

# Notice of Proposal: Blackbridge Sports Centre

10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

## Comments

I am writing to show my strong objection to the implementation of new traffic and parking restrictions on laburnum road in Gloucester. We live in Poplar close and the problem regarding parking is quite bad at the moment. We have cars parking at the rear of our property that live in other areas already which makes it quite difficult to park near our house and manoeuvre to get out of the road. A vast amount of families have lived on the estate for decades and have used on road parking which is now being taken away which makes no sense. Where do you think all these people can park their cars? Has any thought been given to the residents or are thoughts only for the new sports hub that no one here wanted?

10 allocated spaces is not sufficient for the amount of people who live around this area. Instead of putting yellow lines why not remove some of the grass verges that the council seem to despise keeping up together and create parking. Surely this would work better than just putting double yellow lines in place. This is going to affect house prices, neighbourly respect and living conditions. It really is despicable. How can you make such a big change without any thought into people's lives? Some people who park on the road now and have been for years aren't able to walk far, people don't want this change. Why is no one listening to us? We read that objections should be submitted before may 2nd yet the lines are due to be painted tomorrow which is April 14th. What is happening with the council? Are you all so interested in lining your own pockets rather than look after your constituents? We are not happy so please show us the respect of considering our opinions and suggestions

Kind regards

I'm not sure what's going on with Oaklands Park, Podsmead, Gloucester where I live.

We have a document from Gloucestershire County Council's legal team informing us residents that we have until the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 to sent out letters of objection regarding the double yellow line which may be installed on our estate.

XXXXX are intending for these line to be installed today.

How can this be correct.

I would like you to accept this string of emails as my letter of objection for these lines please.

Do you think it would be wise for you to inform somebody that this should not be happening until an informed decision has been made?

I look forward to your comments.

Regards

We have received notification about the yellow parking lines you want to do on the estate. We think this will make parking for residents and visitors impossible. The cars that park for children to play on the Tuffley Park and the dog walkers will start parking on the grass verge. The residents at the

end of Laburnum Rd will Park where ? We don't think enough through has be put into this "yellow lines". We have out up with the heavy lorries going up and down estate and now we will have cars parking across our drives.

I think no consideration has been made with these double yellow lines yes I agree there should be lines on the corners and bottom off laburnum road/ podsmead place as it is a very dangerous corner. Could maybe some pull ins on some of the green spaces be made to help with parking

Hi just to complain about the proposed yellow lines being planned for laburnum road .... Just why ! Do you not realise what kind of disruption this is going to cause ? Why yellow lines outside residents garages ?

Basically this is not fair on the residents, have you actually thought about the residents or even asked the question ! NO Thanks

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to you regarding the double yellow lines being put on Laburnum Road. The yellow lines come up past my driveway which is in constant use I live on number XX we have never needed lines here before the houses on this side have always used there driveway and garages. Why should it change now. I agree we need lines on the corners of the roads because its dangerous. All through the work of the building in Blackbridge we have had many large vehicles come up this road without no mishaps so why should we the residents have to have yellow lines now.

Yours Sincerely

I am writing to express my deep dissatisfaction and objection to the double yellow lines being proposed on Laburnum Road, Gloucester. This will deeply impact the local residents, as the parking situation is already spread very thin. Most households have more than 1 car therefore one is likely to have to be parked on the main road (myself included). The 10 parking spaces which have been supposedly put in for the residents don't even scratch the surfaces of the space required and which are potentially being taken away.

The local residents have already objected to the developments on the Blackbridge field, and now the double yellow lines restricting parking will also impact the prices of the properties nearby thus causing further loss to the residents.

It was said that no coaches will be passing through our already small estate to reach the new development of the gym and Sports centre therefore as a local resident myself I do not see any of this is necessary. If anything, it's a huge inconvenience and brings no benefit to the area.

Please accept this email as my formal complaint and opposition to the works proposed.

Dear Sirs

I am writing to formally object to the proposal for the installation of double yellow lines outside my home at XX Laburnum Road, Gloucester. This proposal significantly impacts my ability to park near my home and affects the value and convenience of my property.

The communal parking spaces that were intended to serve the houses in the turning area are being utilized by residents from other parts of the housing estate, leaving limited parking options for those of us directly affected by the proposed yellow lines. The implementation of these lines will directly impact three houses, including my own, and will substantially decrease the value of my property through no fault of my own.

As a valued resident of Gloucester City Council, and owning this house for over XX years along having X dependant children, I find this proposal extremely unfair and detrimental to my living situation. I kindly request that my objections be recorded and considered in the decision-making process.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further and explore alternative solutions that would not adversely affect the residents of the turning area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

Dear sir or Madam,

I have one observation with the proposed double yellow road markings near the small gate entrance into Tuffley park.

