

| REQUEST | 15710   | RESPONSE   |
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|         | <p>Please provide the information requested below. The request follows and is related to previous complaints about non-residential parking on Ledgard Avenue and Wintergreen Close ('the residential Sports Village'). You will see I have also defined the meaning of 'Stadium' and 'Leigh East' for the purposes of this request.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide details of the original planning submission relating to parking for users of the stadium now used by Leigh Leopards RLFC ('the Stadium') and, separately, the 5-a-side sports pitch facility, now known as 'Leigh East'. Specifically but not exclusively, what was the proposed allocated parking for each facility, what risks (in terms of potential parking difficulties) were identified, and what measures were suggested to mitigate any identified risk? Please include the Council's response to the original planning submission and details of the proposal ultimately accepted by the Council. Please also include any failure to consider potential parking difficulties, for residents or otherwise.</li> <li>2. Please provide details of the Council's understanding of allocated parking for each of the facilities described above:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. at the time of planning approval;</li> <li>b. in November 2023, if different to a).</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. How many times has the view of residents been sought in relation to parking related issues on the residential Sports Village?</li> <li>4. Please provide dates and details of all responses relating to 1). Please provide in such a way that it is possible to distinguish between responses provided by:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. residents living between the beginning of Ledgard Avenue and the entrance to Leigh East's car park on Ledgard Avenue.</li> <li>b. residents living between Leigh East's car park and the entrance to Wintergreen Close;</li> <li>c. residents living between the entry to Wintergreen Close and the end of Ledgard Avenue;</li> <li>d. residents living on Wintergreen Close;</li> <li>e. any other relevant area.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The full planning file is available to view on the Council's website by using the following link:<br/><br/><a href="https://planning.wigan.gov.uk/online-applications/">https://planning.wigan.gov.uk/online-applications/</a><br/><br/>The council does not hold any further information in relation to this question.</li> <li>2. All information held by the council in relation to the provision or parking for the Leigh Sports Village development is available to view on the Council's website by using the following link:<br/><br/><a href="https://planning.wigan.gov.uk/online-applications/">https://planning.wigan.gov.uk/online-applications/</a></li> <li>3. The council does not hold this information.</li> <li>4. The full planning file is available to view on the Council's website by using the following link:<br/><br/><a href="https://planning.wigan.gov.uk/online-applications/">https://planning.wigan.gov.uk/online-applications/</a></li> </ol> |

