

# Heald Green and Long Lane Ratepayers' Association

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### Parking Issues – Jim's

2 May 2025

A multi-agency meeting took place yesterday, at the request of councillors regarding the parking and anti-social behaviour linked to the takeaway Jim's on Finney Lane. Cllrs Charles-Jones, McCann and Stuart attended, as well as the council's Chief Executive, and senior officers in charge of Highways and tackling Anti-Social Behaviour, as well as the police and the MP's representative. Notes and actions are set out below.

The problems identified at the site are:

- Dangerous and thoughtless parking is taking place close to a dangerous junction.
- The problem has been growing over the last six months; it impacts on residents and nearby businesses.
- There is concern about drug use from those visiting the area, evidenced by litter left behind.
- Surrounding roads are impacted by noise and cars racing late in the evening.
- People are attracted by viral Tik Tok posts, sometimes from long distances away; these people have no respect for or connection to the local area.

Discussion points and actions were:

- The council and the police need more reports of problems, as they have limited numbers of reports of incidents – the request is that **EVERY** incident is recorded.
- To consider further strengthening the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) – double yellow lines, it's not possible to install bollards on the pavement there.
- To instigate a pilot for immediate enforcement for those parking on TROs, so they receive an instant penalty from Parking Enforcement.
- A planning contravention notice has been served, which will identify if there have been any breaches of planning conditions.
- The proprietor is meeting obligations with regard to commercial waste removal and undertakes regular litter picks. They have signage in the window to encourage respectful parking, they are meeting all standards for cleanliness, they are operating within their set hours. It is unlikely that the council have any grounds for enforcement, Jim's do have control over their viral posts though – where they could emphasise respectful parking.

- Officers will explore the possibility of Jim's renting parking spaces from The Courtyard; also to identify if an alternative more suitable location, with parking, would be a possible option.
- Request for our MP to campaign on the issue of stalled pavement parking legislation in Parliament, also the issue of take aways and "viral" promotion that is driving anti-social behaviour. We need stronger legislation to tackle these issues.

### **Reminder on how to report problem parking:**

The council can respond when vehicles are parked where there are restrictions, including over drives and dropped kerbs. Please report it online at: [www.stockport.gov.uk/start/request-a-parking-enforcement](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/request-a-parking-enforcement)

This is a live site that is monitored, so it is really important to report it straight away if you do see any illegal parking. The information submitted helps officers identify hot spot areas.

The police can also respond, but only in certain circumstances. For example if a person has blocked a driveway and is preventing the resident from getting their own vehicle out, this can be reported [here](#).

There is more information about what the police can and can't do [here](#). They can respond to illegal parking, if the vehicle is parked causing an obstruction:

- blocking pavements
- on zig zag lines
- due to dangerous parking
- that would prevent emergency vehicles from accessing

They can be reported online [here](#). Again, it is important to get issues recorded to help illustrate problem areas in police statistics.