

**From:** Harry Wilson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 13 February 2019 16:04  
**To:** Michael Newsham  
**Subject:** Proposed bus stop clearway restriction - 48 Elmcroft.

Dear Mr M. Newsham,

With reference to your letter 'Proposed installation of bus stop clearway restriction' dated 7 February 2019.

The proposed restriction will extend completely across my property 48 Elmcroft Road making a difficult parking situation far worse.

To help mitigate this loss of parking space and as a compromise I would ask if the dropped kerb outside my property could be extended in front of my property as part of these works.

This would achieve two benefits: it will allow us to park our two cars off road on my property (front garden) honouring the clearway and would also solve the very muddy grass verge (photo attached) currently caused by parked cars attempting to keep out of the way of buses.

If the proposed extended dropped kerb can be done I would not object to the proposed works (modifying my front garden will be a considerable cost to me)

If not I would object on the basis of loss of parking and clearway which will effect the value/saleability of my property.

Yours faithfully, Harry Wilson

48 Elmcroft Road  
IP1 6NB  
Ipswich

Muddy grass verge eyesore directly in front of my property:



109, FIRCROFT ROAD,  
IPSWICH.

IP1 6PU

17th February 2019

Dear Mr. Newslam,

Re: Proposed installation of bus  
stop clearway restriction

Further to your letter dated  
7th February regarding the above proposal,  
we would like to make you aware of our  
very real concern about the impact the bus  
stop restriction will have on us.

Nos 105 & 107 Fircroft Road are four  
separate dwellings in two basic semi-detached  
houses, potentially there are double the number  
of vehicles parking there and already many  
vehicles park not only at the flats but  
spread out onto the grass verges. With

the bus stop restriction in force, parking on verges is bound to escalate.

Already a large van regularly parks outside our property, No: 109, on the grass on left on grass and half on the road. Now a long strip of grass has disappeared and a muddy track half a metre wide and "sinking" is in its place. With even more vehicles parking, soon the verge will be totally destroyed and look ugly and slum-like.

However, our greatest concern is that when a vehicle parks on the verge, the view of traffic up Fircroft Road is totally obscured and reversing out of our drive is hazardous, especially as many vehicles drive at speed down the road. Even worse though, there is no view whatsoever of the junction of Fircroft with Pearcroft Road and with a

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vehicle parked we reverse out of our drive totally blind to any vehicle turning into Fiacroft from Pearcroft Road. Thank fully to date we have never had a collision.

If you proceed with the bus stop restriction we earnestly request that you put some posts on the edge of the grass verge outside 109 Fiacroft Road, similar to those outside numbers 27 and 29 Highfield Road and those on the left-side verge at the end of Palmcroft Road where it meets Jyden Road. There are many other similar posts I have seen around housing areas in the town. It would stop the parking on the verge and make exiting our property in a car much safer and safer too for vehicles and

Swiss using Fircroft Road.

We hope and trust you will seriously, and favourably, consider our request based on resident and road safety.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MAGDALEN + LESUE JERMY  
109 FIRCROFT ROAD.

## Michael Newsham

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 February 2019 12:19  
**To:** Michael Newsham

Ref:bus stop fircroft rd

Would it be an idea to move bus stop 50 yards down the hill to where increased depth verge is available allowing occupiers/visitors cars to be parked on longer drop kerbs this is not available in its current position? Leading to occupiers cars parking outside other properties.

Also this would allow a better view for overtaking vehicles, as the current position is hazardous when over taking parked bus you can't see on coming vehicles around bend in the road, this would be an ideal time to move as the costs would be the same??

Best Regards

Richard Beales

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text]*

Mr and Mrs Tanner  
110 Fircroft Road  
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IP1 6PP

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IP1 2DE

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Response to bus stop clearway restrictions

Dear Mr Newsham

Thank you for your letter dated the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019, regarding the proposed installation of a "bus stop clearway restriction" and "a set of raised bus stop kerbs". In response to your letter, we have several concerns that we feel merits our response:

- We believe this is would be an incredible waste of valuable taxpayers' money. We have used this bus stop with a baby and a pram. We have had no concerns on the height of the kerbs or with access to the bus.
- We have had no issues in using this stop site, and have observed no members of public have any trouble whatsoever either. We have observed use of this bus stop many times in the years since living here, with no issues. We believe the buses do have hydraulics which can offer the driver an ability to raise or lower the bus to some degree if needed. We have observed the bus effectively use this tool on the odd occasions where needed for members of public safety.
- The proposed changes are absolutely unjustified and unnecessary. This bus stop is used so infrequently. If you were to conduct a survey, you would see that mostly there is 1 person at the bus stop. Occasionally, there may be 2 and even less often than this (in the years since living at this house we could count on one hand) there have been 3 people at the bus stop. We have never observed at any time or day, any members of public struggling with access on or off the bus at this stop. The distance of this bus stop has also never served to be an issue for members of public waiting for or leaving the bus. Nor has there ever been any problem for other drivers on the road.
- The yellow lines would not serve to assist the bus in any manoeuvring needs or in improving access to members of public. The bus invariably always has easy and clear access to the bus stop waiting area. The road is invariably also quiet and quite wide, and allows sufficiently for vehicles to both park on the road and also pass the bus as required.
- The bus does not typically need to wait outside as there are few people using this bus stop, and there is more than adequate space and access for members of public. Thus the proposed changes are extremely unnecessary. We can think of far better changes to be made to other roads and public access which should be paid attention by the council.
- There is a more used and thus "main" bus stop outside the local school nearby, and by the Fircroft Road shops in the opposite direction. These sites already have yellow



lines in situ. These sites typically serve a higher volume of members of public. The number of users at our bus site is typically far less in comparison – observed most frequently serving just 1 person.

