

Dear Councillors

I would like to bring to inform you of the intention to undertake a highway improvement scheme on Main Street in Garforth and a 20mph zone for the Garforth community.

Main Street, Garforth between the A642 Wakefield/Aberford Road and Beech Grove Avenue has been identified as a Length for Concern and is currently ranked as No.11 in the City Councils 2011 edition of the Lengths for Concern report, with 12 injury accidents comprising of 9 slight and 3 serious in the past five years, with the main accident type being pedestrian related accidents, which you would tend to expect in a busy shopping centre such as Main Street.

As part of the proposed highway improvement scheme it is intended to improve the general safety of Main Street, improve the general appearance of Main Street and reduce the speed limit to 20mph improving road and pedestrian safety.

As part of the Highway Improvement scheme it is therefore proposed to;

- Introduce humped zebra crossings at the three existing zebra crossings along Main Street, realign and improve the adjacent footways;
- Reconstruct/resurface the existing footways along various sections of Main Street (subject to funding);
- Resurface various sections of the Main Street carriageway (subject to funding);
- Relocation of the informal pedestrian crossing facility outside the Sainsbury store;
- Removal of concrete paving and the reconstruction and improvement of the frontage of Nos 1 to 15 Main Street;
- The introduction of limited waiting on various sections of Main Street to provide 28 parking spaces and improve parking provision as set out in the Garforth Parking Strategy; and
- The introduction of a 20mph zone encompassing the area of Garforth bordered by the A63 Selby Road, Ninelands Lane, the A642 Wakefield Road and the railway.

Also as part of the proposed highway improvement and 20mph zone scheme it is proposed to undertake the works associated with introducing 2 hour and 4 hour limited waiting in the Barleyhill Road and Main Street car parks respectively as set out in the Garforth Parking Strategy and previously discussed.

The proposed improvements and 20mph zone in Garforth will reduce the number and severity of injury accidents along Main Street and the surrounding residential area, which along with the increase in parking on Main Street and regulating the car parks will make Garforth Main Street a more attractive shopping area for all alike.

Drawing Nos TME/13/1/131/1 & 2 are attached and I would be grateful if you could return any comments you may wish to make, by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012, or if you would further information or would like to discuss the proposals further I would be happy to assist.

As this is the first stage of consultation on this scheme designed to seek the views of Ward Members, the Police and emergency services and that the draft proposals may be subject to revision and further consultation with yourselves before consulting the general public.

May I therefore request that at the present time these initial draft proposals are **not** presented to the general public as further change resulting from this consultation exercise may lead to confusion, conflict and ultimately to a considerable delay in progressing the scheme.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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Dear Sir / Madam

**Ribblesdale Avenue/Severn Drive, Garforth – Proposed Parking Restrictions**

Leeds City Council would like to bring to your attention, proposals to introduce parking restrictions on Ribblesdale Avenue and Severn Drive, as shown on the enclosed Drawing No. TME/13/1/131/04D.

After receiving various representations from Green Lane Primary School and local residents outlining problems and concerns with parking relating to the school, causing access, visibility and general road safety problems, Local Garforth Councillors and Traffic Management are looking at introducing ;

- 'No Waiting Monday to Friday, 8am till 9:30am and 2:30pm till 4pm' restrictions; and
- 'No Stopping Monday to Friday, 8am till 9:30am and 2:30pm till 4pm (on the School zig-zag markings)' restrictions;

The provision of the above parking restrictions will remove the problematic parking in the vicinity of the school entrance and will maintain clear access and visibility for local residents, whilst also keeping a clear flow of traffic in the proximity of the school.

Please take the time to read this letter as this is the public consultation process which allows local residents the opportunity to have an input into the proposals and as a person directly affected by these proposals, Leeds City Council would welcome any comments and suggestions that you may have.

Please be aware that If there is general support for the proposals then the Traffic team will seek authorisation to introduce the restrictions and resolve the ongoing problems. Thus please send any relevant comments to [nick.borras@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:nick.borras@leeds.gov.uk) or write to the Highways Traffic East Section at the above address.

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**Lidgett Lane, Garforth – Proposed Parking Restrictions**

Leeds City Council would like to bring to your attention, proposals to introduce parking restrictions on Lidgett Lane, as shown on the enclosed Drawing No. TME/13/1/131/04A.

Local Garforth Councillors and Traffic Management are looking at introducing 'No Waiting Monday to Friday, 8am till 4pm' parking restrictions after receiving various representations from local residents outlining problems and concerns with parking relating to the school, causing access and visibility problems for local residents.

The introduction of the 'No Waiting Monday to Friday, 8am till 4pm' parking restriction will remove the school related parking along Lidgett Lane and will maintain clear access and visibility for local residents, whilst also keeping a clear flow of traffic on the main road.

Please take the time to read this letter as this is the public consultation process which allows local residents the opportunity to have an input into the proposals and as a person directly affected by these proposals, Leeds City Council would welcome any comments and suggestions that you may have.

