



WEST HOATHLY PARISH COUNCIL

representing Highbrook, Selsfield, Sharpthorne, Tyes Cross and West Hoathly

Position Statement Yellow Lines and Access Protection Lines

Yellow Lines

The introduction of Yellow Lines to stop cars parking requires the installation of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

TROs are legal documents that enable the local highway authority to manage traffic in the county and are required to implement:

- parking places
- waiting, loading and unloading bays
- yellow lines
- one-way streets
- turning bans
- prohibitions of vehicles
- vehicle weight restrictions
- bus and cycle lanes
- taxi ranks.

Some TROs are requested by residents via the local County Councillor, local groups or the emergency services who want to resolve traffic congestion or issues that affect their daily lives.

TROs can only be introduced following a legal process. Each TRO is advertised and consulted on. Anyone can object to or support a proposed TRO. Deadlines for the submission of comments are clearly shown on each Order. Once the consultation period is over a decision is made by County Councillors at a County Local Committee meeting in the relevant area. If the TRO is agreed, arrangements are then made for the necessary signs and road markings to be provided. A final notice is published in a local paper stating when the Order will come into effect.

Even if there are no objections it can take up to a year before yellow lines appear as TROs are prioritised.

Access Protection Lines

Another option to try and deter parking could be the installation of an Access Protection Line. These markings can act as very good deterrents to stop people parking across an access. However such markings are not enforceable and rely on the good will of motorists not to park on or over the line. As it is not an enforceable marking WSCC ask for a fee (currently £109) to install the marking.

Parish Council Position

Based on previous feedback from parish residents there is generally no desire for yellow lines to be installed within the parish.

The Parish Council position is that it will not support the implementation of yellow lines anywhere within the parish as this will have an adverse impact on local residents when parking space is already at a premium.

The Parish Council did support the implementation of 2 Access Protection Lines on North Lane. These were installed at known "pinch points" where the road narrows and at a time when the 84 Metrobus service came along North Lane and was often held up due to vehicles parking at these pinch points and blocking the way. The Parish Council would only support further Access Protection Lines in special circumstances such as this since the installation of Access Protection Lines in one place would not resolve the issue but only exacerbate the problem elsewhere within the same locality.

Within the draft West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan there are proposals for ensuring adequate parking with any new development and existing off-road parking is protected.