

AGENDA ITEM 5)

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Subject: Cow lane traffic
Attachments: Parking issues on Cow Lane Apr-2018_1.pdf

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From: Fred Lindop
Sent: 12 April 2018 12:01
To: gary.suttle@gmsuttle.co.uk
Subject: Cow lane traffic

Dear Mr Suttle

I've attached a copy of the Newton Grange Close committee document, which sets out the problem at the High Street end of Cow Lane. There have been problems for some years, but they seem to have got worse in the past few months, with more and more parking. I appreciate the problems that the division of responsibilities between councils creates, but we feel that it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.

We do think that some traffic calming measures further up Cow Lane would be very helpful for all the residents who live on or near the road.

Best wishes
Fred Lindop

Parking issues on Cow Lane, Swanage, causing safety concerns for traffic emerging from Newton Grange Close

High Level Summary

There are current yellow 'no parking' lines at the entrance to Cow Lane that extend just around the corner from the High Street, and in general are satisfactory.

However, there are parking issues on Cow Lane, in the vicinity of the entrance to Newton Grange Close that are causing safety issues for both pedestrians and road traffic. In particular the parking issues are blocking sightlines for drivers and pedestrians emerging from the twenty-four dwellings in Newton Grange Close. There have been some recent 'near miss accidents' due to these issues.

Background & Details

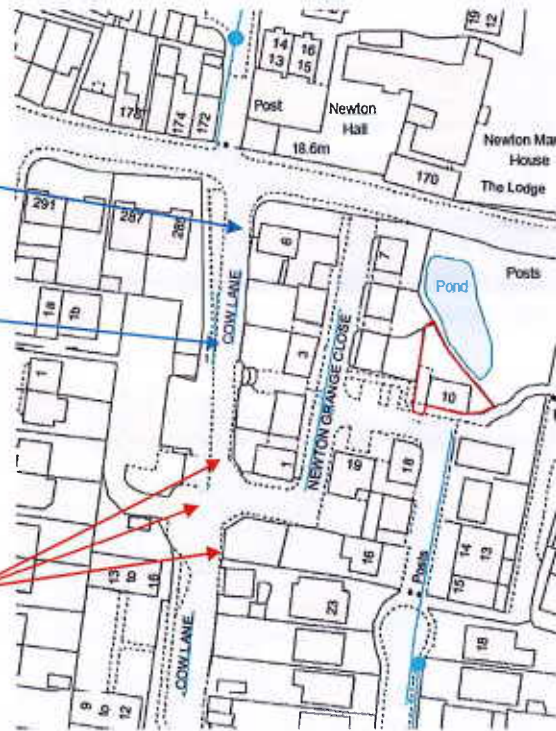
Cars and vans park on the WEST side of this section of Cow Lane and in general this isn't a problem. However, parking of cars, and in particular large vans on Cow Lane around the entrance to Newton Grange Close is causing road safety issues and 'near-miss accidents'. Vans are also parking on the EAST side of Cow Lane between Newton Grange Close and High Street, causing blind spots and a very narrow passageway for traffic in Cow Lane.

This diagram explains the layout of these roads, and highlights where the existing parking and parking restrictions are, and where the current issues occur:

Current yellow lines extend around corner from High Street into the start of Cow Lane

Parking usually occurs on the WEST side of Cow Lane, and is not normally a problem

Recently parking around the entrance to Newton Grange Close has created blind spots, near-miss accidents and general road safety problems, particularly when commercial vehicles are parked in these areas



The following photographs illustrate the parking problems:



Entrance to Cow Lane from High Street, showing the yellow lines preventing parking near the corner on both sides of the road.



A view from the opposite direction, showing vehicles parked on both sides of Cow Lane, in the vicinity of the entrance to Newton Grange Close (which is hidden behind the white van)



This is the view from Newton Grange Close, looking left/south. The view of traffic on Cow Lane is totally obscured by the parked van, making pulling out by cars or pedestrians quite dangerous



This is the view from Newton Grange Close, looking right/north. Again the view of traffic on Cow Lane is totally obscured by the van parked on the EAST side of Cow Lane



There is also a protrusion of the kerb on the EAST side of Cow Lane, where a pedestrian walkway emerges from Newton Grange Close, and this causes a narrowing of Cow Lane at that point. The red car parked opposite the protrusion exaggerates the narrowing problem for passing traffic.



Some vans have taken to parking half on the road and half on the grass verge.

The two photographs below provide further views of the parking congestion in this area, and the 'masking' of the entrance to Newton Grange Close.

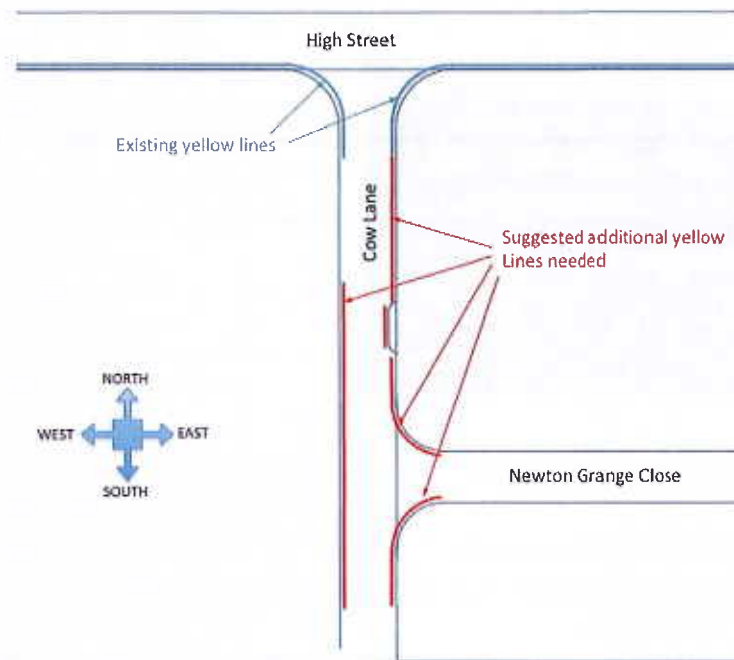


Suggested changes to resolve pedestrian and traffic safety issues:

We suggest that 'no parking' yellow lines might be extended as follows:

1. Along the EAST side of Cow Lane, from High Street up to the entrance Newton Grange Close.
2. Yellow lines be added to the WEST side of Cow Lane opposite the protrusion of kerb at the entrance to the walkway to Newton Grange Close
3. Yellow Lines be added to the EAST side of Cow Lane from the SOUTH side of the entrance to Newton Grange Close.

These suggestions are illustrated in the following 'artists impression':



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