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| <p>5. Please provide all material relating to previous decisions about parking on the residential Sports Village including, but not limited to, the decision to implement the current parking restrictions (ie. the double yellow lines on Ledgard Avenue - before and after Leigh East) and the decision not to implement parking restrictions in other areas. Such details to include minutes of any relevant meeting. Please also provide details of council members present at all such meetings and any submissions made.</p> <p>6. In relation in 3), please specifically provide details of any consideration given to the effect that the implementation of double yellow lines might have on adjacent areas, (ie. Ledgard Avenue or Wintergreen Close).</p> <p>7. Please provide details of any representations (either orally or in writing) not included within the responses to 3) and 4), by residents or others, specifically considered during any decision making process relating to parking on the residential Sports Village.</p> <p>8. Please provide, separately, details (including dates) of formal or informal complaints or representations in respect of parking on the residential Sports Village made by the Council to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Stadium</li> <li>b. Leigh East</li> </ol> <p>9. Please provide details of the survey referred to in your response to my complaint, RHM001734, including the specific purpose of the survey, the date and time (from and to), and the results, including how those results relate to the criteria referred to in the response.</p> <p>10. Please provide details of any communication with either the Stadium or Leigh East prior to the reported survey. Please also provide details of any efforts (known to the Council) made by the Stadium or Leigh East to reduce non-residential parking on the residential Sports Village at, or immediately before, the time that the survey was conducted.</p> <p>11. Please provide details of any similar surveys in the last 12 years.</p> | <p>5. Delegated approvals report for advertisement of current parking restrictions on Ledgard Avenue attached with appendices.</p> <p>6. The council does not hold this information.</p> <p>7. The council does not hold this information.</p> <p>8. The council does not hold this information.</p> <p>9. A parking beat survey was undertaken by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) on behalf of Wigan Council on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 between 3:45pm and 8:45pm on the streets surrounding Leigh Sports Village (LSV) to determine if the criteria for a resident's permit parking scheme was met as per the council's policy. Manchester United women's football team were playing against Manchester City (kick off 7pm) at LSV. The majority of the streets surveyed did not meet the council's permit parking policy criteria of 80% of available parking spaces occupied with 60% or greater of vehicles belonging to non residents. 31 streets were surveyed and 8 streets met the criteria.</p> <p>10. The council does not hold this information.</p> <p>11. None undertaken</p> |
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| <p>12. Please provide details of any efforts made to establish the level of the parking difficulties caused by the patrons of Leigh East within the last 12 years.</p> <p>13. In light of the reference to 'criteria' within the cited response, please provide details of any similar criteria in relation to other parking control measures, specifically, but not exclusively, please include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>double yellow lines;</li><li>resident's parking - a single yellow line (with permit - paid for by resident);</li><li>resident's parking - single yellow line (with permit - not paid for by resident).</li></ol> <p>14. In light of the suggestion contained in your response that the Council 'can ask residents to pay for parking', please clarify whether there is a lawful basis to provide parking permits at no cost to residents. It is simply not right that residents be obliged to pay for permits required due to a failure by corporations to control their patrons' parking.</p> <p>15. Please provide specific details, including timescale, of ongoing efforts to resolve parking difficulties on the residential Sports Village. Respectfully, your most recent response that 'councillors are aware of these issues and are in discussion with us to try and make the situation better for residents' is not good enough. This has gone on far too long. Efforts to reduce the difficulties are sporadic and of limited effect; the Council's previous 'solution' has simply (and literally) shifted the problem down the road and patrons of both facilities, particularly Leigh East users, have turned a quiet residential street into a car park.</p> | <p>12. Refer to response to question 9 regarding parking survey results from May 2023 which would have taken account of Leigh East parking</p> <p>13.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>see Council website:<br/><a href="https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Parking-Roads-Travel/Parking/Parking-and-Permits.aspx">https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Parking-Roads-Travel/Parking/Parking-and-Permits.aspx</a></li><li>Not a valid restriction permitted by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016</li><li>Not a valid restriction permitted by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016</li></ol> <p>14. Currently with existing resident's permit parking schemes in operation in the Borough resident pay for permits as details on our website at link below;</p> <p><a href="https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Parking-Roads-Travel/Parking/Parking-and-Permits.aspx">https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Parking-Roads-Travel/Parking/Parking-and-Permits.aspx</a></p> <p>15. Discussions are ongoing with local ward Councillors and plan is to write to residents with an update on parking situation in early 2024.</p> |
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To: [Redacted] From: [Redacted]  
Assistant Director: Traffic Manager  
Infrastructure  
Our Ref: LA/EX/LE/19/SD Date: 17 September 2019  
Ext: [Redacted]

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**Ledgard Avenue, Leigh South.  
Proposed Experimental Prohibition of Waiting Order.**

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I approve the proposals listed in the schedule / outlined in this report.

..... Date 18/09/2019.....  
[Redacted]  
Assistant Director: Infrastructure

I do not approve the proposals for the following reasons:

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**Distribution**  
[Redacted]  
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**Title:** **Ledgard Avenue, Leigh South.**

Proposed Experimental Prohibition of Waiting Order

**Ward:** Leigh South

**Contact Officer:** [REDACTED]

**Tel no.:** [REDACTED]

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

To seek approval to introduce a length of Prohibition of Waiting along the eastern kerbline of Ledgard Avenue, Leigh.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 Ledgard Ave is adjacent to the Atherleigh Way north of the Leigh Sports village in Leigh, in the ward of Leigh South.
- 2.2 A small housing estate was constructed in 2009 as part of the Leigh Sports village complex. Ledgard Avenue and Wintergreen Close remained un-adopted until early 2019 when the formal Section 38 legal agreement was completed to handover the road from developer to Council.
- 2.3 Leigh Sports village contains several sporting arenas and facilities which can attract large numbers of people and vehicles. There is a sports stadium which hosts matches for the Leigh Rugby team and Manchester United U23 and gym and hotel facilities. A sports pavilion is also located on the southern extent of Ledgard Avenue where sports take place on artificial pitches adjacent to Ledgard Avenue.
- 2.4 The Leigh Sports village has large dedicated parking facilities around the stadium however the sports pavilions car park is small and is often over-subscribed when the pitches are in use. During busy periods, in particular during weekday evenings parking displaces along Ledgard Avenue and Wintergreen Close.





