

# AGENDA ITEM

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**Subject:** Ref: 180031 - Problematic parking at junction of Bon Accord Road and Durlston Road

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From: Gavin Rider

Sent: 26 April 2018 20:14

To: Admin

Subject: Problematic parking at junction of Bon Accord Road and Durlston Road

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In recent weeks there has been problematic parking of vehicles at the junction of Bon Accord Road with Durlston Road. Vehicles have been parked on the side of Durlston Road right up to the junction, obscuring visibility of vehicles coming up the hill from the town. Vehicles wishing to exit Bon Accord Road are therefore forced to edge forwards a considerable way into the junction in order to see traffic approaching up the hill from the town. This is extremely dangerous because the junction is on a bend and vehicles approaching on Durlston Road from either direction are travelling uphill, hence they tend to have "power on" and are travelling quite fast by the time they reach Bon Accord Road.

There are double yellow lines on the opposite side of Durlston Road, at the junction with Belle Vue Road, but not on the side of the junction with Bon Accord Road, which is actually where more traffic enters the junction. I have asked Dorset Council whether double yellow lines could also be painted at this side of the junction to deter drivers from leaving their vehicles parked too close to the junction and obscuring visibility in this way. I was told that this would have to be referred to Swanage Town Council, which is why I am now writing to you.

I believe that for safety's sake, double yellow lines need to be added to this junction, on the West side of Durlston Road, as a minimum on the North side of Bon Accord Road and preferably to the South as well. The lines would need to extend about ten metres from the junction to ensure visibility for motorists leaving Bon Accord Road is improved sufficiently. When I discussed the problem with the man from the Highways Department at Dorset Council on the telephone this morning, he said that it is already a statutory requirement not to park too close to a junction, and that any problematic parking should be reported to the police and enforcement action would be taken by them.

However, the objective should be to prevent people parking in an unsafe manner, not to seek to penalise them after the fact. Double yellow lines would serve as a clear deterrent, which I feel is necessary because visitors to the town often don't appear to have much consideration about the problems they might cause by parking in unsuitable locations. I would ask you to please consider this as a matter of urgency, as the problem will only get worse as the season progresses, especially when there are popular events being held and large numbers of people descend on the town by car.

Yours sincerely

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Problem of poor visibility at the junction of Bon Accord Road and Durlston Road

Vehicles frequently park very close to the junction because there are no restrictions. This causes poor visibility for motorists exiting the junction from Bon Accord Road, as shown in these photos.



As you can see, large vehicles often park right up to the junction, which makes it impossible for drivers of vehicles joining Durlston Road from Bon Accord Road to see approaching traffic coming up the hill from the town.



As this photo shows, it is necessary to move forwards a considerable distance into the junction for a motorist to see vehicles approaching up the hill from the town. For a driver to have this view of the approaching vehicle he would have to have moved forward from the “give way” line painted at the junction to the extent that the front of his vehicle was almost at the mid-way point of Durlston Road.

This clearly represents a hazard for vehicles approaching the junction from the Durlston direction (the South) because a driver edging forwards like this is likely to be looking towards the North, for traffic approaching up the hill from the town, and not towards the South where vehicles on this side of the road will be approaching from Durlston.

Yellow lines need to be added to this junction to prohibit parking for the two vehicles in the photograph that are parked closest to the junction, which means extending the lines about ten metres from the junction. The same would be advisable on the southern side of this junction, so that parked vehicles near this junction cannot obstruct the sight-line towards Durlston.

Dr Gavin Rider

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