

Please note below my objections to the plan as announced in the Blackpool Gazette 9th March 2023. I have as yet been unable to see the detailed plan but intend to do so later today.

Thank you

John Barton

Objection

The original survey document stated that vehicle manoeuvring in and out of side roads will be unaffected, this is incorrect. The reduction in onstreet parking space will mean vastly more manoeuvres of cars going on and off driveways from and to the very busy road being detrimental to road safety.

Houses between Grange road and St Bernard's Ave do have on street parking, we live on the block between Riversway and Grange Road and we have on street parking but this is restricted. The no parking times are from 10 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday, so parking is allowed after 3 pm and at all times at weekends. This means that people can pull up and wait for their children and pick them up from school after 3pm whereas with the proposed arrangements they would have to go in the side streets and cause more congestion. My neighbours come home from work and park on the front and then off they go to work in the morning, the system works.

To be asked to enter and exit driveways more frequently on such a busy road is going to cause more danger to cyclists, motorists and pedestrians. To enter a driveway one would have to pull up in the flow of traffic and try and reverse across the cycleway into the drive, almost impossible when there is an eager driver right on your tailgate. This is going to be detrimental to the safety of the road.

At weekends, in normal times, family will visit and friends will pop round for a chat and park on the front street legally, with the proposals they would be unable to do this. People may say, well park round the corner in Riversway but they are in a residents permit parking area.

We currently have a good cycle lane passing outside our house which separates the traffic from the cyclists with a wide band of hatched lines and works well with traffic keeping to the right. Parking is allowed inside of the cycling lane and again works well during the permitted hours of parking. Nothing needs to change on this section of road and it's still my view that this cycling money could be better used on other sections of the A 587 or other parts of the town.

To make people tarmac their driveways because they cannot park overnight on the road is not ecologically friendly and totally against the ethos of cycling.

The last communication on the original proposal stated that residents would be updated on progress of schemes this clearly has not happened and smacks of maladministration. No communication has been made with residents who will be impacted to a high degree by this scheme

and presumably no communication has been give to parents at the school or other motorists who will now be unable to wait for children or even just pull over to answer to answer their mobile , you are going to upset a lot of people with this proposal.

These upset people may become frustrated drivers and frustrated drivers and cyclists do not go together well and is very dangerous.

Please take into account my objections . Thank you.