- 2.5 These parking problems started a number of years ago whilst the roads were maintained by the developer. The resulting solution was a blanket double yellow line scheme throughout the entire estate applied by Barret Homes. These lines were not covered by a valid Traffic Regulation Order therefore could not be enforced. Sample photos shown below of the problem.
- 2.6 Several years later Wigan Council intervened to provide a possible solution to help the residents. The premise of a permit parking scheme was presented to residents and a general consensus could not be reached at the time and no further action was taken.
- 2.7 Given that Ledgard Avenue and Wintergreen Close are now adopted it is not good practice to have double yellow lines on the highway without have a valid Prohibition of Waiting Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.8 Throughout 2019, residents and local ward Councillors have been consulted on possible permutations with regard to parking control. An initial scheme to leave the parking restrictions in place with a valid TRO but leave driveways unrestricted was distributed to residents in February (Appendix B). The results are as follows.
- **59 households consulted.**
    - 19 households provided a response
    - 8 households were in favour.
    - 11 households objected.
- 2.9 Despite residents in general objecting to the proposals the reviewed comments did provide representation from residents that restrictions on Ledgard Avenue fronting numbers 14 to 26 would be of benefit. Further analysis of the exercise showed that 4 households would be in favour of a permit scheme by a direct request whilst a further 4 inferred that a permit scheme would be a possible option.

- 2.10 The general consensus from residents is that they would like the highway to the front of their house for friends and family to park on when required.
- 2.11 A further exercise was undertaken in July 2019 (Appendix C) and distributed to residents. The proposals were to remove the parking restrictions throughout the estate but maintain a section opposite houses 14 to 16 as suggested during the exercise in February.
- 2.12 The exercise invited 3 responses. These residents lived close to the junction of Ledgard Avenue and Wintergreen Close. The concerns raised were that parking could still occur and affect the junction as before, as parked vehicles may displace further into the estate away from restrictions.
- 2.13 Each of the 3 household which responded requested a variation of the proposals to suit their personal circumstances as their interpretation of the problem.
- 2.14 It is not possible to provide a solution to satisfy all residents so therefore it is recommended to proceed as consulted during the exercise undertaken in July 2019.
- 2.15 Given the observations made and the concerns of residents that parking may continue to occur throughout the estate once the parking restrictions have been removed, a flexible approach is required.
- 2.16 It is therefore recommended to proceed on an experimental basis to introduce the required Traffic Regulation Order for the length of parking restrictions required on Ledgard Avenue.
- 2.17 An experimental order is useful as it allows us to enforce the restrictions after a short time after advertisement and it allows amendments during a six month period to amend the order.
- 2.18 No road accidents have been recorded in the latest 36 month period in the area affected by the proposals.

### **3.0 Proposals**

- 3.1 It is proposed to progress a Prohibition of Waiting Order along the west kerbline as shown in Appendix C on an experimental basis.
- 3.2 The order will be advertised as an Experimental Order to allow us to make amendments should the displaced parking result in causing problems elsewhere.

### **4.0 Justification**

- 4.1 The current double yellow lines can not remain on the highway without a valid TRO. Residents have been consulted several times on the way forward and it seems difficult to get a general consensus with how to resolve the parking issues. The experimental order implements a valid TRO and allows flexibility to amend as appropriate.

**5.0 Recommendation**

5.1 It is recommended that the proposals contained in this report be approved.

Report seen by ..... Date .....  
[Redacted] - Traffic Manager, Network Management Group.



