On 2 Dec 2019, at 17:08, [redacted] wrote:

A few days ago I was made aware of a plan to put double yellow lines outside my house, when my wife found a chap from Wiltshire Council measuring up for lines around the corners of Bath Road and into Clock Tower View, stretching past our driveway.

I've checked with Wiltshire Council and found that this is currently at the pre-consultation stage and that it was initiated by the Parish Council who have agreed to meet all costs.

I'm amazed that this has been proposed without anyone from the Parish Council having the courtesy to notify us or get our views. I would be interested to know who has requested this and on what basis. I would also like to understand what benefit may result from this, if any. Have any residents been consulted so far, and if so who?

I'm not sure what this is trying to achieve. Some parents do park here (mostly on the western side of the close) during the school drop off and pick up times, and they do not always park considerately, but they need to park somewhere, and better here than add to the congestion on Bradford Road by the school gates.

We also have the odd person who occasionally parks (again mostly on the western side of the close) to take the bus to Bath - I assume it is someone with no local bus service from Neston or Broughton Gifford for example, but may be someone from further afield avoiding Bath parking charges. Again this can be a bit annoying, but they are going to park somewhere in the village.

Occasionally, people stop right on the bend at the junction with Bath Road to drop off or pick up bus passengers. This happens on both sides of the close and is quite dangerous, as well as being contrary to the Highway Code rule 243 which states that you must not park within 10 metres of a junction (obviating the need for yellow lines).

If we have yellow lines up to, and across our drive it will prevent us from parking outside our own house, which only happens occasionally when we have workmen parking on our drive, and will prevent delivery drivers from stopping there, which again only happens on rare occasions - most delivery drivers are happy to park on our drive.

Any yellow lines at the end of our close will tempt the miscreants to park deeper into the close, where the impact on other residents will be greater, as there is less free space between successive driveways.

We object to this proposal because:

- it is not needed - parking within 10 metres of a junction is already prohibited and the plan only seems to extend beyond 10 metres on the east side of the close, where parking very rarely happens
- it would probably increase the impact on other residents of the close
- it may add to the existing traffic issues around the school making a less safe environment for the children
- it will mostly not be enforced
- and is just a waste of tax payers money - money that could be better directed to something more useful

When will this be debated by the Parish Council? I would like to attend.