Pic 1

It will mean that the continuation of Podsmead Place will become a car park (Second pic) for the play area (which is in the wrong place by the way) SO, with that in mind... what's the chances of the cul-de-sac becoming a "Residents only" park zone, as it is for the OAP Bungalow area of Chaucer Close.

At the moment we get five or more cars parking along the road at different times. Usually all ferrying individuals to the park for different activities not just the play area its the sports field in general.

The first eight houses in the cul-de-sac all have gated drives with a narrow entrance and exit, especially when cars are parked in the street. Two cars trying to pass find it very difficult. The last eight on the other hand have open fronted gardens so they have easier access to and from their drives. With the road outside the play area having a parking restriction implemented the cul-de-sac will become the nearest port of call.

Hope you can give this some thought or pass it to someone that can.

Regards



Good morning

I am a resident on Laburnum Road in Podsmead and I am astounded to hear that the proposed double yellow lines on Laburnum Road and the adjoining roads are still not agreed to ! Referring to you letter dated 10th of April.

We had correspondence from XXXXXX on The 9th of April that as part of the new build of the sports hub at Blackbridge that they would be carrying out the yellow lines process and would all cars be removed by 8am on Monday 14th April. This was not carried out and I am concerned that this will not be done looking at your letter.

It needs or something needs to be done with regard to disrespectful parking on corners and pavements. Please have a think about this, it's dangerous especially by the playground as with cars parked there inhibit drivers coming onto and leaving the estate.

Sincerely a very unhappy resident

I object against the decision of installing double yellow lines along the sections on both sides of the carriageway at its junctions with laburnum road (481556) Sycamore close (481554) and Redwood road (481555)

There has been no thought of additional parking provide for the residents of this Neighbourhood & visitors with the new development that has been built !!

Instead there are intended restrictions to limit the residential parking for residents to the neighbourhood.

Regards

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The communal parking spaces that were intended to serve the houses in the turning area are being utilized by residents from other parts of the housing estate, as they are not number alocated leaving limited parking options for those of us directly affected by the proposed yellow lines. The implementation of these lines will directly impact three houses, including my own, and will substantially decrease the value of my property through no fault of my own.

As a valued resident of Gloucester City Council, and owning this house for over XX years along with being pensioners, I find this proposal extremely unfair and detrimental to my living situation. I kindly request that my objections be recorded and considered in the decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

Good afternoon,

I am writing to inform object to the amount of double yellow lines that are planned for laburnum road and adjacent roads, it's like someone has gone "double yellow happy".

It's seems unfair that where the garages are at the top end of the road there is a need for the lines, as it's peoples houses and access, there will be no need for anyone other than themselves to park outside and no cars should be turning in the road linked to the development, as we were reassured this when the development was being proposed to which majority of residents rejected too.

And also bear in mind the people that rent houses who can not physically change their front gardens to accommodate for an extra parking space due to the lines being painted?

Are the amount of lines necessary?

Regards,

Good afternoon

Please can you take my email we would like to place objections on the yellow lines on the road on Laburnum Road Oaklands Park and not happy with this happening as we are limited on parking cars for homes around Oaklands Park

Thanks in advance

Kind regards,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have resided at Sycamore Close on Oaklands Park estate since XXXX and have never had any issues with parking. I have seen the plans for the new double yellow lines parking restrictions that are proposed for the estate, and feel this will cause issues.

I am in the minority in parking my car inside my garage when my car is not in use. I am retired and am in and out of my garage in my car at regular intervals during every day. With the proposed parking restrictions, I think other car users, residents and their visitors, that would normally park in Laburnum Road, may then block my garage, and this issue may affect many other residents.

The building of the new Blackbridge Sports Hub has been going on for many months now, with Heavy Goods Vehicles constantly driving to and from the hub along Laburnum Road, where the parking restrictions are proposed. I have not heard of any issues with these Heavy Goods Vehicles driving along Laburnum Road without any parking restrictions in place, so my question is, why would there be a need to apply parking restrictions now? There is ample parking at the hub for all vehicles that would be accessing the Sports Hub so this would not affect parking on the Oaklands Park Estate and the residents of the estate, and their visitors, can happily continue to park as they have been doing for many years, along Laburnum Road.

I know the Highway code states that you should park at least 10 metres away from any junction, but there is no specific law that makes parking on a corner illegal and all of the junctions/corners on the Oaklands Park estate are not on busy highway roads. If there was an incident with parking on a corner, which I don't think there has been since I have lived on the estate, then the owner of the vehicle COULD be found responsible.

