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QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR T EYNON TO COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN

“Residents of Clutsom Road and Kemp Road in my ward, Hugglescote St Mary’s, are troubled by vehicles being parked in the evenings and overnight on the pavement at the entrance to their estate. This causes obstruction to pedestrians and restricts visibility for moving traffic. Residents in surrounding streets lack off-street parking, but with no other transport alternatives, need to park their private car or commercial vehicle near their home.

- How could this Council, through Planning, Enforcement and/or Community Development, assist residents to resolve this conflict?
- How does this Council’s performance on resolving such Parking issues compare with other authorities?”

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR A WOODMAN TO COUNCILLOR T EYNON

“Problem parking is an issue across the district and the county as a whole. The enforcement of problem parking is dependent upon the circumstances of each case. Leicestershire County Council (LCC) published a report in 2012 which is attached to this response for your information as it highlights the relevant authority who would deal with each issue.

NWLDC delivers on street parking enforcement on behalf of (LCC) under contract and the hours of operation are prescribed through the contract agreement.

As the pavement parking is taking place mostly in the evening, as stated, this is outside NWLDC normal patrol hours. If observed by a Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO), the officers can issue a penalty charge notice if a vehicle is on the pavement, adjacent to the “no waiting restriction” or for any other restrictions (and not carrying out any exempt activity or a blue badge holder).

Contact was made with LCC recently regarding this specific location. LCC advised that if they decide to allocate resources and carry out any ad hoc evening patrols in the future these would be added to their list of locations outside of patrol hours. If the pavement parking is considered dangerous or an obstruction then it would be a matter for the police, the police no longer have the powers to issue for parking contraventions, only for safety concerns.

In terms of parking issues on existing residential streets, Residents Parking Schemes can be considered and these are dealt with by LCC.

In terms of car parking standards for new buildings and future developments, guidance is contained both in the Leicestershire Highways Design Guide (Leicestershire County Council) and the Council’s Good Design SPD. The guidance in the Council’s Good Design SPD is based on the Leicestershire Highways Design Guide and requires a minimum of two off street spaces for dwellings up to three bedrooms and a minimum of three spaces for dwellings with four bedrooms or more. The preference is for this parking to be provided on the plot of individual dwellings and the Council discourages over reliance on tandem car parking arrangements on new developments.”