

Heald Green and Long Lane Ratepayers' Association

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Notes of the Highways Meeting

16 January 2026

Brief notes of the issues discussed at the meeting between officers and councillors.

Parking Issues:

- Wilmslow Road – issues around the Spar and Mona Avenue as well as in front of the war memorial up to houses. Double parking in this area is causing an obstruction, particularly for larger vehicles. The officer is going to consider options for the area to address the parking on Wilmslow Road.
- Officers had evidenced issues at Viscount Drive, where there is double parking near Deanwater Court, and near Outwood Primary School, as well as on Griffin Farm Lane where there is parking up to the junction at busy periods. Consideration will be given to introducing restrictions, and the officer will develop proposals.
- St Ann's Road North – there are issues with a resident who is selling cars. There is no action the council can take from an enforcement perspective as the current situation is legally compliant.
- Finney Lane service lane. No entry markings are proposed, on the road, to replace the Give Way sign on the service lane and adjustments to the signage as people are frequently driving the wrong way down this road. Next to Peter Herd – people are parking on the TROs (double yellow lines) the council – will look to put a "Keep Clear" on the road as this frequently causes congestion and the traffic backs up.
- Officers will cost adding a bike hoop to prevent people parking on the grass verge opposite Peter Herd and moving one of the bollards opposite Tesco to the eastern corner of the same verge, again to prevent people parking on the green space.
- Roundhey – an officer had been out to carry out observations, but no issues had been observed.
- Crantock Drive – individual problems with vehicles parking at the entrance are ongoing, an officer will undertake observations. At present there is no enforcement action the council is able to take.
- Outwood Drive – residents have rejected the idea of a one way system. Their suggestion is to remove the single yellow line on one side. The concern is this would open the area up with airport parking, and once the existing TRO is changed it would likely not be put back as current regulations wouldn't permit for such a long restriction. The suggestion is to adjust the restrictions time to allow parking some of the time.

- Regency Gardens – the issues of double parking preventing access was raised. An officer will undertake observations to see if restrictions are required – peak time is when the sports field is in use.

Road Surface issues:

- Bolshaw Road – a speed hump has chunk taken it out, a fire hydrant is damaged and generally the road surface seems degraded. Officers will inspect it. Outside 35 Greenway Road there is a recurring pot hole. Outwood Road – from Wilmslow Road to Cross Road, again the surface is degraded, there are a number of repairs due to be instigated here.
- Planned works on Lomond Road have been completed, there are currently no proposals for next year.

Street Lighting

- Gateway signage – the team are waiting for permits from traffic to install. The council also have to inform Network Rail as this is near a station. In the next few weeks the signage will be in place, once all the permissions are there to put them in place.

Other Issues

- Outside 28 Brown Lane a resident had tripped on a concrete GPO sign. This is owned by a utility company BT, it's not a council asset. Officers will make enquiries to whether it can be removed.
- The Finney Lane / Outwood Road "finger post" was hit by a vehicle in November and the base has gone missing. Let us know if you've seen it! The post is under repair and will be reinstalled in due course.
- There had been a query regarding the legality of grass verge parking. There is no specific legislation with regard to this at the moment. However, the Department for Transport has recently published guidance that government will legislate to allow local councils to manage obstructive parking. This will require a local policy to be developed – something we're sure a lot of people in Heald Green will want to see put in place. We await this with interest.