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To: [Andy Bracey](#)
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Date: 28 July 2022 09:40:56

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Parking Office](#)
Subject: Parking consultation
Date: 27 July 2022 14:06:34

I am writing to add my comments to the Bull Lane and Greenfield Close Eccles.

Bull Lane a very much needed safety measure. It can be hell to drive down Bull lane to Aylesford, there has been damage to cars. But where do these cars etc now park if they can't park on Bull Lane. The extra houses built where one pub stood and the conversion of the offices/ factory on the corner of Cork St to a number of flats have also added to parking issues yes the yellow lines are needed, but parking spaces need to be found.

Greenfield Close, these yellow lines need to go further up Bull lane, the speed of cars and lorries travelling into Eccles means a good line of sight is needed. Cars parked outside 101 Bull Lane make it very difficult to see when leaving Greenfield Close.

The lines in Greenfield Close should go further around the close to around the bend outside 85. Parking there is an issue at times.

Many thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Parking Office](#)
Subject: FW: Yellow Line Proposals for Bull Lane & Greenfield Close
Date: 31 July 2022 20:56:39

Please find attached a copy of an email I have sent to Aylesford Parish Council regarding the proposed Yellow Lines for Bull Lane & Greenfield Close Eccles

I believe that the proposals should go ahead as they are in the best interest for Villagers and through traffic. Parking on the bend in Bull Lane is especially dangerous and has been made even more hazardous by the increase in HGV's using Bull Lane some of these vehicles are so large that it is impossible for them to remain on their side of the road. The parked cars make visibility impossible for motorists to safely make a decision when to pull out and pass the parked vehicles. Skid marks are visible on the road indicating near misses.

The reasons given by the Parish Councillors and minority of villagers who are objecting do not justify breaking rule 243 in the Highway Code there are other solutions to these problems which will not endanger road users and pedestrians .

Regards

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 July 2022 16:54
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Yellow Line Proposals for Bull Lane & Greenfield Close

I contacted both of the Eccles Parish Council representatives after seeing on the Eccles Facebook Group that the Parish Council is going to oppose the scheme. I understand from Councillor's Ludlow and Beadle that the proposals for yellow lines on Bull Lane & Greenfield Close are being discussed at the Council Meeting on Tuesday.

There seems to a consensus among the Councillors and a vocal minority of villagers that it is acceptable to have vehicles parked dangerously contravening Rule 243 in the Highway Code for the following reasons:-

- Parking vehicles on the bend slows down through traffic, surely this should be tackled by traffic calming measures.
- There is not enough parking in the village, this surely is not the way to solve this problem, lack of parking will only get worse once the Trenport Development is given the go ahead and I think we should not delude ourselves if we think Trenport will solve this problem.

I hope that common sense prevails, and the Council support the proposals to allow the yellow lines to go ahead in the interest of the majority of villagers and road users who pass through our village.

Can I suggest that the council canvas the opinions of a more representative number of Villagers rather than appease the vocal minority or we will have a repeat of the Pedestrian Crossing situation and where the safety of the many was compromised by the few.

Please find detailed below Highway Code Rule 243

DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities

except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

Kind regards

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