/madam

5 November 2021

### Objection to Green Lane Area Parking Review

Your Ref: 21-23

I am sending this Notice of Objection on behalf of all residents of Ben Hale Close, who have signified their agreement with the contents by signing below. We object to the proposed measures for the following reasons:

1. Contrary to what you have stated, we have no recollection of being consulted in September 2020. These current proposals are the first we have learnt of them. Could you please share with us the results of your consultation broken down road by road?
2. It is unnecessary to have double yellow lines in the areas indicated, nor anywhere else on your plan. The proposed measures are said to address "... commuter parking and freeing up road space for the local residents and businesses..." Firstly, we have not historically suffered, nor do we currently suffer from commuter parking in Ben Hale Close. Further, we question how the proposed measures can free up road space for local residents and businesses when it is taking that road space out of circulation by the use of double yellow lines. Secondly, those objectives can be achieved in any event by single yellow restrictions with additional times to those already in force, ie 8-10am presently and adding an afternoon time, say 2-3pm which we have previously proposed and does not hinder those picking up children from St Johns School. Otherwise, double yellow lines means that such road space for parking is forever unavailable to service providers such as builders etc. In addition, such is forever unavailable to family and guests of residents. Some residents have grandchildren, some of whom are very young, others are elderly and most have elderly relatives. The current proposals would unduly hinder them.
3. The proposed double yellow lines would not have a positive impact on "...dangerous/obstructive parking, improve access and sightlines and (to) re-enforce the rules of the Highway Code". Firstly, large vehicles such as lorries/vans/ambulances have always been able to drive down the Close without any hinderance. Secondly, parking in the far end of Ben Hale Close is limited as there are a number of drives and anyone attempting to illegally park there has been an historical rarity to date. Your proposed measures increases the chance of people collecting children from St Johns School having to make a wider search for spaces and parking over drives (as happens in Embry Way). This will create more danger than we have, is an injury threat to residents and an accident waiting to happen. Thirdly, the proposed double yellow lines at the beginning of the Close is not needed for reasons set out in 2 above, and has not caused obstructions or other such problems. There is no "sightline" to address.
4. The introduction of double yellow lines on a quiet Close could prejudice the value of our properties, as the disadvantages noted in 1-3 above would make would-be purchasers less interested.
5. If the more limited restrictions proposed in 2 above are introduced for Ben Hale Close, which has the effect your Review requires, they should be mirrored for Green Lane, Culverlands Close and Woodside Close. Your objectives for them are equally met by our proposals. If the double-yellow line approach is implemented, which would need to be mirrored as set out in

your proposed measures, inevitably Ben Hale Close will be prejudiced as those picking up from St Johns School will be forced to park illegally across our drives as this is less likely to be noticed or enforced than in Green Lane as a more major tributary. This poses extra dangers as set out in 3 above.

Our overriding desire is to be able to live our lives and enjoy our properties without unnecessary restrictions which would otherwise be prejudiced by your Review proposals, which we consider to be oppressive. We recognise that the approach ultimately to be taken needs to be the same for all the roads otherwise those with lesser restrictions will be a magnet to those who need parking spaces. Therefore, in summary, we consider that any changes are limited to what we propose in 2 which should be mirrored in Green Lane, Culverlands Close and Woodside Close, which proposals are proportionate, reasonable and workable. I would be happy to address you or your committee in furtherance of our objections and proposals. We look forward to hearing from you.

I am sending this communication by post and email. Please acknowledge safe receipt.

Yours sincerely

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