In anticipation that the 'On Street Parking Order' and double yellow lines in Laburnum Road WILL NOT be put into place.

Yours faithfully

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to raise my objections to the proposed restrictions for the double yellow lines on Laburnum Road.

As a resident I find that these restrictions are penalising the residents, again, for this new development, which have not required these measures imposed on us previously. There is a new car park at the development so why the need for restrictions being applied after the build, which has not been consulted adequately with the residents.

There has been no restrictions applied during heavy traffic for the build, which has damaged the road, which is a bigger safety concern at those times rather than now. There were no safety issues during the build to my knowledge. The planning consent for the new development, indicated an occasional coach which is totally different to the heavy vehicles in the past 15 months and still continuing.

For the lines outside Chaucer Close and Poplar close. This has nothing to do with the new development. The proposal restricts access to the play park especially for those that have disabilities. There is no provision to park vehicles to gain access to the park (there is a green area in front - can't this be used?). People will feel the need to park in even more unsafe places to allow access to this area.

The lines near the new development at the top end of Laburnum Road. There has been parking throughout the works, this will penalise the residents. People bought their properties allowing access to the back of their homes, this is now being taken away, for what purpose? The most safety concern would be during the construction with the multitude of heavy traffic gaining access - nothing was implemented then, why is the need for the lines considered now? People using the hub, will just drive in

As a resident, I find the restrictions proposed a further unnecessary action to the local community with no obvious benefit and all that will be achieved is that more dangerous parking will occur and build up a 'fight' for the available spaces. Where is the evidence of the safety risk as the road in the current state?

In summary, the risk of the proposal will increase the likelihood of safety incidents, not reduce them.

These restrictions would not have been proposed without the new development being built but the new development has its own road and parking facilities.

Where is the evidence that this is needed and the demonstration of its need via consultation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards

Further to your letter of the 10th April 2025 re double yellow lines on Oaklands Park estate, I would like to point out that I am generally in favour of the sports hub.

I have spoken in the past to our local Councillor and various people from the development about the speed of traffic that the yellow lines would encourage especially on the corner Laburnum Road to the hub as this is a completely blind corner coming down the road and if cars are turning onto their drives on corner, it is a completely blind spot, also there is a blind pathway from the sports field where a lot of children are going to be at risk due to the speed of traffic coming up and down the road and this is another reason for traffic calming. Although I do feel that they are required, I also believe traffic calming measures are required to at least help prevent an accident that is most definitely waiting to happen.

My family has lived on this estate for over XX years and without the extra traffic that is coming due to the hub there have been some very near misses both for children and adults.

The complete lack of 20mph signage of either lamp posts or on the road is really not helping either.

Thank you for your time.

Dear Traffic Management Team,

I am writing to formally object to the proposal to install double yellow lines over the land outside my garage and garden, located at XX Laburnum Road, Oaklands Park, Podsmead Place, Podsmead, Gloucester, XXXXXXXX

This area has always served as the access point to my private garage and property. The proposed restrictions would not only be unnecessary but would also negatively impact my ability to park and access my home. I understand that double yellow lines are intended to prevent obstruction and improve traffic flow, but in this case, the area in question is not a public highway but rather access to private property.

The introduction of these markings may imply that I or visitors are prohibited from stopping momentarily outside my own property, which is both misleading and unfair. Furthermore, it could reduce the value of my property and cause confusion for enforcement.

I respectfully request that the council reconsider this proposal, or at the very least, provide clear justification for such a measure over private access.

Yours sincerely,

Good morning

I note from the latest letter that you are asking for comments again on the TRO proposals at Laburnum Road.

I note the reference number is the same, and therefore hope that my previous comments will still be regarded. However, just in case all previous comments have been disregarded, below is my email and attachment about the matter that I made the last time for you to consider this time.

I would add that whilst the 10 residents spaces have now been made available, there will still be a loss of spaces once these lines get put in as you are still planning to displace more vehicles than spaces have been allowed for and you are still setting it up so that people with electric vehicles cannot park outside their garages to be able to charge them. You are stopping me being able to take the company car I have been offered as I will not be able to charge my car at home and I am not willing to pay the excessive costs to charge at Tesco or the likes, nor should I have to and would not have to but for this proposal.

By Email

15th December 2024

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter dated 20th November asking for comments on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Laburnum Road in Gloucester in relation to the Black Bridge Sports Centre that is being built.

