

Highway Improvement Request Form Studley Lane – Entrance to Studley Gardens

1. Introduction

In October, the Council received a Highway Improvement Request Form for Studley Lane, at the junction with Studley Gardens. A copy of the Form is provided as Appendix A.

The issue raised is that cars park on Studley Lane, reducing the available width of carriageway and obscuring the visibility of cars pulling out of Studley Gardens. The Form has requested that double yellow lines are provided to prohibit parking.

2. Background

The location is in Studley Lane, immediately north of the junction with the A4 New Road:



Checking on CrashMap for the period since Studley Gardens was developed (2019-22), there have been no injury accidents recorded in this part of Studley Lane.

A similar request was previously considered by Council on 14th September 2020 where it was resolved to submit the issue to CATG (the equivalent of Calne LHFIG).

The issue was further considered by Council on 8th March 2021, where the following minute was recorded:

Cllrs considered the suggestion from CATG of double yellow lines from the junction with the A4 to the Sawmill car park. Cllr Jones reported that the Highways officer had considered the suggestion from Cllr Rees of moving the junction further out but that the Group, despite the views of the representative from Calne Without only offered the choice of double yellow

lines. Cllrs agreed to reject the offer and follow up the problem through the Council's Road Safety Feasibility Study.

The Council is progressing the implementation of a 20mph speed limit on Studley Lane (and other streets in Studley). This has been recommended by a Speed Limit Review and has been approved for implementation by LHFIG (subject to the necessary statutory consultations).

3. Discussion

This part of Studley Lane was widened at the same time as the new housing development of Studley Gardens was constructed.

The presence of cars parked on this part of Studley Lane does reduce visibility of (and from) cars emerging from Studley Gardens.

However, the presence of parked cars does also have a "narrowing" effect on Studley Lane that helps to mitigate vehicle speeds in this widened section of the street. Prohibiting parked cars with double yellow lines could have an effect of reinforcing the perception of Studley Lane as a road (with the primary function being the movement of traffic) rather than a street (with both a movement and place function).

It is therefore possible that the implementation of double yellow lines on Studley Lane could be counter-productive to the control of traffic speeds being sought through the proposed 20mph speed limit.

4. Recommendation

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

- The Council to not endorse the Highway Improvement Request Form, and to advise the resident of proposals to control traffic speeds through the implementation of a 20mph speed limit.

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

Appendix A – Highway Improvement Request Form

Highways Improvement Request Form

Contact Details

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Issue Details

Location of Issue:	Studley Gardens Entrance
Community Area:	Calne
Parish or Town Council:	Calne Without
Nature of Issue:	<p>Cars parked on Studley lane making it so only single traffic can pass and entrance to Studley Gardens is obscured making it dangerous when cars pull out.</p> <p>On 2 occasions recently I have had to break suddenly when travelling towards the a4 on Studley lane and cars have pulled out onto the lane from Studley gardens blindly when it was not safe due to the parked cars.</p>
How long has it been an issue?	Since the estate has been occupied
What would you like done to resolve this issue?	Double Yellow lines put in
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/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx>

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