

Bower Ashton Residents Association

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Dear Sirs

REFERENCE IE3/214

PROPOSED WAITING & LOADING RESTRICTIONS, CUMBERLAND BASIN AREA, BRISTOL, BS3

I write on behalf of the Bower Ashton Residents' Association, which represents those living in Bower Ashton, regarding the above.

We have consulted with representatives of the City's Highways department regarding traffic issues within the area, in general, and examined the published drawings (No. T200-511-07/Rev. A and T200-511-08/Rev. B) that illustrate the proposals for restricting waiting and loading in BS3.

We appreciate the background to these proposals, which is to manage the heavy and often illegal parking that occurs in the area, particularly on Bristol City match days, and the congestion and safety issues this causes. Our view is that this objective is laudable and deserves our support, however there are two particular areas of concern that we wish to bring to your attention.

1. The proposals impact Bower Ashton only very slightly, however we note that the proposed restriction zone extends approximately 10m into Parklands Road and Blackmoors Lane. Whilst the impact to the residents of Parklands Road would probably be minor, it is possible that the residents of the first few houses in Blackmoors Lane may be unable to park outside their own homes.

We recommend that road markings preventing parking at all times (i.e. double yellows) do not extend across the full frontages of any dwellings, particularly no. 4 Blackmoors Lane and that any parking restriction necessary on match days is covered by other, temporary methods, such as the use of cones, which already occurs in the neighbourhood.

2. Our major concern is the displacement effect the proposals will generate, particularly on Bristol City match days. As these proposals stop short of most of Bower Ashton, we are concerned about the displacement effect on adjoining areas, which must be taken into consideration. Bower Ashton already suffers significantly from third party parking to the extent that large vehicles, such as refuse collection and recycling trucks, are occasionally unable to gain access to certain roads. The proposals will not ease this congestion and on match days could make it markedly worse, potentially hazardous, without some form of management.

Cones are currently used along parts of the Clanage and down Parklands Road on Bristol City match days. Our experience of this is positive – the staff are polite, efficient and know the local issues (and we would like to extend our thanks to them) – however this practice is not extended to all the narrow roads, for example the currently un-named no-through road off Dog Kennel Lane to the entrance of the University of West of England and Park Farm, sometimes referred to as Park Farm Lane / Road. This road is already heavily impacted on match days to the extent that emergency services would be unable to gain access.

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Our recommendation in this instance is that, as a minimum, the use of cones be extended into this un-named no through road that is the entrance to the university, the workshops, Park Farm and several other dwellings.

We trust this reply is adequate for your purposes at this stage. Should you require clarification on any point, please contact me at the above address or on direct telephone no. 0117 9339305 during work hours.

Yours sincerely

Alasdair Groves, Chairman