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**Oak Road, Garforth – Proposed Parking Restrictions**

Leeds City Council would like to bring to your attention, proposals to extend the existing parking restrictions on Oak Road, as shown on the enclosed Drawing No. TME/13/1/131/04B.

Local Garforth Councillors and Traffic Management are looking at extend the existing 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restriction on Oak Road after receiving various representations from local residents outlining problems and concerns about parking on Oak Road close to its junction with the A642 Aberford Road, causing access and visibility problems for local residents.

The extension of the existing 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restriction will remove the problematic parking and will maintain clear access and visibility for local residents, whilst also keeping a clear flow of traffic close to the main road junction.

Please take the time to read this letter as this is the public consultation process which allows local residents the opportunity to have an input into the proposals and as a person directly affected by these proposals, Leeds City Council would welcome any comments and suggestions that you may have.

Please be aware that If there is general support for the proposals then the Traffic team will seek authorisation to introduce the restrictions and resolve the ongoing problems. Thus please send any relevant comments to [nick.borras@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:nick.borras@leeds.gov.uk) or write to the Highways Traffic East Section at the above address.

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**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS LEAFLET AS YOU ARE  
DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY OUR PROPOSALS.**

**MAIN STREET, GARFORTH, LEEDS.  
PROPOSED HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.**

Leeds City Council would like to bring to your attention our proposals to undertake a Highway Improvement scheme on Main Street in Garforth as shown on the enclosed Drawing No. TME/13/1/131/1.

Main Street, Garforth between the A642 Wakefield/Aberford Road and Beech Grove Avenue has been identified as a Length for Concern and is currently ranked as No.11 in the City Councils 2011 edition of the Lengths for Concern report, with 12 injury accidents comprising of 9 slight and 3 serious in the past five years, with the main accident type being pedestrian related accidents.

As part of the proposed Highway Improvement scheme it is intended to improve the general safety and general appearance of Main Street, thus reducing vehicle speeds and improving road and pedestrian safety, whilst also carry out elements of the Garforth Parking Strategy which has previously been consulted on.

Leeds City Council and the Garforth & Swillington Ward Councillors want Garforth to be the town centre of choice for people who live in this part of Leeds, with an excellent range of facilities and a high-quality environment. The revitalisation of the town centre will be achieved through a number of different schemes, each of which form part of a phased approach comprising of;

- Phase 1:** The refurbishment of the Main Street (old Tesco's) car park, with the demolition of the derelict garages and increased capacity of the car park by 25 spaces;
- Phase 2:** The Highway Improvement Scheme on Main Street, with formalised on street parking;
- Phase 3:** The introduction of 2 and 4 hour limited waiting in the Barleyhill Road and Main Street car parks as set out in the Garforth Parking Strategy; and
- Phase 4:** The introduction of a 20mph speed limit encompassing Main Street and the area of Garforth bordered by the A63 Selby Road, Ninelands Lane, the A642 Wakefield Road and the railway.

With Phase 1, the refurbishment of the Main Street car park, already ongoing we are looking to focus on Phase 2, the Highway Improvement scheme, which will consist of the following elements;

- The Introduction of humped zebra crossings at the three existing zebra crossings along Main Street to help reduce vehicle speeds, realign and improve the drainage and general condition of adjacent footways;
- Look to reconstruct / resurface some of the existing footways and improve the general condition of the pedestrian routes along various sections of Main Street (subject to funding being obtained);
- Look to resurface various sections of the Main Street carriageway improve the general condition of the vehicular routes through the area (subject to funding being obtained);
- Look to reconstruct / resurface areas of private frontages and improve the general appearance of the shop frontages pedestrian routes along Main Street (subject to approval being granted from the owner/occupier); and
- The introduction of 2 hour limited waiting on various sections of Main Street to provide on-street parking spaces and improve parking provision as set out in the Garforth Parking Strategy.

All the proposed works in Garforth will reduce the number and severity of injury accidents along Main Street and the surrounding residential areas, which along with the increase in parking both on Main Street and in the car parks and regulating the car parks will revitalise the area and make Garforth Main Street a more attractive shopping area for all alike.

Please take the time to read this leaflet as this is the public consultation process which allows local residents and businesses the opportunity to have an input into the scheme and as a person directly affected by these proposals, Leeds City Council would welcome any comments and suggestions that you may have relating to the proposals.

Also, for those owners / occupiers of property where we would like to improve the shop frontages, if you could return the form agreeing for us to carry out works on your frontage using the freepost address, then we can include these areas in the final Highway Improvement scheme.

Please send any relevant comments to **[nick.borras@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:nick.borras@leeds.gov.uk)** or write to the Highways Traffic East Section at the Freepost address overleaf by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012. If by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012 we have not heard from yourselves we will assume that you have no comments to make and are in favour of our proposals and we will proceed with the implementation of the scheme.

Further details can be obtained by contacting the Traffic Management Section on telephone no. **0113 3951431**.

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## **20mph Speed Limits on Residential Streets in Garforth**

Local Garforth Councillors and Traffic Management are leading an initiative to introduce 20mph speed limits on residential roads in Garforth. This initiative is part of the desire to promote safer roads in Garforth and is in line with national wishes to keep traffic speeds low in the areas where people live.

