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**Subject:** RE: Safety improvements at junction at top of Low Lane in Draughton

Good morning Jane

It would probably be advisable to meet one or two or your councillors on site to consider any waiting restrictions. It would also be useful to receive some photographic evidence of the problems that are encountered. I did look yesterday and there were two cars parked up, however I wouldn’t consider they were causing a road safety issue especially with the very low volume of traffic. Any parking restrictions will only displace vehicles elsewhere ie on the opposite side of the road or on the junction itself possibly causing more problems than the original issue.

Are you aware if the vehicles parking there are locals or visitors to the area?

Whilst happy to meet, please bear in mind that as you are probably aware, many requests are received each year for waiting restrictions and we can only implement a very few of these due to limited resources both financial and staff. Each request is added to the list and investigated in priority rank order.

Having looked at the injury accident records for this area, there are no recorded accidents over the last 19 years, 1999-2017. It would be difficult therefore for us to give your request a higher priority than those already on the list with some having been on the list for some considerable time.

Should you wish to fund the investigation and implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order covering the area, the work would have to be carried out by our consultants. A conservative estimate to investigate, consult, advertise and implement the measures would be approximately £2-3k.

With regards to a mirror, we do not install these on the public highway because:

* They can affect drivers’ visibility because they reflect head lamps or sunshine dazzling the driver
* They can create difficulties in judging speed and distance of reflected vehicles
* Weather conditions may cause visibility problems
* Regular maintenance is required to keep them completely clean
* They are susceptible to vandalism

The installation of a traffic mirror on private property is a matter for agreement with the land owner and may need planning permission. I am sorry but we will not fund or install one.

Regards

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Hello

I have been asked by the parish council to follow up with you again the issue of safety improvements at the junction at the top of Low Lane in Draughton.  We would like to consider having double yellow lines painted along Main St, in front of Headlands and The Pines, to discourage parking across the top of the junction.  We would also like to consider having a mirror installed in the garden at the bottom of Headlands (on privately-owned land, not on Highways verge) so that drivers waiting to turn out of the junction at the top of the hill can see traffic approaching from the Ilkley direction around the corner of Matchless House.

Please could you advise on the costs to the parish council, if we were to request you to make one or both of these safety improvements for us.

Many thanks

Jane Markham

Clerk to the Council