

I am Shaun Murray and live at 15 Willow Bank Lane Darwen BB3 1NX.

With regards to proposed parking restrictions on Willow Bank Lane. I wish to support the application by the Council. Over the past 3 years we have had issues with regards to residents and visitors parking with no consideration for other residents and our needs to use the turn around point safely. On 3 occasions during this time my lawn has been driven over by the Councils own refuse collection vehicle because of vehicles being parked in such a way that my garden had been used as an extension to the road by them. This damage has been repaired on all 3 occasions at the Councils expense.

I would also draw your attention to the fact that this inconsiderate parking could be potentially putting lives on Willow Bank Lane at risk. I currently work for Lancashire Fire Service, - part of my duties include driving the appliance to incidents. I have grave concerns that emergency response time could be affected by the vehicles being parked in such a way. As you are aware any fire fighter entering a building fire must be supported by water. Lancashire appliances carry 1000 liters this will last around 9 minutes, so it is important that we can find water quickly so we can get water onto the fire ground. The next fire hydrant is located at the junction of Willow Street and Willow Bank Lane. This is approximately 150 meters from the hydrant at the top of the lane.

I would like to draw your attention to the attached photos showing the fire hydrant that serves the top of Willow Bank Lane.

As you can see this hydrant is situated on the footpath that is used by certain residents to park commercial vehicles. I have also spoken to my neighbors who also support the proposal.

**Mr David Rawcliffe 16 Willow Bank Lane Darwen BB3 1NX. Mr Tim Jump Higher Woodhead Farm Darwen BB3 1NX.**

I trust this email will help the Executive Member make the correct decision.

Thanks.

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*Regards*

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