

# Consultation Report: Double yellow lines at junction of Samuels Close and West Street

September 2023

## 1. Background

1.1 During the consultation for double yellow lines for Dolben Avenue and Mansfield Street a request was received to consider double yellow lines on the junction of Samuels Close and West Street.

1.2 “It's a real run-the-gauntlet (sic) along Spencer Parade at the best of times, and it's often impossible to see out from the top of Samuels Close, with parked cars right up to the corner on both sides. Yesterday morning saw a new level of stupidity when someone pulled up on Spencer Parade opposite the top of Samuels Close too!”

“...further to the consultation regarding double yellow lines on Dolben Avenue, please can I raise the prospect of applying them close to the junction of Samuels Close and Spencer Parade? Cars park along Spencer Parade right up to the junction, making it very difficult to see out. It often results in cars driving past the parked cars at some speed, then ducking into the apron of Samuels Close in order to let oncoming vehicles through. This has resulted in some very close calls. There are also many incidences of road rage on that stretch of Spencer Parade, which is very narrow and endures high traffic volumes, all exacerbated by the number of cars parked along its length.”

## 2. Timeline

17<sup>th</sup> August 2023: Parish Council agrees to undertake consultation exercise (Minute ref 23.82)

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023: Notice of consultation exercise posted on Facebook (see Appendix A), the notice board and the Parish Council website inviting comment from the wider area.

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023: consultation letters hand delivered to properties of Samuels Close and 6 properties on West Street and 1 on Green Lane. (See Appendix B)

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023: Consultation closed

21<sup>st</sup> September 2023: Discussed at Council

## 3. Consultation outcomes

Given the limited locations of the consultation, the data has been combined for the purposes of this table.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
7	2

3.1 Void responses (address not provided): 1

3.2 Written comments are reproduced in anonymized forms in Appendix C

## Samuels Close & West Street

This week a letter will be delivered to all homes on Samuels Close and to 7 properties on West Street/Spencer Parade and 1 on Green Lane seeking their views on a suggestion to request that double yellow lines are painted on the junction of the two roads.

The Parish Council has received a written request for double yellow lines to be installed and has agreed to undertake a consultation exercise.

If you do not live in the immediate area of the consultation but would still like to have your say, please write to or email the Parish Council. All comments must provide an address to be taken into consideration.

The closing date for comments is 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023.



Yellow: proposed double yellow lines

Blue: existing double yellow lines

Appendix B

## ***Stanwick Parish Council***

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Date August 2023

To Residents of Samuels Close and 8 properties on West St/Spencer Parade

Dear Resident

The Parish Council has received a request that double yellow lines are considered at the junction of Samuels Close and West Street.

Whilst Stanwick Parish Council is not the Highway Authority, and cannot undertake any work itself, it can petition the Northants Highways to take action.

Therefore the Parish Council makes a decision on whether to request that double yellow lines are installed, it would like to consider the views of residents that will be most directly affected. This letter is being delivered to all properties on Samuels Close and some properties on West Street.

We would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached by the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

This can be via email, delivered to the above address or dropped off at the village hall. The Parish Office, in the village hall, is open most weekday mornings.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully

*J Hodgson*

Ms J L Hodgson

Clerk to the Council

Response must be received by 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**From address:**

*Note: your address must be provided for your views to be taken into consideration*

I have been informed of the proposal to request that double yellow lines at the junction of Samuels Close and West Street and

*Delete as appropriate*

I support the introduction of yellow lines as shown below.

I would like to add the following comment:

**Or**

I do not support the introduction of yellow lines as shown below

I would like to add the following comment:



Yellow: proposal

Blue: existing double yellow lines

## Appendix C

### **Anonymised Comment on Samuels Close/West Street double yellow line consultation**

#### **Comment for**

**F1** Our only concern is that the vehicles that currently park in the proposed yellow line area will be forced to park further up Spencer Parade which could then further limit the pull in spaces needed at busy times for traffic to get through.

**F2** Very good idea. But not gone further enough. Spencer Parade is now being used as a short cut to the A45 since the new estates have built in Raunds. Vehiecles (sic) are speeding through the village and not giving way to other traffic. Eventually this will end resulting in a serious accident as vechieles (sic) are even mounting the pavements with no regard for pedestrians.

**F3** About time. Can it be introduced that all vehicles do not park on the pavements. This encourages the mad drivers to go even faster through the road especially the cars parked up on the mainly left hand side out of the village via West St.

**F4** and I am responding to the request about the introduction of double yellow lines at the entrance to the close and West Street.

**F5** It is extremely dangerous trying to exit Samuels Close due to parked cars – it is like joining a busy road with a blind fold on. Several of the cars are from residents of Samuels Close too! There is going to be an accident.

**F6** I am fully supportive of this introduction of double yellow lines. I have previously involved in a car accident trying to get out of Samuels Close due to the poor visibility (along with a speeding other driver!).

**F7** Exiting from Samuels Close has become a major problem. Because of inappropriate and illegal parking. We have had several near-misses. We hope that double yellow lines might make for greater road safety.

**F8** Parking by the entrance to Samuels Close has been a significant danger since I first moved in (approx. 17 years).

Parked vehicles obscure the view of passing traffic causing extreme caution to be taken.

Even with caution, I have encountered several near misses.

I am aware that it is constantly the same vehicles parked to one side of the entrance. One of which is a large truck. This is particularly awkward to negotiate when turning out.

I would also add that delivery vans often ignore the yellow lines further down West Street which further compounds the problem.

A blanket double yellow line would also discourage this flaunting of the road markings.

Thank you for considering this action. You have my full support.

**A1** We are not in support of the yellow lines at the junction Samuels Close / West St.

If the lines go ahead it will cause problems for us residents in Green Lane. The lane isn't very wide and as there are a number of elderly residents living here so we regularly get ambulances visit. There have been problems in the past where the residents of West St have parked in Green Lane obstructing access and the footway.

Green Lane is an unadopted road and unless a solution can be found to stop the cars that regularly park on Spencer Parade parking here too then we are very much against it.

**A2** I have been informed of the proposal to request that double yellow lines at the junction of Samuels Close and West Street and

I do not support the introduction of yellow lines as shown within the diagram sent out with your letter.

I would like to add the following comments:

- \* There currently is not enough parking to have this taken away
- \* The road would be made more hazardous as it would be easier for drivers to speed
- \* The Terrace Houses 1 - 5 (behind the black railings) would have nowhere for their visitors to park or if they are a multiple car family. We do own Green Lane (council only acquired right of Way for Green Lane residents and left ownership with our 5 Terrace Houses) and could use this but are currently in a dispute with the Lady just moved into the bungalow on the corner of Green Lane/Samuels Close as she believes she owns the road. Albeit it is on our house deeds, I feel that if we start parking on the lane more, I'd need to most days, disputes will worsen.
- \* If the wall that was recently re-pointed could be dug out and moved back for parking then it would be a solution, but it would not stop speeding traffic. Cars already think this is a short cut through to Raunds, it would make it easier for vehicles to move through the village and I feel would up the volume of already busy traffic as it would take away an obstacle.

Not sure why this has been brought up now as has never been an issue before.

**A3** We do not support the introduction of yellow lines as shown on the letter because it will cut down parking by at least 5 places which in turn will cut down the parking in Villa Lane because the people who use the parking in Spencer Parade will probably have to use Villa Lane!