

Briefing Note: Highways Committee – 20th October 2005

Short Sections of Waiting Restriction – Hay Lane NW9

This briefing note considers a petition received from the residents of Hay Lane

The Petition:

- Requests that the council considers providing waiting restrictions in the form of a single yellow line on both sides of Hay Lane and double yellow lines opposite Evelyn Avenue and at the junction of Hayland Close.

Residents Concerns

Representations have been made in the form of a petition received from Steve Nuttall, a resident at number 72 Hay Lane on 6/8/05. The petition was signed by 26 residents of a short section of Hay Lane and included addresses from outside the Borough. The petition was submitted after earlier extensive correspondence from Steve Nuttall expressing concerns regarding the impact of displaced parking and requesting that the measures be extended further westwards along Hay Lane. However this was not appropriate under the “short sections of waiting restrictions” as it now formulated a scheme.

The petition had less than 50 signatures and outlined three main areas of concern shared by the residents.

- 1) If waiting restrictions were installed east of Evelyn Avenue, then 15 to 20 vehicles would be displaced and parking concerns would move further along the road as parking on both sides of the road would create a ‘Tunnel effect’.
- 2) The displaced parking could create the same difficulty for emerging vehicles from driveways, a problem already experienced at the eastern end of Hay Lane.
- 3) Continuous traffic jams and the mounting of pavements by vehicles would result because of the tunnel effect caused by the displaced parking.

The petition seeks to initiate a more comprehensive solution for the parking problems in Hay Lane.

Background

Hay Lane is mostly residential with high peak hour traffic flows. It is also on the 204 bus route and Ford Motors is located on the junction of Hay Lane with Edgware Road. Although the Ford premises has considerable parking on site, a large number of its staff do park on Hay Lane mostly within a 100m length of the entry to the Ford’s, causing congestion and parking obstructively making it difficult for local residents to enter/emerge from their driveways.

Initial response

In response to correspondence from Steve Nutttal the lead petitioner and a resident of Hay Lane, Councillor Jim Moher Organised a Public meeting involving officers and local residents, at this meeting, residents were informed of the discussions that had previously taken place, and were also advised of forthcoming Bus Priority works envisaged for Hay Lane. These works included waiting restrictions to assist the passage of buses, and the introduction of clearways on bus stops. It was agreed that the measures to the section of Hay Lane between Hayland Close and Evelyn Ave should be consulted upon and if agreed, accelerated in the programme to suit the implementation for previously proposed waiting restrictions west of Evelyn Avenue. Those residents in attendance including Steve Nuttall were pleased that an agreement had been reached.

A full consultation for the length of Hay Lane as shown on the attached plan A is to be carried out shortly and any actions necessary will be implemented ASAP.

Response to the petition

A formal response is not needed on the initial concerns since officers are confident that an agreement has been reached with the residents and that the approved measures will be taken forward as speedily as possible under the Bus Priority programme.

Recommendations

1) That the committee notes the receipt of the petition and actions taken by the officers to date.