Research shows that lower speeds help to reduce accident numbers. Lower speeds also reduce the risk of serious or fatal injuries. There can also be improvements in the local environment and quality of life. As a result of these benefits, the Department of Transport are encouraging local authorities, over time, to introduce 20mph schemes onto roads which are mainly residential. The aim is to make drivers more aware of their behaviour and to make Garforth a safer and more enjoyable place to both live and shop.

In the Leeds City Council area, schools are the focus for new schemes. A small number of schemes were introduced in 2011 and more are now being progressed. However, with over 250 schools in the LCC area it will take some years to do them all. We do acknowledge that introducing 20mph schemes over a wider area has greater benefits than keeping to the immediate vicinity of a school. Current schemes are taking that into account.

Highways have been asked to move the concept of 20mph schemes forward in Garforth and the funding required to allow that to happen has been secured. The Traffic Management team at Leeds City Council have undertaken traffic surveys on the residential streets across Garforth and have ascertained that the area bounded by the A642 Wakefield Road, A63 Selby Road, Ninelands Lane and the railway indicated on the plan is suitable for a 20mph speed limit.

*(Larger copies of the plan can be viewed at Garforth Library in Church Road, or electronic copies are available on request via [highways@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:highways@leeds.gov.uk)).*

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- Q. What changes will there be to the appearance of the road?
- A. There will be new 20mph speed limit signs at each point where you drive into a residential area off the more major roads. Where appropriate there will also be a '20' marking on the road as well. Within the area there will be smaller 20mph repeater signs on lighting columns.





Q. Will there be any speed bumps?

A. No new speed bumps will be included as part of this work. Where a 20mph speed limit is introduced, it is controlled by signs only. Any existing speed bumps will be left in place.

Q. Driving at 30mph is not dangerous. Won't lowering the speed limit cause delays to motorists?

A. The nature of Garforth's residential roads is that due to their narrowness and dense parking it is neither safe nor appropriate for vehicles to travel at speeds greater than 20mph. This is borne out by the speed surveys which show that in almost all cases the existing average speed is in the range of 16-24mph on the chosen roads. The main routes around Garforth do not form part of this proposal.

Q. How will the 20mph scheme be enforced?

A. National guidelines are that 20mph schemes should be self-enforcing. Our surveys show that most drivers are already travelling at lower speeds on the roads affected. The new lower limit is likely to further reduce the average speed of traffic. It is not expected that further enforcement will be required. The police will continue to monitor driver behaviour as they currently do and will take action where appropriate.

Q. What happens next?

A. If you wish to comment on the proposals or require any further information please write to:

[highways@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:highways@leeds.gov.uk)

or

Leeds City Council  
Traffic Management  
Dept of Highways & Transportation  
30 Ring Road Middleton  
Leeds, LS10 4AX

If there is general support for the proposals then the Traffic team will seek authorisation to advertise the legal order for a 20mph limit. Once this procedure has been followed through then we would be able to put the signs up.

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### **Station Fields/Oak Crescent/Oak Drive, Garforth Proposed Parking Restrictions**

Leeds City Council would like to bring to your attention, proposals to introduce various parking restrictions on Station Fields, Oak Crescent, Oak Drive and Marlowe Court, as shown on the enclosed Drawing No. TME/13/1/131/04C.

Local Garforth Councillors and Traffic Management are looking at introducing various parking restrictions after receiving various representations from local residents outlining problems and concerns with all day commuter parking relating to Garforth Railway Station and school related parking, causing access, obstruction and visibility problems for local residents and being generally detrimental to road safety in the vicinity of St Benedicts RC Primary school.

It is therefore proposed to introduce the following restrictions to resolve the various problems;

- 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions to remove obstructive parking at the Station Fields/Oak Crescent/Oak Drive/Marlowe Court junctions in accordance with the requirements of the Highway Code;
- 'No Waiting Monday to Friday, 10am till 1pm' to remove the existing all day commuter parking and prevent the displacement of this parking to the immediate areas;
- 'No Stopping Monday to Friday, 8am till 9:30am and 2:30pm till 4pm' to prevent obstructive parking on the School zig-zag markings on Station Fields and Oak Drive and ensure children's safety; and
- 'No Stopping Except Buses' to remove obstructive parking on the existing bus stop used by the school bus.

The provision of the above parking restrictions will remove the problematic parking in the vicinity of the school entrance and will maintain clear access and visibility for local residents, whilst also keeping a clear flow of traffic in the proximity of the school.

Please take the time to read this letter as this is the public consultation process which allows local residents the opportunity to have an input into the proposals and as a person directly affected by these proposals, Leeds City Council would welcome any comments and suggestions that you may have.



Please be aware that If there is general support for the proposals then the Traffic team will seek authorisation to introduce the restrictions and resolve the ongoing problems, however if a majority vote of support cannot be achieved then the proposals will be discarded and the problems will continue.

Thus please send any relevant comments to [nick.borras@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:nick.borras@leeds.gov.uk) or write to the Highways Traffic East Section at the above address.

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