My comments are as follows:

I made comments in my objection to the sports centre planning application regarding the proposed TRO and how it would affect the people living in Laburnum Road, and more specifically XXXX. I have attached an extract of that objection letter and attached it to this email. Please read from the section "Continuing on with Section 5 and the drawings in Appendices H, I J and K" to the end of the extract.

My opinion on the matter has not changed since the date of that letter.

The surveys that were carried out were not done at representative times of peak parking. They cannot be used as the basis for plans.

The comments about people parking in front of their garages being obstructive and therefore not considered in the survey is a fallacy. Some of the yellow lines proposed take away people's parking in front of their garages (especially in the turning area at the end of Laburnum Road) but these are the only places those people have to park. Therefore, those spaces need to be included in the amount of lost spaces in the survey, else your plans are based on incorrect data.

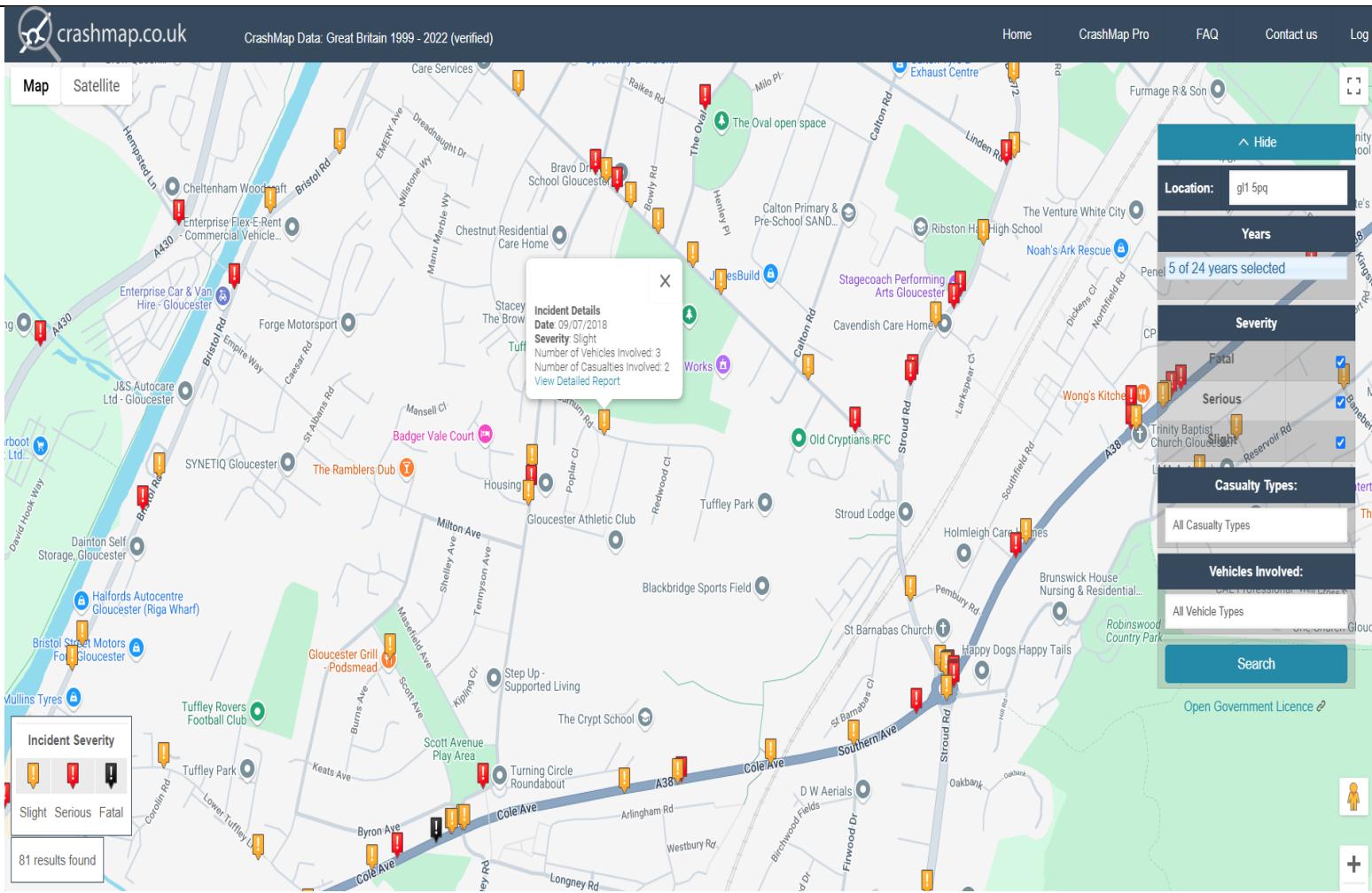
Moreso, the situation is more exasperated now as there are more vehicles present on the estate since the surveys were undertaken.

