

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**Planning & Environment Committee****Requests to the Parish Report****1. Introduction:**

The West Swindon Parish Full Council receives a wide range of requests from members of the public. Where the request relates to the powers and responsibilities of the Parish Council, these are responded to in the usual way. During the last month, the Parish Council has received a number of enquiries and requests that are currently outside of its remit.

2. Public Requests:**2.1 *Child Safety – Saddleback Road.***

The Parish Council received a request from a resident in Saddleback Road to consider the installation of 'Caution – Children Playing' signs in response to local concern that children regularly play in the street and could be at risk. Highways signage remains the responsibility of the Local Highway Authority (Swindon Borough Council). The Parish Manager liaised with Swindon Borough Council, Highways, who indicated that there is no prescribed warning sign for children playing in the street. Generally warning signs would advise drivers of an upcoming school. Furthermore, as a cul de sac it would be expected that most drivers would be local residents and would have some expectation for children playing in the street. The Parish Manager has relayed this information to the local resident and advised that the Parish Council could assist residents with the formation of a residents group or community project.

2.2 *Godolphin Close – Pavement Parking*

The Parish Council received a request for action to reduce persistent pavement parking in Godolphin Close. This issue has been reported to Swindon Borough Council highways for action.

2.3 *Hampton Drive – Obstructive Parking*

The Parish Council received a complaint about obstructive and dangerous parking in the Hampton Drive area. This relates predominantly to school drop off and school pick up at Lydiard Park Academy. The Parish Manager relayed the information to the West Swindon Community Policing Team and action has been undertaken in relation to particular individuals reported within this complaint. The Police confirmed that despite double yellow lines being introduced, this remains an ongoing issue.

2.4 *Westminster Court – Request for Disabled Bays/Double Yellow Lines*

The Parish Council received a request to address parking issues from the Independent Living Advisor at Westminster Court (email copy attached). An additional request was also submitted directly by a resident of Westminster Court who has fallen on a number of occasions in the vicinity of the scheme. The Parish Council has no powers to introduce/implement or enforce disabled parking

schemes so the request was directed to Swindon Borough Council's Highways team. The Highways Team have responded to confirm that the Council does not implement disabled parking bays for individuals in residential streets. The reason behind this is that there is a large number of blue badge holders in Swindon and a lack of parking space on the public highway to allow the Council to reserve a parking place especially for individuals.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the issues highlighted in the report are noted.
- 3.2 That this Committee instructs the Parish Manager in regards to any further action to be undertaken.

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