

ORIGINATING DIVISION: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
CAPITA

REPORT TO: BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

DATE: 21st JANUARY 2016

TITLE: PETITION – ST JAMES COURT, BLACKBURN

WARD: SHEAR BROW **COUNCILLORS:** Suleman Khonat
Shiraj Vali
Hussain Aktar

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the receipt of a petition from the residents of St. James Court asking for the council to consider marking individual parking bays, extending Double Yellow Lines and reinstating a Cul-de-sac sign or private street sign at the entrance from Oozebooth Terrace.

2.0 BACKGROUND

St. James Court is a small residential cul-de-sac off Oozebooth Terrace. The entrance to St James Court is narrow with grass verges either side. The majority of this entrance road already has Double Yellow Lines on both sides to prevent indiscriminate parking from blocking access. Bollards have been installed along the rest of the grass verge to prevent damage by vehicle overrunning.

The petition was signed by residents from 10 properties from a total of 22 properties in St James Court

3.0 DETAIL

Residents complain that vehicles are parking on the double yellow lines at the entrance to St James Court, particularly on the corner with Oozebooth Terrace, thus causing a hazard by blocking the view making it difficult to go into and out off the Court.

Residents also complain that the parking bays in St James Court are being used by non-residents, particularly by residents from neighbouring streets Shear Brow, Oozebooth Terrace and Cromer Place.

They request that:

- the double yellow lines be extended to further deter parking and damage to the bollards.
- a cul-de-sac or private street sign be erected at the entrance
- the parking bays are numbered and allocated to particular properties.

Vehicles parking on the existing Double Yellow Lines is a matter for the Civil Enforcement Officers who will be asked to undertake enhanced enforcement of the area for a period. The bollards erected in the grass verges further into the entrance where there are no parking restrictions do show signs of being damaged indicating that there is parking in this area. It is recommended that the residents' request for an extension of the Double Yellow Lines into this area be approved.

St James Court is part of the adopted highway network and cannot therefore be signed as a private street. It would however be appropriate to erect a cul-de-sac sign at its entrance and this is being progressed by the traffic team.

There is a mixture of parking bays on the adopted highway and privately owned parking bays in St James Court. Parking bays which form part of the adopted highway cannot be designated to particular properties, however the parking bays which are marked on the plan accompanying the petition as being the problem area for parking are not adopted and presumably in private ownership. There is nothing to prevent the owners of these particular bays providing their own numbers for them.

It is recommended that the request to number and allocate bays on the adopted highway be refused but that the petitioners be informed that they may number the privately owned bays with the owner's permission.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

Customer	Amenity
Financial	The necessary traffic regulation order and provision of a cul-de-sac sign will be funded from normal maintenance budgets
Anti-poverty	None
Crime and Disorder	None

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that

- the committee support the officer's recommendations to progress an extension to the double yellow lines at the entrance to St James Court
- the committee support the officer's recommendations to reject the request to number individual parking bays and allocate them to properties
- the committee notes the provision of a cul-de-sac sign
- the lead petitioner be informed of the decision

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS: Petition

7.0 CONTACT OFFICERS: Simon Holden

8.0 DATE PREPARED: 6th January 2016