

Objection 2

Subject: Yellow lines - New Road, Netherthong - Ref: DEV/JE/D116-2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

Traffic Regulation (No.9) Order 2020 - New Road, Netherthong

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I wish to object to the above mentioned traffic regulation. At the bottom of New Road there is a sign that states there is 'No Footway for 1/2 mile' yet there is a 'painted on' footway which apparently has been described to other members of the Netherthong community as a 'ghost footway'. I am unable to find the legal status of a 'ghost footway' so am unsure if it can be parked on. If the above mentioned traffic regulation is implemented traffic may still be able to park on the opposite (church) side of the road therefore any road safety improvements would not materialise and could in fact make the situation worse as pedestrians would not be able use the 'ghost footway' on the church side of the road. Also the yellow lines would mean vehicles would have to park elsewhere in a village where parking is already a big issue. One knock on effect, especially at school start and finish times, would be to move the problem further down New Road to the junction with Netherlea Drive. Parking would be permitted once the yellow lines stop meaning downward flowing traffic would proceed on the wrong side of the road. Traffic on the wrong side of the road is extremely difficult to see if you are moving out of the Netherlea Drive junction especially as it is so dark because of the trees in the graveyard and field.

There needs to be clarity about the status of the 'ghost footway' and whether it can be legally parked on. If the 'ghost footway' can not be parked on the yellow lines need to be extended to 10 metres below the Netherlea Drive junction so maximum visibility out of Netherlea Drive can be maintained and Rule 234 of the Highway Code (Do not stop or park: opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space) is complied with.

There is currently a keep clear solid white line at the end of Holmleigh Manor's drive, which services three properties, yet residents of Netherlea Drive (82 properties) also struggle now with their junction and it will get worse with the knock on effect of these proposed yellow lines.

On another matter, New Road has recently been resurfaced but the existing yellow lines have not been put back exactly as shown in your plan. They need extending slightly along Towngate, on the church side.

I would like a reply to this email and my issues addressed.

Thank you for your time