



Clerk Report – The Denes Road Markings Sept 2023

Council Actions Required (agenda items)

- To note that the clerk has requested that HCC investigate working with the district (Dacorum Borough Council) to deliver option 1 (listed below) at no cost to NMPC.
- To discuss the additional options below and to determine which option, if any, NMPC may wish to explore with HCC.
- To determine whether CIL money is to be used to carry out the proposed actions. (Clerk to earmark)

Background

The clerk was asked to approach Herts County Council and the county councillor (Cllr Maddern) to investigate options to improve road safety at The Denes. It is a regular occurrence that vehicles enter the parking bays from the 'no entry' end and this has the potential to cause a danger to pedestrians or to cause a road traffic accident.

Considerations

The county councillor has confirmed that there is no locality funding available from her budget for at least 20 months. The county councillor covers an area that is larger than just the parish areas.

The Highways Officer has provided solutions, his view on the efficacy of these solutions, and approx. estimates for the costs of any works in this area are below.

1. Install a new arrow near the existing no-entry signs and refresh the existing faded arrows. This will give a further visual reference in addition to the signs, that drivers shouldn't turn right off Barnacres Rd. We could also install 'entry' signs as you enter off Pinecroft. **Estimate 2-3k.** Although perhaps the district might be willing to do this with our blessing when they install the double yellows?
2. In addition to 1. Install No-Entry Road markings at the Barnacres Rd exit, but this requires a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and both formal and informal public consultation. **Estimate 5-10k.** I am sceptical this would make a huge difference though without associate no-entry signage, particularly when the markings start to fade.
3. In addition to 2. Install formal regulatory no-entry signs and perhaps one-way signs, effectively creating a formalised one-way system. These signs are likely to be more obvious and familiar to road users and will be larger than the existing signs. However, they require illumination, which comes at additional cost. A detailed design, ground investigations, TRO + consultation is also required. **Estimate 15-20k (possibly more).** In my view this is probably the most effective solution.
4. We could look to build out the footway at the Barnacres Rd junction, effectively narrowing the junction. However, this can only be done in conjunction with 2 or 3. Again, detailed design, investigations and TRO + Consultation would be required. **Estimate 30-40k.**

Future Actions for a later date/budget consideration

If works are approved clerk to earmark the CIL funding to ensure it is available for whichever works are determined.

Earmarked Reserves Total 31/07/2023 £67235 of which £11512 is CIL (community Infrastructure levy)¹

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¹ [Community Infrastructure Levy - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)