

## Brickfields - Statement of Reasons:-

Previously and over an extended period of time, it has been observed that indiscriminate parking takes place along most of the unrestricted sections of Brickfields. This inconsiderate double parking and parking at access and egress points was creating visibility issues, access difficulties and causing obstructions to service and delivery vehicles, which in turn has led to road safety concerns.

These issues were further highlighted by the refurbishment of a number of industrial units that front onto Brickfields. It was identified that indiscriminate parking was taking place across all access and egress points to these premises such that the ongoing parking problems had potential to deter prospective customers that may be interested in moving their businesses to the Knowsley area.

To mitigate the issues described above, the Council developed a parking management scheme proposal to remove long stay on-street parking from inappropriate sections of Brickfields. These proposals were introduced on an experimental basis in January 2017.

The scheme proposed lengths of double yellow lines, the purpose of which was to prohibit waiting 'at any time' to deter the long stay staff and business related parking that was causing access difficulties and road safety concerns for all road users.

Since introducing the original scheme, the refurbished industrial units have now been leased.

Through dialogue between the Council's Traffic and Highways Team and the new tenants, it became apparent that the previously introduced experimental restrictions were no longer entirely fit for purpose. It was again evidenced that parking was occurring along the unrestricted section of Brickfields (opposite the entrances to the refurbished units) which was causing access difficulties to the premises resulting in larger delivery vehicles having to load from the highway. In doing so, this brings through traffic to a standstill due to the size of the vehicles and the lack of available passing places.

The parking and traffic problems are now likely to be exacerbated further due the recent implementation of an experimental one-way traffic scheme on nearby Ellis Ashton Street. The new scheme restricts vehicular traffic movements between Hall Lane and Brickfields to a south easterly direction only. In doing so, it is possible, particularly whilst the new one-way scheme beds in, that southbound through traffic movements on Brickfields will increase accordingly.

Having considered the ongoing obstructive parking problems and the likelihood of increased traffic movements, it is essential that the existing double yellow lines are amended so as to prohibit parking along the majority of Brickfields, for the extent shown on plan numbered PT/TM/5803 Revision B.

Introducing these measures on an experimental basis will enable the Council to make the necessary amendments as soon as possible; however, in line with the Ellis Ashton Street scheme, it will also afford the Council the opportunity to monitor the situation and invite feedback from the local community before deciding whether or not to make amendments to the proposals or make them permanent.