

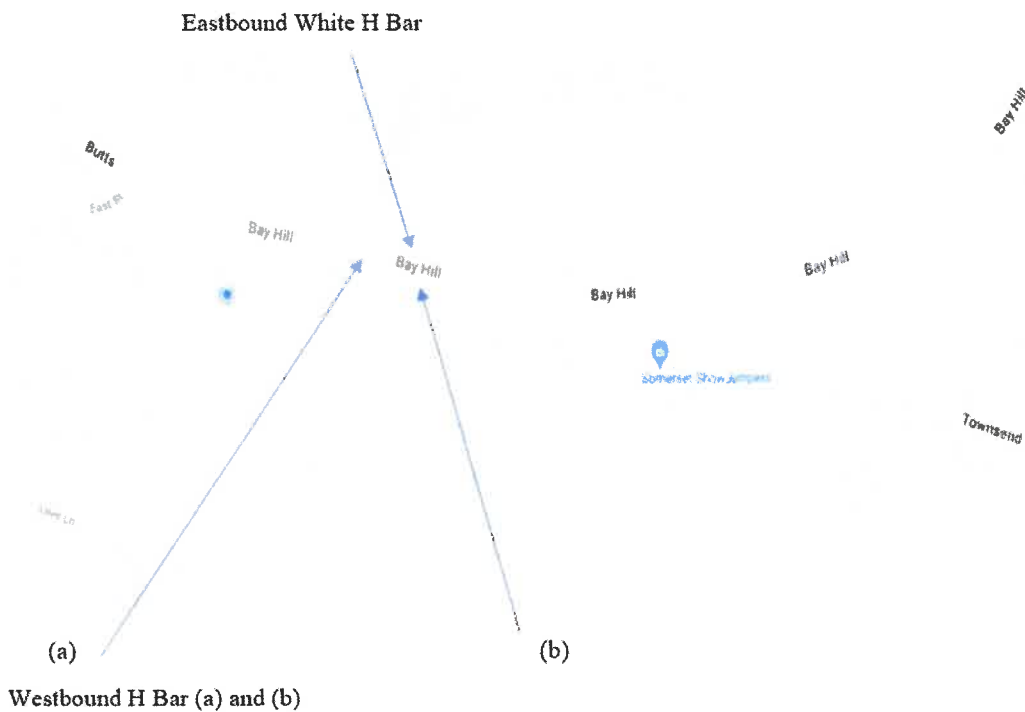
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Application for Double Yellow lines on Bay Hill TA19 0AT

There are three white 'H Bar' lines on the road outside Bay House East and bordering a crossing point to the bridle path to Dillington House. Shown here:



Recently, residents and commercial vehicles have been parking over these H Bars making the road conditions very dangerous and visibility very poor for cars and pedestrians. Examples of the problems are shown here:



Car parked over Westbound (a) H Bar



Car and Van totally obscuring Eastbound H Bars and footpath

We, the undersigned, request an application is made to South Somerset District Council by Ilminster Town Council to have double yellow lines in place instead of white H Bar lines which are no use (as they are being parked over daily) nor enforceable by Police or Civil Enforcement Officers.

The problems are:

Westbound H Bar (a)

The H Bar white line directly outside Bay House is just one car length. This line just about allows residents from the cul-de-sac to the south to exit left (west).

It is difficult even when the line is vacant, but when cars park on it, (as can be seen by the blue car above), it means the exiting driver being blind and pulls out in the face of oncoming traffic. This is extremely dangerous.

Eastbound H Bars

This area currently served by the H Bar outside the rotund turreted house 2 Bay Hill, is critical when exiting the cul-de-sac right (east). Without the swing room or refuge to the left, exiting drivers are directly in the face of oncoming traffic, which is dangerous, especially in sunlight. Commercial vehicles such as the one shown makes the situation worse.

This is even more dangerous if a car is parked over the opposite Eastbound (b) H Bar which luckily is rarely the case.

This has become a very dangerous road area and we would not be surprised to **see serious injury if not a fatality** here.

Other factors that make this situation worse are:

- There are a lot more walkers during and since the pandemic and many people cross here as the trees often hang low on the north side of the westbound part of Bay Hill. We see lots of small children and dogs with families crossing the road and the visibility when parked cars obscure the H Bars is terrible.

- The seem to be a lot of heavy farm vehicles using this route (more so than other years) and they do so at speed. The driver may be high up, but the visibility is worse.
- When the Ilminster By-pass is closed, traffic funnels to this point and if the H Bars are parked upon, two vehicles cannot pass. This causes miles upon miles of congestion in both directions.

On Sunday 28th November when the situation was bad (as shown), one of the undersigned nearly had a collision exiting westbound with a motorcycle who was travelling at speed. When we called the Police, a Police Community Support Officer visited (in a Land Rover which could not get through) and explained that he could not enforce any removal of cars.

On Monday 29th November, there was a shunt accident to cars parked in front of the Westbound (a) H Bar and four cars were damaged. The Police attended. One car ended up being pushed onto the pavement.

Please could you review these H Bars and replace with double yellow lines. The Westbound (a) H Bar should be at least two car lengths to ensure visibility is not impaired.

Recently, double yellow lines were extended from the junction of East Street further up Bay Hill (outside house named 'Silver How') and whilst that has improved that junction, it may have 'moved' the problem as residents and companies are now parking further along Bay Hill, thus causing this problem where we live.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely (all car users and residents in the area concerned)

