

Referral Form for Mid Suffolk PSCO Tasking

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(To be completed by Communities Officer - Safe)

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Clerk to Ringshall Parish Council

Details of issue/complaint:

It has recently been reported to the Council by a concerned parishioner that cars are regularly parking along a part of Lower Farm Road (IP14 2JE) in Ringshall in a way that is probably in contravention of Highway Code items 242, 243, possibly also 248.

I have been out this morning and seen some of the cars in question, and in my opinion I would say that they are parked in such a way that the likelihood of a collision between oncoming and overtaking traffic is significantly increased - indeed I saw a near miss this morning. They are parked on a slight bend and hill facing up the hill, and when overtaking (going round them) them, traffic is forced fully onto the opposite side of the road, close to a right hand bend and the view of oncoming traffic in or before the bend is obscured.

I have also spoken to a business in the area that regularly uses Lower Farm Road, and they can confirm that this parking is now regularly happening, and they also believe it is hazardous.

I suspect that this parking is happening as an attempt at a traffic calming measure as there are a number of cars which reputedly speed down this road on their way to the airbase, and most houses in the area have adequate off-road parking.

This parking is probably best observed in the morning, I was there around 7.40am, and maybe in the evening, being timed to interfere with the commuter times of base personnel I suspect.

Would a site visit be possible to assess the dangers? If a visit is possible, if there was a set of potential dates, I could nip out and verify if the cars are parked on the road on these dates and inform SNT, such that visits are not wasting time. I would also be happy to show an officer/official where the parking occurs if a visit at other times is the only option.

Thank you for completing this form

Patrols were conducted at 17:30 on 15/07/2019 and again on 17/07/2019 at 12:40 There were no issues at this time.

Mr. Smith was visited 17/07/2019 at 12:15 and viewed some photographs he had taken And I will be carrying out another patrol on 19/07/2019 at 08:00.

Following the patrol on 19/07/2019 I spoke to the owner of a white van -A00DJK- and gave words of advice regarding safe parking on the carriageway this was the only vehicle on the affected stretch of road which was a cause of concern otherwise it was clear at this time.

The parish council will be placing a notice in the next edition of the parish magazine Regarding perceived dangerous parking on Lower Farm Road.

We will continue to give the area passing attention when on patrol.

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