

## 12. ANNEX ROAD – NO STOPPING RESTRICTION

The Area Engineer requested the Board's support to the City Services Committee to install a 'No Stopping Restriction' on Annex Road for traffic management purposes.

Recently the Council has received concerns about traffic congestion from road users and businesses on Annex Road (Venture Place to Lunns Road) especially when the barrier arms at the Main South Railway are down.

When the railway barriers are down the vehicles travelling towards Blenheim Road queue for some distance back along Annex Road towards Birmingham Drive. On –site observations have seen this to be up to 300 metres with delays of up to 5 minutes not uncommon. At the Annex/Lunns Road intersection, just to the south of the railway crossing, the pavement is marked with a sin bin area (yellow cross hatching) to prevent vehicles blocking the intersection. To avoid having to wait for the queue to move, vehicles are now taking a chance by driving on the wrong side of Annex Road and are turning left in front of the queue to access Lunns Road.

Inevitably they meeting head on with vehicles turning right out of Lunns Road who do not expect this.

So that vehicles can turn left into Lunns Road more road space is required to mark a left turn lane. Currently no space is available for this purpose. By banning vehicle parking on the south side of Annex Road between Lunns Road and Venture Place this can be achieved. All businesses fronting this section of Annex Road have off street parking on their sites.

Recently all owners were written to outlining the problem and proposing to install a no parking ban to gain road space for traffic management purposes. No objections were received to this proposal.

To help manage an unsafe practise and provide a left turn lane into Lunns Road, parking should be banned on the south west side of Annex Road between Lunns Road and Venture Place.

The Board **decided** to recommend to the City Services Committee that the stopping of vehicles be prohibited (at any time) on the South side of Annex Road commencing at its intersection with Lunns Road and extending in an easterly direction for a distance of 136 metres.