
Subject: RE: information required re roadside parking rules

From: Ilminster <ilminster@bgibbsfuneralservices.co.uk>
Sent: 05 April 2022 14:57
To: Town Council <town.council@ilminster.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: information required re roadside parking rules

Dear ,

Thank you for your time this afternoon.

Please see the email thread with the reply from Traffic management and my email to them in the first instance.

If we are able to do anything to reduce the access from being obstructed, then I would be grateful if you could steer me in the right direction of what we can do/apply for.

Bearing in mind the conservation area restrictions.

As I mentioned I have spoken to the free holder of the Pool wall properties and he too has a copy of my email and the traffic management reply, to keep in him the loop.

If there is anything else you require then please let me know.

Kind regards

From: Traffic Management <TrafficManagement@somerset.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 March 2022 16:14
To: Ilminster <ilminster@bgibbsfuneralservices.co.uk>
Subject: RE: information required re roadside parking rules

Good Afternoon

Thank you for your email regarding inconsiderate parking, outside 25 Silver Street, Ilminster, whilst I appreciate your concerns over this matter Somerset County Council have no powers to stop or prosecute the drivers of vehicles parking in this manner. Unfortunately, we no longer put down H-bars to address parking problems, as these are no longer supported by the Police.

Any vehicle which is taxed and insured, is able to pass or park on the highway.

We are not able to take any action against parked vehicles which are causing an obstruction where no parking restriction applies. These vehicles can only be dealt with by the police, who you should contact using their non-emergency number – 101.

By way of explanation, the introduction of parking restrictions (such as double yellow lines) has to follow a statutory process which includes advertising in papers, dealing with objections, making a traffic regulation order etc. Parking restrictions must also be supported and are difficult to enforce in isolation. The process is time consuming and costly.

To that end we are unable to consider requests on an individual request basis but only on the request of your Parish/Town Council. You will therefore need to raise your concerns with them. Your enquiry will be retained on record for future use.

Should the request come into us from the Town Council and they fully support it, the Traffic Engineer will consider it when considering new restrictions across the whole of the District.

For information, it is not that we don't respond to individuals but often requests by one person are not always the views of the whole community and we would always seek direction from the local Parish or Town Councils, as the elected representatives before taking any scheme forward. Rather than officers spending time investigating matters at the request of one person only then to be dismissed by Parish/Town Council it is therefore more appropriate that requests for highway improvements are directed to the Parish or Town Councils initially and that they put forward the requests.

If this is an ongoing neighbourly disputes Somerset County Council cannot become involved.

I am sorry my response is not of a more positive nature, however, hope that I have been able to explain the situation from a highways perspective and we will of course continue to monitor the situation.

Many thanks and kind regards

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From: Ilminster <>
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I hope I am addressing the correct department for my enquiry. If I am not, would you be kind enough by return email to let me know.

Outside of our business premises, 25 Silver Street, Ilminster TA19 0DH, yellow chevron markings for the neighboring primary school were applied to the highway, with its associated parking restrictions.

This we have no issue with. However, because of their implementation this has had a knock-on effect to a section of the highway next to the chevrons, namely the highway next to a dropped curb access which has a single white line along its width.

This access, through an archway, serves the 3 flats of Pool Wall, Silver Street, Ilminster, where they have vehicle access to parking and garages for their properties, we B Gibbs Funeral Services also have vehicle access to the rear of our property which is required 24hrs a day to enable us to facilitate our services to the bereaved of the town. 25 Silver Street also has a flat above, which requires access. Plus, Sweet Surprise, a day services Centre, supporting adults with learning disabilities, also requires access to the rear of their property.

We are finding that the public will try to park along silver street outside of number 25, by carefully trying to avoid the chevrons, but blocking the drooped access with the single white line.

I have contacted the local Town Council, who suggested that I contact highways in the first instance.

Clarification on the ruling of what's permitted and not permitted would be really helpful.

If parking across a dropped curb with a white line, to a multi access area is permitted, then I would like information on the best way to move forward to enable 24hr access.

Kind Regards

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