

# Agenda

## Item 8

Dear Councillors

I would like to get your support for a number of changes that are needed in parking in and around Ledbury in order to make the roads and pavements safer for everyone, especially pedestrians and cyclists.

There are increasing incidences of cars and vans parking on pavements, on double yellow lines and also in close proximity to junctions. All of these increase the risk of accidents involving pedestrians and/or cyclists.

Parking and traffic in the town more generally are issues that I know the county council and town council have been working on in the past with various working parties and the like. My view is that speeding motorists have been a greater priority than parking, which is fine.

Turning to parking, through your positions at county level please can I petition you to support –

- 1) Double yellow line enforcement (day and evening)
- 2) New double yellow lines at appropriate places around junctions along Bye Street / Bridge Street / Lower Road (around the junctions with Oatley's Terrace; Barnett Avenue; Victoria Road etc)
- 3) New parking restrictions such as 'resident only' with enforcement along Bridge Street and Lower Road, and also Queens Court, and The Langland.
- 4) The introduction of a restriction banning commercial vehicles parking on Bridge Street and Lower Road.
- 5) New double yellow lines on Biddulph Way where the road bends on a hill between Martins Way and Woodfield Road junctions
- 6) Extended double yellow lines around the railway station and on The Homend where increasing numbers of railway passengers are parking in order to avoid new parking charges at the railway station car park
- 7) Extended double yellow lines around the junctions in/out of the petrol station (in order to improve visibility for vehicles exiting and entering the petrol station)
- 8) Extended double yellow lines at the bottom of Knapp Lane (in order to improve visibility for vehicles entering this lane)
- 9) New steel bollards to narrow the entrance to Knapp Lane making it a 6'6" width restriction in order to reduce the use of larger commercial vehicles using the lane (in spite of the current weight limit [which is not enforced])
- 10) Introducing measures to prevent large HGVs parking on Orchard Lane (when they cannot enter the loading bay at Tesco as it can only accommodate one HGV at a time)

As the town grows it is the case that parking and traffic issues will become more pronounced. The measures outlined here will not stop that but they will, introduced collectively, mitigate some of the risks associated with cars and traffic in the short and medium term.

I hope that you can see that I have the interests of the town at heart. I also hope that you can work collaboratively

at county council level to support these changes (and others if you have them) that will promote a sustainable approach to cars and car use in our town into the future.

Kind regards