

Dear Lisa

Please find attached a sketch of the proposed trial advisory parking layout for the eastern side of High Market Place, which shows the introduction of formal parking bays conforming to current design standards.

You will note that the proposed arrangement will result in a loss in the current number of car parking "spaces" being utilised. At present, cars squeeze in to gaps in the parking wherever they can, which means that they can be too close to each other or overhang the drainage channel and intrude into the carriageway. To formally mark the bays out in defined standardised lengths as per recognised car parking standards (6 metres long by 2.4 metres wide), thereby ensuring adequate space for opening car doors etc., results in less available space for vehicles. Although 10 spaces are shown only 8 spaces would realistically be available as we could not be encouraging vehicles to overhang the drainage channel.

With regards to the issue relating to no.6 High Market Place, although the owner of this property has not currently got authorisation to delineate the access to his property, if he were to approach ourselves, as the Highway Authority, to do this we would not have any highway objections in principle subject to the improvements being in accordance with the relevant design guide and specification. If the owner of this property decides that he wants to go ahead with this course of action then that would reduce the actual number of spaces to 7.

As previously agreed, I would be grateful if this matter could be discussed at next week's Town Council meeting and a decision made as to whether the Town Council wishes to progress with the trial advisory bays.

Many thanks for your assistance. Should you have any further questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me at the Kirby Misperton office.

Kind regards

Melanie