

Email sent on the 15th September to Mr David Taylor, Head of Highways at Enfield Council

Dear Mr Taylor,

Farm Road N21 & Firs Lane N21 New Waiting Restrictions (TG52/1459)

I refer to the Public Notice that was published in the Enfield Independent on 9th September and to the letter sent and plan sent to those residents who would be affected by this scheme. Thank you for supplying me with this letter and plan.

Winchmore Hill Residents Association is **not objecting** to the proposed changes to waiting restrictions in this area. It understands that they are necessary to allow the new bus route, 456 which will start operating shortly, to use this road.

However it is objecting to those parts of the above mentioned letter and plan which relate to the two proposed bus stops. This letter states that these bus stops will not be located outside residential properties. This is true for the actual bus stop posts – but that is not the whole extent of the bus stops.

The plan shows (not very clearly) that it is intended that the bus stops should have bus stop clearway yellow line parking restrictions, which would extend for some distance either side of the bus stop posts. This would be important to residents because it means that there would be two further areas where parking would not be permitted - over and above the proposed double yellow lines.

However there is no text on the plan indicating that these bus stop clearway parking restrictions at the bus stops would form part of the scheme. It is true that there are rather narrow and faint single yellow lines on the plan, next to kerb, for the length of the bus stop “cage” road markings but these are very difficult to see and would probably not be noticed by most people who look at the plan. A substantial proportion of their length is obliterated by symbols indicating the size of a bus.

In the letter there it is not specifically mentioned that is the Council's intention that there would be any parking restrictions associated with the proposed new bus stops – even though they form an integral part of the scheme. This is particularly important because parking restrictions at bus stop clearways are even more restrictive than double yellow lines. They prohibit vehicles, except buses, from stopping – so it is not possible even to pick up or set down passengers, which is permitted at ordinary yellow line waiting restrictions.

I realise that current highway legislation does not require Traffic Orders to be made for bus stop clearway parking restrictions. However as these form a significant part of the overall set of proposals for Farm Road, WHRA believes that **the Council should send amended letters and plans to the residents, so as to make full extent of the proposals clear to them.**

Residents could be informed, in the amended letter, that they cannot object to the bus stop clearway parking restrictions, but this information might well cause them to

reconsider if they wanted to object to some of the proposed double yellow line parking restrictions.

WHRA is aware that, in order to serve other sections of this proposed new bus route that are not currently on any bus route, new bus stops would be provided at locations on Church Hill, Station Road and Firs Lane. Because Traffic Orders would not be required for bus stop clearway waiting restrictions, it is vitally important that Enfield Council should publicise its proposals for any such measures so that WHRA and other interested parties, can submit comments and/or alternative proposals.

So we thank you for the assurance, in the e-mail dated 9.9.2020 [11.50] from Jonathan Goodson that Enfield Council does not currently have any firm proposal for bus stops that it could share with WHRA but intends to keep it apprised about any further proposals for new bus stops.

I am pleased that you have noted that WHRA is particularly concerned about the locations of any new stops in Station Road in the immediate vicinity of Winchmore Hill Station, and elsewhere.

For the reason set out in some detail in my previous e-mail (dated 13.08.2020) WHRA would strongly suggest that the layby outside the station should be left as it is and that a bus stop for eastbound route 456 buses should be provided on Station Road, either to the east or west of the station.

Furthermore WHRA would like to be informed when Enfield Council plans to publish Traffic Order notifications relating to proposals for any new parking controls (other than bus stop clearways) at any other locations in Winchmore Hill, on this proposed new bus route.

Please acknowledge your receipt of these representations regarding this scheme.

Regards

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