

Freedom of Information Request FOI1750

Request:

I would like to ask for some information on a couple of parking/ road marking issues. In particular who requested it and what was the criteria for marking out a parking bay on Citadel East Killingworth. Also where were these proposed changes advertised. There is already ample parking in the overflow car park behind killingworth club, in Morrison's car park, at the back of white swan centre and also residents in the adjacent flats have a huge car park. There is ample parking without the expense of this bay which is now a safety issue as restricting the view of buses turning out of the centre.

By contrast I would ask like to ask what information you hold regarding the installation of double yellow lines outside the 8 new homes at Church Bank NE28 7LJ and in particular who requested them and what objections were raised about installing these lines before they went ahead.

Submitted on 20/09/19.

Response:

The parking bay recently marked out on Citadel East adjacent to the White Swan Centre was part of a road marking scheme intended to improve the road alignment at this location and make the existing situation clearer for all road users. The scheme was designed by officers from North Tyneside Council's traffic team following site observations. The measures also included realigning the carriageway centre line and installing double yellow lines on the east side of the road.

Notices advertising the proposal to introduce the double yellow lines were advertised on site, in the local press and on North Tyneside Council's website in July 2019. As the parking bay element of the scheme does not include any waiting or parking restrictions and is merely formalising the current situation, it does not require a traffic regulation order nor therefore a statutory notice. However, consultation was carried out with the White Swan Centre, the police and bus operators. The bay will allow tenants of the White Swan Centre including Care Call and the police to continue to park nearby in order to carry out their duties (which include responding to emergencies) safety and efficiently.

The waiting restrictions recently introduced on Church Bank were brought forward following requests from a local councillor and the police due to concerns around vehicles associated with the new development parking at this location and causing an obstruction. Following site visits by officers from North Tyneside Council's Traffic and New Developments teams it was agreed that the introduction of waiting restrictions would be beneficial from a road safety point of view due to the new properties being located on a hill and on a bend. No formal objections to the scheme were received when the statutory notice was advertised.

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