- These changes would not be in our family's best interest. The bus stop in the immediate vicinity of our house already detracts from the value of the household. Further changes would further detract from the value, and indeed restrict and limit the access to our household too. We believe this would serve to be of nothing but a detriment to our neighbours also (whom you propose the changes would affect). Our neighbours are older persons and live with known disability, and ease of access to our properties and off road parking is essential.
- The work you propose to both raise the kerbs and paint the required lines would cause unreasonable disruption and would also inconvenience our families. This unnecessary work outside or in the immediate vicinity of our house would impede our access, disturb our baby and would further disturb our families.

In summary, my family and I are vehemently against and object to all of these proposed changes as raised in the points above. I don't believe the rationale you provided in your letter is sufficient to warrant and carry out such work.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course regarding the consultation proposal and process.

Sincerely,

Kyle Tanner

INTEGRATED TRANSPORT OFFICER,  
M. NEWSHAM ESQ  
IPSWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL

156 AIRCROFT ROAD  
IPSWICH  
SUFFOLK  
IP1 6PJ

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CIRCULAR OF 7 FEBRUARY.

To:

I NOTE YOUR PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION  
TO CHANGES AT THE BUS STOP OUTSIDE MY  
PROPERTY AND MY NEIGHBOURS.

I WISH TO OBJECT TO PROPOSALS FOR  
THE PAINTING OF THICK YELLOW LINES ON  
THE ROAD, FOR VARIOUS REASONS.

AS A REGULAR USER OF THE BUS SERVICE  
FOR OVER 40 YEARS, I HAD NO OBJECTIONS  
TO THE MOVING OF THE BUS STOP FROM  
PIRCROFT ROAD TO OUTSIDE MY HOUSE,  
WITH NO YELLOW LINES. I HAD LITTLE  
PROBLEM WITH ACCESS TO MY PROPERTY THEN,  
WITH BUSES ONLY EVERY 20 MINS.

SINCE RECENT YEARS, THE BUS COMPANY  
DECIDED TO HAVE BUSES EVERY 15 MINS.  
THEY HAVE ALSO INSTRUCTED DRIVERS TO  
WAIT AT THE BUS STOP FOR 2 MINUTES  
AFTER PICKING UP PASSENGERS. DRIVERS ARE  
CAUSING ME PROBLEMS GETTING IN AND OUT  
OF MY DRIVE - SOME VERY BELLIGERENT.  
ONE WE HAD TO REPORT TO THE BUS COMPANY  
FOR RUDENESS TO MY WIFE, WHEN SHE TRIED  
TO ACCESS MY DRIVE AND HE REFUSED TO  
MOVE! YELLOW LINES AS PROPOSED WILL  
ONLY ENCOURAGE THEM FURTHER, WE FEAR.  
SECONDLY, SEVERAL TRADE VEHICLES FROM  
TIME TO TIME, NEED TO PARK OUTSIDE

OUR PROPERTIES. THE NEAREST <sup>"SPACE"</sup> IS OUTSIDE 158  
PIRCROFT ROAD). I MYSELF WILL HAVE THIS  
PROBLEM SOON, AS I'M CONSIDERING BUILDING  
WORK - WHICH WILL INVOLVE ~~SKIP~~ ON MY  
DRIVE, AND BUILDERS VANS. REMOVING THIS  
NEAREST "SPACE" WILL MAKE LIFE INTOLERABLE!

THIRDLY, THE VALUE FOR SELLING OR MY  
PROPERTY, WILL NOT BE ENHANCED BY  
EYE CATCHING RESTRICTING LINES OUTSIDE  
MY HOUSE. - HAVING A BUS STOP MAY BE A  
"PLUS", BUT ROAD RESTRICTIONS OUTSIDE, WILL  
DEFINITELY NOT BE.

IN CONCLUSION, I HAVE NO OBJECTION  
TO RAISING THE KERB AT THE BUS STOP,  
PROVIDING YOU DO IT FOR ALL THE "STOPS",  
STARTING AT THE ONE OUTSIDE THE  
PIRCROFT SHOP. THE BUSES HAVE  
REGULAR TROUBLE HERE, DESPITE THE YELLOW  
LINES, MANOEUVERING THEIR BUSES, BECAUSE  
OF THE MASS PARKING BOTH SIDED OF  
THE "STOP". (THEY DO NOT HAVE THE  
SAME PROBLEM ON MY SIDE OF THE  
ROAD).

YOURS SINCERELY,



KEITH J. GANDY.

## Michael Newsham

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 28 February 2019 16:02  
**To:** Michael Newsham  
**Subject:** Proposed Installation of bus stop clearway restriction 154/156 Fircroft Road

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my concern at installing a bus stop clearway in front of 154/156 Fircroft Road. I personally do not feel this is necessary and will cause more disruption than there is currently.

As it stands, there have been no problems with the bus stop in question, and i feel that installing this will cause problems to the residents, who already have single yellow lines and disruption from busses stopping due to this being a timing stop. Over the past 7 years, I have only every seen a handful of cars stop here, and they have barely caused disruption.

The only disruptions to the road flowing are the fact cars park opposite the bus stop, due to this not having a single yellow line. Although the bus drivers do notice this and if they have to stop for a period of time do stop a bit further back as to not disrupt the flow of traffic. Also, that the busses stop across driveways at timing points causing inconvenience for residents.

With regards to the raised curb for easy access, I question whether the money would be better spent on bus stops else where, where there is more need for this.

I understand there is more and more need for these, and do not dispute they are a great idea, but i feel they need to be put on roads where there is a greater need.

Yours faithfully,

Miss C Reason



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