

**COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION FORM**

**Councillors should read the guidance approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (9 July, 2009) before completing this form.**

Name of Councillor	Councillor Ray Wootten
Subject of Councillor Call for Action	Resolve obstruction of the Highway/ Creation of Parking Spaces
Does the Councillor Call for Action relate to a county council function?	Yes – Highways
Does the Councillor Call for Action relate to crime and disorder?	No
Is the Councillor Call for Action limited to your own electoral division?	Yes
Have you tried all other means of resolving this matter?	Yes
<p><b>Please explain what the concern is and what steps have been taken to resolve the matter?</b></p> <p>Mr Steven Elnor, Mill Farm, Barkston, NG322NZ, farmer and businessman resides at the end of West Street, Barkston.</p> <p>The location next to his farm entrance which is shown on the attached photographs, is being used as a parking space for Countryside walkers to the River Witham where stepping stones are a feature. West Street is a narrow country road with only one passing point which is being used as a parking space.</p> <p>To gain access vehicle owners are parking on West Street on the grass verge which then obstructs Mr Elnor's farm machinery and caravan business from operating.</p> <p>Walkers are then using Drift Lane which is covered by a Section 34, Highways Act 1988 restriction of vehicles notice to gain access to the River Witham.</p> <p>Mr Elnor and his family have lived at Mill Farm since the 1930's and for a number of years encountered problems. Since the Coronavirus pandemic increasing numbers of people have followed the government's advice to exercise and this location has gained popularity on social media.</p> <p>The following action has been taken to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lincolnshire Police Neighbourhood Team have visited Mr Elnor and given advice on installing posts near his entrance. Mr Elnor has done so at his own expense costing around £150.</li> <li>2. Contacted LCC Countryside Officer Andy Savage and Chris Miller.</li> <li>3. Contacted the local MP Dr Caroline Johnson who supports this action.</li> <li>4. Informed his representative Rhonda Thompson from the National Farmers Union (NFU).</li> <li>5. Rowan Smith, LCC local Area Highways Manager – West Division visited the location.</li> </ol>	

6. Barkston & Syston Parish Council Chairman who supports this action.
7. Councillor Martin Hill OBE, Leader of the Council, supports a Councillor Call for Action being submitted.
8. Myself and District Councillors support action being taken.
9. Executive Councillor Richard Davies notified that call for action being taken.
10. Photographic evidence has been gathered to demonstrate the problem (attached).

*(Please provide as much information as possible and continue on separate pages if required and attach any relevant documentation.)*

**What are your desired outcomes from the Councillor Call for Action?**

*In order of preference*

1. Parking spaces for up to six vehicles created from the grass verge.
2. As above plus the relocation of the Section 34 notice on Drift Lane.
3. Restricted waiting put in place on this section of West Street – Daytime only.
4. The lawful erection of additional white marker posts.
5. Restricting entrance to a section of West Street for access only for residents, visitors and deliveries only.

Signed:	Cllr Ray Wootten
Date:	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020

Please return this form to the Scrutiny Team, via email to [scrutiny@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

## Photographic Evidence

Photo 1



Photo 2



**Photo 3**



**Photo 4**





Map of the Area



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