

## Query raised by Astley Village Parish Council

### Parking Problems in Astley Village on the main Chancery Road

Derian House visitors/staff park on the grass verges of Chancery Road often, sometimes a number of cars at a time. They look untidy, cause obstruction and damage to the Grass Verge constantly.

A suggestion Councillors have made are posts to be placed along the grass verge to prevent such parking.

Derian House should be contacted by Highways to suggest they create more parking to accommodate their operation, tell staff and visitors not to cause obstruction or park on the grass verges, encourage park and walk from the Euxton Lane lay by.

### Response from Lancashire County Council:

As this is a specific service request this will be progressed outside of the meeting. Following consultations with the local police, site visits and the CEO of Derian House the following can be reported:

- It has been noted that at times there are cars parking half on the pavement and half on the carriageway, in varying numbers. Site visits showed as many as eight on one occasion with one of those parked half on the grass verge. On other occasions there were either none or just one or two noted. Not all of these vehicles could be attributed to Derian House visitors or staff; with the limited waiting restrictions now in place on Euxton Lane Lay by, it may be that some of these vehicles are staff or visitors to the hospital.
- As the Highway Authority, we cannot force Derian House to provide more parking internally, just as we could not force a householder to do likewise. Chorley BC as Planning Authority may be able to ascertain whether any planning conditions are being breached, or if another application were to be made to the planning authority, may be able to ensure sufficient provision is made for any additional building.
- I met with Mrs Georgina Cox, CEO of Derian House and the hospice recognise that at times they contribute to the parking on Chancery Road, as it was on the day of our meeting which was held in the school holidays when they had invited local youngsters in to join in with children at Derian House to carve pumpkins. There are also mandatory training days for staff as well as joint meeting days with St Catherine's Hospice all of which generate more traffic than the site can contain.
- However, Derian House were at the time of my meeting; having a minor re-design of their car park creating 6 more spaces and these works should now be complete.
- Chancery Road has a 30mph limit, and with good visibility, there is no substantial reason why parking should be prevented.
- At no time during my site visits, or those that the police have carried out, was the parking on the road considered a danger, with enough width left on the carriageway to easily accommodate two way residential traffic. This is reflected in the excellent safety record with no collisions reported to the police in the last five years involving injury; the nearest recorded injury incident is at the junction of Long Croft Meadow when two cars collided

resulting in one slight adult injury but no parking is mentioned in the collision causation.

- Motorists parking vehicles half on and half off the pavement do so, I believe, in good faith to leave more room available on the carriageway and the remaining cycle way and pedestrian areas allow plenty of room for cycles and pedestrians to pass without conflict if both parties are reasonable. The Police will not consider action in relation to obstruction if there is a reasonable width remaining for pedestrians and cyclists
- Double yellow lines would only be considered where there was a recognised safety problem, which is not proven here, and placing restrictions randomly could lead to displacing parking into a more dangerous location. It is unlikely that LCC Parking Services would give priority for enforcement to a restriction in this location.
- Bollards are generally only used to prevent re-occurring severe structural problems from over-running and it would not be feasible or financially possible to institute a program of placing bollards on grass verges to prevent parking.
- Derian House is a Children's Hospice offering a range of services for families who have children with life shortening conditions and providing end of life care and bereavement support. While the parking on Chancery Road may at some times be contributed to by Staff and Visitors to Derian House, to the Highway Authority such parking is not a cause of concern, and to the general public appears to cause no more than minor inconvenience and aesthetic concern.

With regard to the above I will not at this time be proposing any waiting restricting or civil works to prevent parking.

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#### Query raised by Whittle-le-Woods Parish Council

##### Proposed Whittle-le-Woods youth shelter (and supporting infrastructure)

There have been recent talks between police, parish council and youths of the village and it has been agreed that a youth shelter would be a good idea. Following consultation with local residents etc, the decision will be made.

Is there any financial assistance available, and for advice on the support that would be available regarding the infrastructure (ie police patrols, bin emptying etc), and any other related issues that the Three Tier meeting could advise or assist with.

##### Response from Chorley Council

A youth shelter project was considered at the last Neighbourhood Area Meeting and agreed as being not deliverable, although things have obviously moved on. The report on this can be accessed here: <https://democracy.chorley.gov.uk/ielssueDetails.aspx?IId=33643&Opt=3> at Appendix 2.

Officers have suggested that this is submitted as “new” project at the next round of Neighbourhood Area Meetings in January. Louise Elo has sent forms out and asked for projects. If things have moved on there is a good chance it will be taken forward as a project, although that decision will be taken by the Neighbourhood Area Meeting for Clayton and Whittle.

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