

Reply from Neighbourhood Highway Officer

Looking at historic google Streetview it would appear that double yellow lines were installed at this junction sometime between 2015 and 2022. This does not necessarily mean it is appropriate or safe to park in a section the double yellow lines do not cover, however they do pinpoint the most necessary locations for people not to park, to ensure traffic can flow freely into the estate.

Extending the double yellow lines to give a full visibility splay would take up additional parking, and would not necessarily lead to safety improvements as a decrease in parked vehicles around the area may lead to an increase in vehicle speeds. As it is a residential estate there is a certain expectation that there will be parked vehicles, and when pulling out of junctions vehicles should edge out until they have good visibility, and drivers should be aware that there will be people entering the road and reversing out of driveways or parallel parking in many places along this road.

Regarding people double parking, I assume this refers to parking on both sides of the road at the same time? As with many residential areas, it is for drivers to use their discretion about where it is appropriate to park, providing they follow the highway code. The road varies in width, and in some cases it is plausible that 2 small cars could park on either side opposite each other leaving a sufficient width in the centre. Yet if 2 large wide vans were to do the same, this would cause issues. Installing double yellow lines along one side of the whole road would reduce parking provision overall, and may result in people parking their cars in other nearby roads, causing issues in a different location. An excessive provision of double yellow lines almost implies that anywhere where there is not a double yellow line is safe to park. This is definitely not the case, and people always need to use their best judgement.

In many cases there is no clear solution to such problems like parking, because any solutions in one area has consequences elsewhere, and it is not easy to find a solution which works for all residents. If you would like to put forwards a specific request on behalf of residents, then please let me know, and if there are any other issues where you believe a particular change could overall benefit road users, please let me know.