

**Okehampton Town Council
Planning Meeting 1st July 2024
Meeting Report**

Date:	21 st June 2024
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Pavement Crediton Road Junction – To consider any updates with regard to the condition of the pavement at this location

This matter was reported to DCC following a previous meeting of the Committee.



Hunters Gate – To consider parking issues at Hunters Gate.

An issue raised by a member of the public whereby parked vehicles cause problems for large vehicles including busses was forwarded to DCC Highways Officer who has responded as follows:

The photos appear to be of this particular corner: [1 The Heathers - Google Maps](#)
Streetview suggests the road layout has been the same since at least 2008, and I am not aware of previous issues in this location or any correspondence from the bus company about this.

The photos show a vehicle which is parked quite a distance from the kerb, right on the corner, which may cause issues.

It doesn't appear that there are any parking restrictions such as double yellow lines in any section of Hunters Gate as far as I can see.

Installing double yellow lines for example of a specific length on the corner may suggest it is not appropriate to park on the corner but suggests that either side of the double yellow lines is therefore fine. The problem with this is that where any double yellow lines would finish may still not be suitable for all sizes of vehicles. And even on the particular corner in question, it might be fine for a motorbike to park where the silver car is parked, but the silver car being parked a foot away from the kerb is clearly not acceptable. This is really down to driver responsibility to park appropriately.

Due to the road varying in width in all places, I wouldn't consider it to be appropriate for installation of parking restrictions, which effectively give a black and white yes or no as to whether it is ok to park in a particular location, and this is far from reality on smaller residential roads where drivers need to consider multiple factors such as vehicle length, width and whether there are other vehicles already parked opposite etc.

If there is a single vehicle which is parking obstructively, this may be a matter for the police. I do not believe that parking restrictions would resolve this specific issue without creating new issues in other sections of the road which don't have restrictions.

If the Town Council wants to put forwards a specific proposal, then it can be considered on an individual basis, however I would suggest it is unlikely that parking restrictions especially only on one corner of a residential estate would be agreed.

