

**Your ref: DEV/HG/D116-2219**

**Re: Proposed parking restrictions, Field Lane, George Street, Talbot Street, Whitaker Street, Wood Street and Bar Street, Batley**

By way of introduction, we are a [REDACTED]

In summary; essentially it is a group of local people who care deeply about this area, who wish to make a difference and help to provide support and a voice to people. We cover c250 households, in a largely ageing population, along with residents who have various challenges, which poses nuances to interaction with authorities and agencies. We have relationships with people who have been working in this area for a substantial number of years; who therefore understand that it's an area that has always been a close-knit community and includes a demographic which has certain language barriers. We have various projects ongoing, some of which I have summarised below..We have also created good working relationships and effective collaboration with our councillors and local organisations. We have hosted multi-agency meetings with local residents, the local MP, representatives from West Yorkshire Police, the Masjid's, the Madresah's, community centres, the local school and Safer Kirklees.

Projects have included road repairs, street maintenance, creating communication with the council, ASB support, road safety measures and proposals to the council in relation to recreational and exercise areas.

[REDACTED] was set up pre the first national COVID-19 lockdown to support everyone in the community. As explained, [REDACTED] is headed by residents in the community, along with a number of professionals and businesses who reside in the community, all of whom care deeply about the community. People were notified via leaflet drops to every household and social media platforms. Support has been provided in various ways, inc but not limited to:-

- Collecting essential shopping
- Collecting medicines
- Financial and emotional support
- Food parcels (package sent to every house)
- Kids competitions

We are also a recognised [REDACTED]. Feedback has been really positive and cements how [REDACTED], can make real positive differences to people.

Additionally, we assist local residents with support and signposting in relation to issues such as:-

- Area Infrastructure:- including roads (potholes), speeding, drains, street lighting, litter bins, grit bins, pavements, road markings and, safe play and recreational areas for the community and general maintenance.
- Anti-Social Behaviour & Crime:- hotspots for people from outside the area, involved in drugs, littering, nuisance, crime etc, especially at night, speeding, careless driving, drug dealing, drug usage.

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On behalf of residents, we are extremely concerned with the proposals outlined in your proposal and would like to formally object to the proposals.

This will affect local businesses at Field Lane, as well as the residents in the surrounding streets. People will park in Talbot Street for example. It is difficult enough for parking, putting double yellow lines will increase the issue. By doing what you are proposing, it would simply move the problem from one street to another. Plus the risks of causing potential hazard for children crossing the road to the schools.

You will be aware the Community Centre on Field Lane WAS being used by the NHS as a Covid Vaccination Centre and the footfall and traffic increased as a result, members of the wider public(who were not from this area) used the Centre and parking their vehicles inappropriately, not using the Community Centre Car Park at the rear. This is what we believe has instigated this proposal. Please note, the centre is now NO LONGER being used as a covid vaccination centre, so the problem with the obstructive parking has ended. It is, therefore, unreasonable to install double yellow lines all the way down Field Lane. We appreciate they are needed on the corners where Bar Street meets Field Lane. This would certainly help with driving away from the junction, and for emergency vehicles. But they certainly are not needed all the way up and down the whole road Field Lane. We can foresee no significant benefit from the proposed plan as it is.

I would advise you to review your past complaints, if any, in relation to the obstructive parking you have stated in your letter and disclose the same to us for me to review. Please also advise the number of objections you have received. Residents we have spoken to have advised they have sent various objections to the council, but have not received any acknowledgement. Should you require a Subject Access Request, please provide with the relevant form and procedure.

We have local businesses who we work closely with, who have been trading in the same location for several years. They contribute to the local community, assisting with our  We believe they should not be penalised, nor should our local residents. We implore you to find a better, more acceptable resolution for all parties.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

