

Planning Application 3/2022/0105

Back St Pauls St, Low Moor, April 2022, Turning Area

I wish to record my objection to the reduction in turning area size, in favour of a larger domestic garden, on the grounds of safety as set out below.

In the original planning application from 2017, vehicles could have turned through 180° wholly within the turning space *off* back St Pauls Street which would have protected pedestrians, cyclists and other road users on back St Pauls St. In the application now applied for this will not be possible, meaning that vehicles will be manoeuvring, in reverse, on back St Pauls St, adjacent to a 90° blind corner endangering pedestrians, and other users.

If just one car parks in the turning space then it will make the turning area redundant, as it will not be possible to apply enough lock to turn a vehicle in the narrow roadway of back St Pauls St (roadway is only 3500mm, LCC Highways, Chris Nolan correspondence to RVBC 16/10/2017). In such circumstances, vehicles will be forced to reverse the full length of Back St Pauls St which is a huge safety risk to pedestrians, cyclists and any person exiting the back gates of St Pauls St itself, where there is no pavement to safeguard them.

In 2015 when responding to the application 3/2015/0312 for this site, [REDACTED] Highway Development Control Engineer for LCC commented "A turning head is required to allow refuse vehicle and emergency vehicles to turn within the site for the following reasons: - • The maximum distance a refuse vehicle should reverse is 12m, from Manual for streets and BS5930: 2005. • Fire and rescue Services Section should not have to reverse more than 20m from the end of an access road. From Manual for streets and diagram 24 of Approved Document B (Fire Safety). As this important safety criteria remains so must the original turning area, as a Fire Appliance will not be able to turn in the proposed plans.

Back St Pauls St, Low Moor is heavily foot trafficked by parents and carers taking their children to the public children's playground at the rear of Low Moor Club, the adjacent football pitches, Ribblesdale Pool and the Tennis dome, surely their safety is paramount and not to be comprised by reducing road safety as the current application wishes to do?

The turning area is sited opposite the [REDACTED] With the new plans submitted this will mean that anyone vacating the [REDACTED] will have to check *simultaneously* every time they leave whether:

1. Are vehicles manoeuvring in reverse at the turn area
2. Are vehicles entering/leaving the adjacent club car park
3. Is a vehicle/s about to emerge from around 90° blind corner, with no nightlines
4. Is a vehicle/s progressing along back St Pauls St in either forward or reverse

All of the above compromise safety and would be negated if the turning area was left as planning originally passed.

I hope you will conclude with me that this change to the planning application will be detrimental to road safety and therefore, refuse the application.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]