

Highway Improvement Request Form Pewsham House – Request for Parking Restrictions

1. Introduction

In October, the Council received a Highway Improvement Request Form from a resident of Pewsham House. The resident reports that, at different times of the day, there are numerous people parking at the end of their driveway, and that, on one occasion, this had prevented a delivery.

The resident requested that double yellow lines be added on both sides of the end of the roadway next to their entrance, and extending back approximately 25m.

A copy of the Form is provided as Appendix A.

2. Background and Discussion

Pewsham House is a late Victorian Country House. There are ten addresses there: as well as the main house, there are six flats in the house itself, as well as three mews properties in the old stable block.

The driveway to Pewsham House is at the bottom end of the old section of Old Derry Hill, which is a dead-end, left as public highway for access to properties after it was bypassed when the A4/A342 junction was remodelled.



This section of the old road is frequently used for on-street parking by visitors, both for dog-walking and, reportedly, as over-spill parking to the public house.



The turn into the entrance is quite sharp and it is certainly possible that inconsiderate parking could potentially block access for delivery lorries and/or emergency vehicles.

The issue has been discussed with Wiltshire Council. Although it would be unlikely for double yellow lines to be installed to protect a residential entrance, an alternative would be the installation of an Access Protection Marking:



These are advisory, so not enforceable, but could potentially have an effect as there is generally plenty of alternative space along the old road.

However, this section of the road is tree-lined and the road gutters have a tendency to get filled up with detritus. It is therefore likely that any lining installed would get rapidly obscured and would therefore be ineffective.

An alternative would be for the owner of Pewsham House to put up some polite notices on the gate asking visitors to keep the access turning free for emergency vehicles.

3. Recommendation

The Highway Improvement Request Form has been considered by the Council's Highways, Transport and Road Safety Working Group, with the recommendation that:

- Whilst acknowledging the issue, the Council does not consider that a lining solution would be effective and recommends that the problem should continue to be monitored and that the owner installs some polite notices on the entrance asking visitors to keep the access free for emergency vehicles.

Cllr John Barnes
Chair, Highways, Transport & Road Safety Working Group

Appendix A – Highway Improvement Request Form

Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact Details

Name:		Date:	27.10.24
Address:	Pewsham House, Old Derry Hill, Chippenham, Sn15 3RX		
Telephone No:			
Email Address:			

Issue Details

Location of Issue:	At the bottom of our drive on Old Derry Hill
Community Area:	Calne
Parish or Town Council:	Calne Without Parish
Nature of Issue: Double yellow lines needed	
At different times of the day there are numerous people parking directly at the end of our driveway. The people park there whilst they go dog walking and when they attend the Pewsham pub. There are plenty of parking spaces along this road but everyone seems to park at the very end of the roadway directly at our entrance. We do get deliveries continually and as a result of a number of cars parked here, a lorry 3 weeks ago had to turn around and reschedule the delivery.	
How long has it been an issue?	Since we moved in March 2024
What would you like done to resolve this issue?	
May I request that double yellow lines are added onto both sides of the end of the roadway next to our driveway entrance and continue back approx. 25m? This would immediately alleviate the current issues and still not affect the plentiful parking in this area.	
Have you been in touch with your local Wiltshire Councillor? (Yes/No)	No

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Town and Parish contact details are available via the link below:*

<https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mqParishCouncilDetails.aspx>

Town or Parish Council Comments: (To be completed by Town or Parish Council only)