

Email Objection to the original advertised TRO (Dec22).

Representation One

From:

Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2022 10:35 AM

To: PMC WCC <pmc@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Proposed double yellow lines, Bailey Road.

Dear Mr McDonnell,

I object strongly to your proposal to put double yellow lines on Bailey Road on the grounds of totally unnecessary and removing the right for me & any delivery vehicles to park outside my house.

I was shaking with anger when I read your letter this morning. Someone in your department was at serious fault to agree the design proposal for the traffic lights and I now have to suffer your incompetence further by having intrusive yellow lines outside my house. Unbelievable.

Graham Hemmings told us that a team have been analysing our complaint that you can not turn out of the private road along 1-7 bailey road, because your poor design has the pedestrian crossing to close to the drive, and this is their solution??? Really. This is the best solution you can come up with. So how does this address it? I still can't get off my drive without the back of my car sticking out over the other side of the road.

I can catagorically say that parking outside my house has not once changed the traffic lights, so why does it state this in your letter?

Why do your department keep insisting on treating Bailey Road like a major road, it is a small grove!!! About 3 people a day use the pedestrian crossing. The one crossing on Campden road has never been used and never will, it has no purpose. A new crossing is about to built at the other end of Bailey road across the campden road, so 75% of people from Bailey road won't even cross Campden Road at your traffic lights.

I really can't believe that anyone from your departure produced count measurements etc for this junction, as it must be the most over the top junction ever built in the country. It's bad enough having a motorway style traffic lights system built outside your new house, when you were expecting a little island, but this is the final straw.

I hold your department fully responsible for the fact we are going to have to move house now. My wife is distraught.

I wish I had the money to take your department to court over the whole debacle, and the stress it has caused me and my neighbours.

Yours,
Resident of Bailey Road.

Engineer reply

From: Mike McDonnell <mikemcdonnell@warwickshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 27 December 2022 09:02

To: Subject: Fw: Proposed double yellow lines, Bailey Road.

Dear xx,

I refer to your email below regarding the proposed Double Yellow Lines (DYL) to the above location.

It is with regret the letter drop may have caused you distress, this is not the intention of my correspondence. I was not sure how well residents would have picked up on the Public Notices erected in the area, or the newspaper advert which is always placed in a 'widely distributed local newspaper', hence the letter drop.

The extent of the DYL shown is the most that could have been reasonably applied, but as this is a "Consultation" the matter is open for discussion, especially with the residents of Bailey Road, Nason Way and Bradley Drive. The shown extents may remain, but equally, it may also be reduced.

The traffic signals do require lengths of carriageway to be kept clear of parked vehicles. Campden Road would be running 24/7 with a green phase until a vehicle approaches the signal heads from the side roads and triggers a green phase demand. You will understand a poorly parked vehicle on approach to the traffic signals would cause a green to red phase to endlessly cycle on Campden Road until that vehicle moves on, or is prevented from parking there in the first place.

Your email Objection has been noted and will trigger a Reporting process to the Portfolio Holder for Highways to consider and sign off. However, you may also wish to consider putting forward an alternative suggestion which may also reduce the amount of DYL put forward.

My involvement with this junction was limited to the provision of the proposed DYL, though I am able to shed some light onto why this junction has traffic signals instead of the traffic island originally put forward. Originally, the junction was designed with a traffic island to suit 30mph traffic flows, but the 30mph does not start until where the Hibberd Way temporary access way located. The Developer had "unilaterally" decided to re-locate the 30mph terminal speed limit signs to a point some distance west of Bailey Road. I questioned this approach as I knew the Police would Object to the additional 30mph length without reasonable justification. Despite asking, the Developer never provided any justification for the extended 30mph. That part of Campden Road - being within a 50mph speed limit - would thus require a traffic island to be built to a 50mph specification. This meant a larger traffic island, but unfortunately, the Developer did not have/require/want the land needed to build such an obstacle. Some 12 months after my initial inquiry I found out the traffic island layout was changed to become a signalised junction, but about three/four months after my initial enquiry!

It may appear I changed the junction layout, but all I did was pose a question. The same question would have been picked up further along the build process during a Road Safety Audit, but at that time the build process would have been much further along. My questioning gave others time to consider matters rather than at the 'last minute' which seems so prevalent.

So when I read your text below you will understand that I do not think the term "incompetence" should be directed towards me.

"Someone in your department was at serious fault to agree the design proposal for the traffic lights and I now have to suffer your incompetence further by having intrusive yellow lines outside my house. Unbelievable."

All I am doing here is posing a question, I would prefer if you - and your neighbours - would engage and we work out a more beneficial outcome.

It would also prove to be a far cheaper option than moving house or engaging in Court actions would you agree ?

Regards,
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Snr Engineer.

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