On a Saturday and Sunday evening when all the residents are home, there are no available parking spaces. I have returned home on a Sunday evening at 1900 for the last two weeks and have not been able to park. The proposal to stop people parking where they do now, without adequate replacement parking, will cause issues and potential unrest as people argue about where they can or cannot park.

Whilst the building of the sports centre has been undertaken, large articulated vehicles have frequently traversed Laburnum Road without issue, often more than one vehicle at a time and as early as 0630 in the morning when the residents are parked on the estate. Refuse vehicles travel up Laburnum Road and the adjacent roads each Friday without issue. Emergency vehicles are able to get to the estate without issue. Therefore, to propose that the TRO needs to be implemented to ensure these vehicles can move freely, when they already can, is again a fallacy.

Part of the planning permission was that the only large vehicles accessing the sports centre would be delivery trucks or refuse vehicles, and that nothing larger than a minibus would regularly use the road. On the basis that the delivery trucks and refuse vehicles can already use the road as it stands and that they are considerably larger than a minibus, why does a further change need to be made? These vehicles will not access the sports centre at peak parking times. They will access it during a working day when there are few cars on the estate as people have left home for work etc. Given that the users of the sports centre will be parking in the dedicated parking area that has been built as part of the development, and are not expected to park on the estate, why is the TRO required when they and delivery or refuse vehicles will already be able to drive along Laburnum Road to get to the sports centre as things currently stand?

Historically, on Laburnum Road, there has only been one traffic accident in recent history, which was in 2018 (information gathered from the national archive):



Therefore to propose that a TRO is required to avoid the potential of accidents occurring is a falsehood. One accident in the period 1999 to 2022 does not, in my opinion, constitute a requirement to put a TRO into place.

Overall, as I stated in my original objection letter to the council, the TRO is unnecessary and unsuitable. It will

- cause more issues that it resolves.
- cause tension between the residents of the estate.
- impact the residents of the estate over and above the burden already placed on it by the building of and subsequent use of the sports centre.

- have a personal and physical impact on XXXX (as detailed in the attachment).

If you take nothing else from this letter, please allow me to summarise with the following.

**There is not enough parking on the estate at the moment. If you enact the TRO, you will make the situation much worse and the consequences of that are unrest and an overbearing impact on the residents of the estate.**

Thank you for having taken the time to read my comments and attachments.

Yours sincerely

I also object, strongly. Our lives weren't simply impacted by the building work, these yellow lines are going to cause daily stress for all of us around laburnum.

Why not simply unlock the gates to the new sports centre, or add a number pad to the gate, so neighbours that can walk further, or arrive after the parking spaces are full, can use that massive car park. I note it has car charging stations, I'm reckon some of the neighbours might like to use those overnight.

The ten "resident" bays that were built are being used by non residents already, and even one of XXX workers!

Yellow lines further affect our property prices, and prevents many of my closest neighbours (XXXXX) from parking near their homes. I suspect many, like myself and my husband, had bought homes in this area BECAUSE there was open space, a quiet road, and lots of on street parking.

If we've coped with the building lorries for a year, why stick double yellows on the estate now. It's crazy, and clearly thought up by someone who doesn't live here or on a similar road. We don't need or want TROs, we want pot holes the lorries made to be filled in instead. Stop wasting money on lines people don't want, and are unlikely to obey.

I'm most offended by the proposed yellow lines in what was the very end of laburnum road, in the area local folks used for turning around. The neighbours there are being royally messed over and access to our homes is being limited.

This is deeply annoying and unfair, we should be compensated for the loss of access and property value.

So far all we've received for the hassle we've endured is ONE FREE CAR WASH, like come on, that's insulting. All of nearest the locals should be at least getting free gym membership, nearly £30 a month they want even though they are in our postcode.

**NO YELLOW LINES. PLEASE. NO**

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The complete lack of 20mph signage of either lamp posts or on the road is really not helping either.

Thank you for your time.

As a resident of Oaklands Park for over XX years I feel that the double yellow lines would create chaos on the estate.

- Double yellow lines on corner of junctions far too big.
- Double yellow lines outside residents garages absolutely disgusting and would certainly devalue their property's.
- Double yellow lines definitely needed near park area.
- Traffic calming on Laburnum Rd, eg speed humps as there is more traffic, making it harder for children to cross, especially near the park.
- Residents were told coaches would not come on to the estate, I feel that this not the case and that is why there is planning for double yellow lines.