

Re: The proposed alteration to The High Street/Milespit Hill, NW7

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Why does the whole proposed scheme relate only to traffic when there are wider problems to do with parking both for residents, and for short term use, particularly at school drop and pick-up times, as well as the severe parking problems on the Ridgeway that cause extra pressure on the area?

Introducing a one-way system and double yellow lines would remove parking for residents completely.

To solve some problems, I suggest that locals are consulted and other solutions found through a sharing of needs. The proposed plan is like cracking a nut with a sledgehammer, and a one-way system in this Conservation Area will not help anyone.

The request is to undertake a feasibility study which included a traffic survey and tracking of large vehicles which reviewed the viability of the following options

- One Way system along Milespit Hill between High Street and Hollies End;
- High Street and Milespit Hill west side to be for traffic travelling northbound
- Milespit east side to be for traffic travelling northbound
- Existing pond to act as mini-roundabout
- Double yellow lines on main corners and at junctions of Milespit Hill and of high street with The Ridgeway
- Outside no.2 Angel Cottage: footway cannot be widened but signs and road markings could help pedestrians and double yellow lines could prevent parking
- Signs to restrict HGV driving through High Street and Milespit Hill

This is a feasibility proposal to be agreed by the Hendon Area Committee on whether to proceed to a statutory consultation and the implementation of a one-way system will be subject to the outcome of the consultation.

During statutory consultation process, all relevant comments and objections will then be considered before deciding on if the proposed changes should be introduced, with or without modification.

The Ridgeway is not within the scope of this feasibility study.

The proposed one-way system is aimed at reducing conflict of vehicles travelling on the High street, NW7 due to the limited road width with parked vehicles.

Double yellow lines are proposed around the bends and at the junction bends to improve visibility, enhance safety and prevent further obstructive parking.