

Levelling Up East Lancashire Project

Safer, Healthier, Greener Streets

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These proposals form part of the Levelling Up East Lancashire project. They aim to deliver improvements in local neighbourhoods through:

- Improving local streets with better connections through new or improved crossing facilities and pathways.
- Enhancing streets and public spaces with new planting and seating.
- Creating safer street environments that makes it easier for people to walk, cycle or wheel to local places.
- Improving facilities at local parks and providing new public green spaces.
- Improving road safety by discouraging pavement parking at junctions,
- Improving sight lines for people trying to cross the road and reducing traffic speeds.

The proposals will work together to create a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and vulnerable users, whilst also improving public realm in the area. The intention of the scheme is twofold, to:

- Foster a sense of pride in local communities by creating safer, greener neighbourhoods and revitalised public realm.
- Increase active travel uptake to improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities.

These proposals include the following:

- Introduction of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions to enhance road safety by preventing obstructive parking, maintaining clear visibility at junctions and ensuring safe and efficient movement of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.
- Introduction of No Waiting Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm restrictions on Percy Street to facilitate larger vehicles turning in school hours and provide locations to park during the evening.
- Removal and relocation of the existing Good Vehicle Loading Bay at a slightly reduced length on Broad Street to a more suitable position to accommodate the proposed pedestrian crossing, whilst maintaining loading and unloading opportunities for local businesses.
- Removal and reintroduction at reduced lengths of the residents parking bay on the north east side of Percy Street between Bradshaw Street and Bentley Street to accommodate the introduction of the proposed No Waiting at Any Time restriction to provide sufficient space for vehicles to manoeuvre in and out of Marsden Community Primary School. Whilst still supporting the available residential parking within zone N5.

- Introduction of new School Keep Clear restrictions to prohibit obstructive parking, improving safety for all road users and pedestrians in the vicinity of the school.
- Removal of existing school keep clear restrictions on Holly Street to remove redundant restrictions following the closure of the school access on Holly Street.
- Minor amendments to the lengths and positioning of existing No Waiting at Any Time, No Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am – 6pm and School Keep Clear restrictions to facilitate the proposed changes to the road layout, whilst still prohibiting obstructive parking particularly at peak times and to allow for effective enforcement.
- Introduction of road humps, raised pedestrian crossing points and raised junction tables to reduce vehicle speeds and improve road safety particularly for pedestrians and vulnerable road users.
- Removal of road humps and raised tables to provide sufficient gaps between humps in accordance with highway design standards.
- Introduction of One Way Orders to improve the flow of traffic and direct local traffic via a safer means of reaching main arterial roads
- Introduction of new crossing points for pedestrians, to facilitate their safe crossing of the road, minimise conflict with motor vehicles and improve local streets with better connections
- Removal and relocation of the existing bus stop clearways to more suitable positions to accommodate the proposed pedestrian crossing on Netherfield Road
- Amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order to match the existing road markings, allowing for effective enforcement.

REASONS UNDER Section 1 of the RTRA

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs or