

Minute Item: Junction of Marlborough Avenue and Crow Road

Long standing issue of parking at the intersection of Crow Road and Marlborough Avenue. There is constant blocking of the cycle lane and fire path at one side and the blocking of the pavement on the other.



Junction of Marlborough Avenue and Crow Road. Highlighted in red, parking on double yellow lines. Highlighted in blue, the cars blocking the fire path and cycle lane

Parking on pavement requires pedestrians to leave the pavement and continue on the road in worst examples. Blocking cycle lanes stop easy passage of cyclists and force them onto pavement or cause them to dismount.



Recent pictures of (left) Cars blocking the pavement and parking on double yellow lines. (right) Cars blocking fire path and cycle lanes.

The issues have been occurring for at least a decade - I have attached images from google street view in 2012 which show the same issues occurring.

The street design is not fit for purpose to ensure these areas remain clear of parked cars and a decade of the problem shows enforcement is also not adequate.



Same areas a decade ago. Images from 2012 google street view

I would like to request a meeting with the council's roads, active travel and liveable neighbourhoods departments to find a solution.

Appendix: Possible solutions:

A - Double yellow lines

paint yellow lines around the cycle lane to allow the parking to be enforced – re-paint the double yellow lines which have faded on the north of the junction – worst option as even the cycle lane on crow road is parked on with double yellow lines and the existing double yellow lines are ignored

B -temporary materials

Could make use of the concrete planters on Crow Road to fill the spaces cars currently park in and leave space for cyclist to enter cycle lane



Could install planters along the edge of the pavement to stop cars parking. These likely constitute a trip hazard and stop pedestrian mobility. Bolt down bollards could be a better solution if this product exists



C - Make permanent changes to Existing junction

Current Fire path design could be replaced with a more modern design with removable bollard providing plenty of space for cycles. Still possible to be blocked by cars.

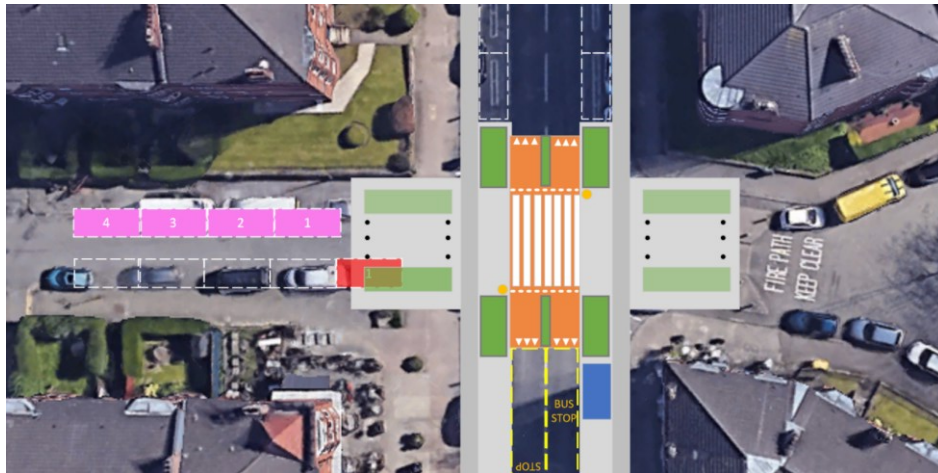


Bollards similar to those on Crow road could be installed to permanently stop cars parking on the pavement on the north side



D – Full redesign - Crossing point

Block northern section of road and introduce a zebra crossing which would remove space for cars to block cycle lane. This would also improve time to cross Crow Road. Parking could then be permitted on both sides of north road as it is no longer a through route.



Shown in red is parking space which would be removed and purple is created



Junction could create a continuous “green walkway” from Naesby Park to Victoria Park



Broomhill “Green Walkway” following route of Marlborough Avenue