

**ORIGINATING DIVISION:** HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION - CAPITA

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

**DATE:** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**TITLE:** PETITION – LEAMINGTON CLOSE, BLACKBURN

**WARD:** CORPORATION PARK

**COUNCILLORS:** John Wright  
Arshid Mahmood  
Tasleem Fazal

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### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of a petition to prevent an obstruction on approach cul-de-sac and on approach driveways at Leamington Close, Blackburn.

### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

A petition has been received from residents around Leamington Close, Blackburn, requesting yellow lines to prevent parking opposite driveways making access to the driveways difficult as well as causing an obstruction to other vehicles accessing Leamington Close.

The petition was signed by 26 residents of 16 properties from a total of 29 properties served by Leamington Close (11 on Leamington Close, 9 on Leamington Road and 9 on Preston New Road).

### **3.0 DETAIL**

Leamington Close is a small cul-de-sac and is a relatively new housing development with approximately two off-street parking spaces per property.

At one point, the road into the cul-de-sac goes along the gable end of one of the properties (no. 1) and vehicles park on this stretch. The petitioners claim that these vehicles belong to the owners of properties on Preston New Road or to their visitors. The properties on Preston New Road have access to the rear from Leamington Close.

The lead petitioner in their covering documents explains that vehicles parking in this location *'.....makes it difficult for us when reversing out of our driveway...'* and *'....when driving into Leamington Close to park in our driveway it makes it difficult to see if other cars are coming up to the corner....'*

Whilst parking in this location does create difficulties for other residents, it needs to be considered against the fact that there are double yellow lines on Preston New Road at this location and prior to the Leamington Close development the residents of Preston New Road have parked to the rear of their properties.

Also with with resources available for the enforcement of traffic regulation orders, it is unlikely that enforcement would be available for double yellow lines at this location. As such were they to be implemented they would be liable to abuse. It is recommended therefore that the petitioners request for double yellow lines be refused.

#### **4.0 IMPLICATIONS**

Customer	None
Financial	None
Anti-poverty	None
Crime and Disorder	None

#### **5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

- the committee support the officer's recommendation that the petitioners request for the provision of Double Yellow Lines be refused
- the lead petitioner is informed of the decision.

**6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Petition

**7.0 CONTACT OFFICERS:** George Bell

**8.0 DATE PREPARED:** 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016