

Heald Green and Long Lane Ratepayers' Association

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12 July 2024

Highways Meeting

Councillors met with officers today for their quarterly meeting. Notes of the items discussed are as follows, it was a lengthy meeting as there is a lot to discuss in Heald Green at the moment, here are the main points:

- The works to extend the Traffic Regulation Orders/ double yellow lines (TROs) on Greenway and Greenhythe Roads recently approved at Cheadle Area Committee will be put on order at the end of July.
- The consultation on extending TROs on Brown Lane and Elmsleigh Road has finished, results are being collated.
- Officers will speak to the shop by the station that has an “A” board outside in breach of regulations.
- Officers are looking to move a bollard by the Bet Fred shop to increase safety of pedestrians there.
- Officers are going to carry out observations to draw up a scheme to introduce TROs on Finney Lane opposite the shops, and a loading ban, in response to the increased problems with parking in the area. The serious problems preventing disabled people using the pavement and making the area unsafe for pedestrians were raised, the Enforcement Team are aware and are visiting the area as a priority.
- With regard to parking in the vicinity of the mosque officers have met with the trustees and are exploring some other options to reduce traffic at peak times. There has been a good engagement with the recent consultation in the area and proposals to increase TROs, with a number of further suggestions made.
- A request for TROs at the entrance to the Griffin Farm estate has been passed on to officers, who will carry out observations and draw up proposals.
- Airport parking on Heald Grove was raised as an issue, with the request for “No Airport Parking Allowed” signs. This is unlikely to be possible, officers will further investigate.
- The rogue “A” board chained to a lamp post at the top of Queensway was raised again as an issue, to ensure the council will remove it.
- The very serious concerns about parking on Outwood Drive by the station were raised again. This is a very dangerous, with pedestrians often at risk from the inconsiderate driving and parking in the area. The narrow pavement there means it is not possible to install bollards. At councillors’ suggestion officers have been asked to scope out introducing a one way system that would only allow cars to turn out of Outwood Drive.

This would be an expensive scheme, at over £20k a significant proportion of Heald Green's available funds. However, councillors are keen to improve safety in the area, and to go out to consultation with proposals, to see if this is something residents would support.

- Lighted signs in the area are being replaced with LEDs, this is a two stage process, with the new signs first installed then a second process up to seven weeks later to finalise the connections. So, it may take a while until signs are working again.
- Work to protect the two railway bridges and extend their lifespan has been undertaken recently.
- The broken sign on the A555 eastbound has been reported to Cheshire East Council, it's likely they are awaiting the next road routine closure for this to be fixed.
- Weeds are particularly rampant this year, also the wet weather has delayed spraying, updates of when the area is due to be sprayed are available here: [Weed control - Stockport Council](#)