

Heald Green and Long Lane Ratepayers' Association

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6 April 2025

Update from the Councillor and Officers' Highways Meeting for Heald Green Ward

A large part of the meeting was taken up discussing parking enforcement, areas of urgent concern are:

- Finney Lane, near Wilmslow Road junction - the faded signage prevents enforcement, at councillors' request this has been prioritised and is with contractors for replacement as soon as possible.
- Finney Lane shops – the consultation for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) or double yellow lines will hopefully go out this coming week. It is not possible to put bollards on the pavement because it is too narrow; bollards must be placed 450 mm back from the kerb edge.
- Greenway Road area – lining is underway as a priority with the contractors, this will be enforceable straightaway.
- Outwood Drive - a consultation on a one-way system is planned for after the Finney Lane consultation is completed.

With regard to the parking issues, dangerous driving over footways was noted, particularly on Finney Lane. Officers have contacted the police and asked for a joined-up approach. It is clearly dangerous, and this is only enforceable by the police.

In addition, Cllr Anna-Charles Jones has raised wider concerns with the Chief Executive and a multi-agency meeting is being organised with senior officers.

Councillors asked what more could be done, can we not get cameras? These can only be installed in bus lanes, for banned turning movements, yellow box junctions and weight limits and therefore cannot be used to police the current issues.

There was a pavement parking review in November 2020, Greater Manchester is lobbying the government for further powers to allow this to be enforced, and this could be with cameras. But this is for MPs to put in place.

Other areas:

- St Anns Road South – bollards are approved and this is being passed to the contractor.
- Daisy Bank Lane – pavements are narrow, but parking observed has not been severe. The road is not a busy thoroughfare.
- Finney Lane & Formby Drive – officers are awaiting legal notices, this is in progress.
- Brown Lane and Styal Road works are now complete.
- St Anns Road North – will be prioritised when other schemes have been progressed.

Other issues:

- Planned maintenance and resurfacing of Lomond Road, off Styal Road is being progressed, as it has really deteriorated, funding has been secured
- Gully cleaning is taking place, with 350 assets cleaned.
- Wythens Road – pavements to be inspected.
- Request for a bin to be moved from near the war memorial to near the station is with neighbourhoods to consider.

Flooding

- Kilburn Close and Dame Hollow – checks have been undertaken, and no faults have been detected on drains.
- Greenway Road and Shirley Avenue - Flooding in the gardens may be due to an old field culvert; this would be an issue for the homeowners.
- The council's flood drop-ins events are taking place as follows:
 - 3pm to 7pm, on Wednesday, April 9 at Trinity Church, Massie St, Cheadle, SK8 1UU.
 - 3pm to 7pm on Wednesday, May 14 at Gatley Hill House Community Centre, Church Road, Gatley, SK8 4EY
 - 3pm to 7pm, Thursday, June 12 at Merseyway Innovation Centre, 21-23 Merseyway, SK1 1PN.