## Appendix A – Traffic Regulation Order Schedules

### Schedule 1 – Proposed of Experimental Prohibition of Waiting:

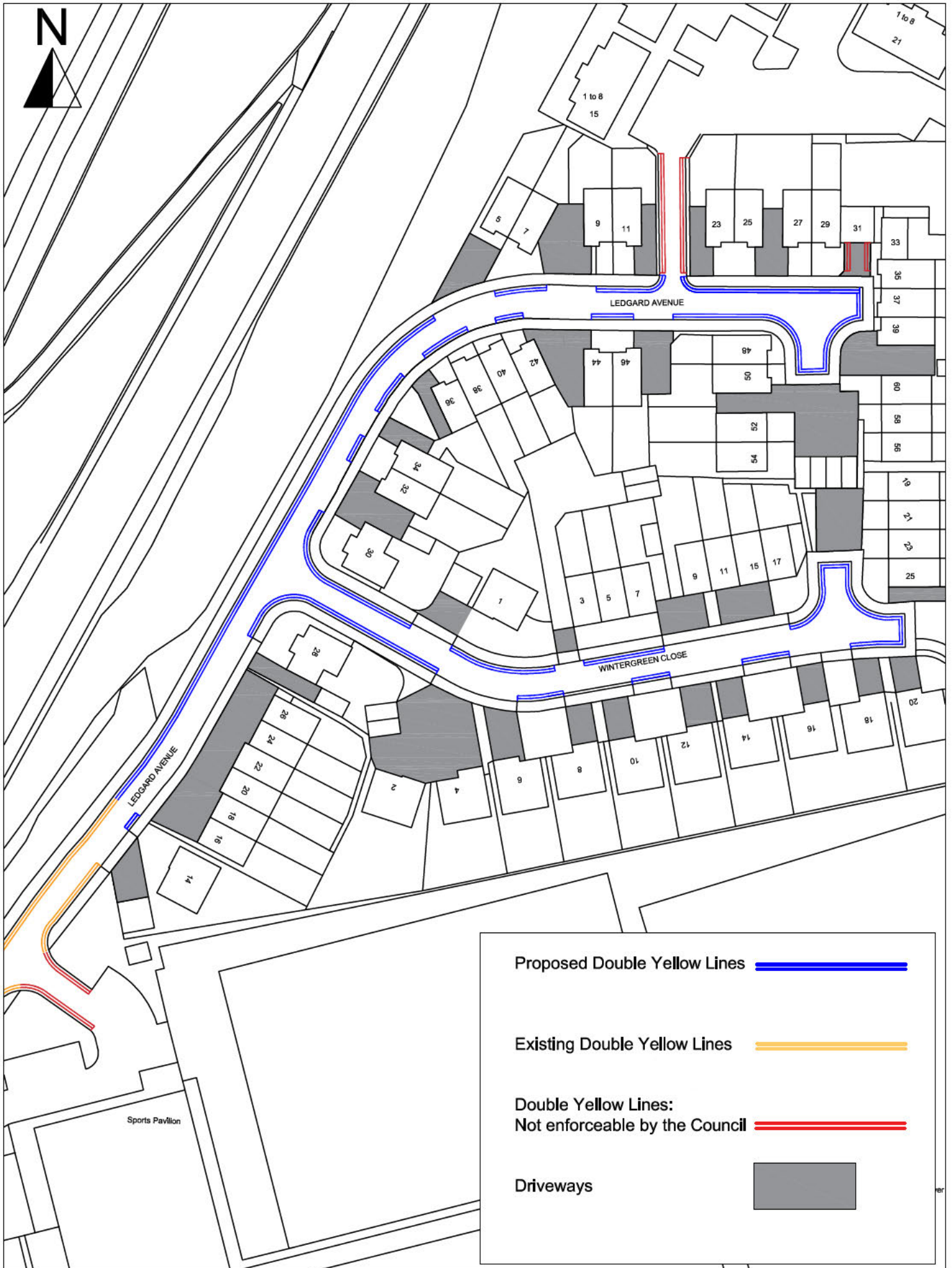
| <b>Road</b>    | <b>Side</b> | <b>From</b>                                     | <b>To</b>  | <b>Period of operation</b> |
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| Ledgard Avenue | West        | 226 metres north of its junction with Sale Way. | For a distance of 42 metres in a northly direction | At Any Time                |

**Ward: Leigh South**

**Appendix B –  
February 2019 – Rejected Consultation Plan**

**Ward: Leigh South**

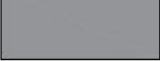
**Appendix C –  
July 2019 – Proposed Scheme / Consultation Plan**





Proposed Double Yellow Lines 

Existing Double Yellow Lines 

Double Yellow Lines:  
Not enforceable by the Council 

Driveways 



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| Double Yellow Lines                                    |  |
| Double Yellow Lines:<br>Not enforceable by the Council |  |