PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE: TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2026

Agenda Item 6: Parking at St Saviours Lane, Padstow

1.0 **Overview**

1.1 Committee will be aware of the current parking restrictions on St Saviours Lane, Padstow, these being:

- No parking at any time 1 March to 31 October (double yellow lines) with the exception of Blue Badge holders during restricted periods (see 1.2 below)

1.2 In accordance with the Department of Transport Guidance on the Blue Badge Scheme: Rights and Responsibilities in England, guidance states:

- Yellow Lines: Badge holders may park on single or double yellow lines for up to 3 hours, but in general not where there are restrictions on loading or unloading – indicated by yellow kerb dashes and / or signs on plates… You must display the Blue Badge and the blue parking clock showing the quarter hour period during which you arrived. You must wait for at least one hour after a previous period of parking before you can park the same vehicle in the same road or part of a road on the same day.
- Safe and Responsible Parking: Do not park where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. Examples of dangerous or obstructive parking include the following, although there are others:… - where it would make the road narrow, such as by a traffic island or roadworks; where it would hold up traffic, such as in narrow stretches of road or blocking vehicle entrances

2.0 **Current Status**

2.1 Signage: Cornwall Council have recently installed restriction signage at the entrance to St Saviours Lane for driver information. Additional signage is already installed along the lane and at the end of the lane by the access gate to Chapel Stile Field (see appendix 1).

2.2 Condition of current road markings: It is noted that the double yellow road markings along the length of St Saviours Lane have deteriorated significantly (see appendix 1).

2.3 Obstruction by vehicles: On previous occasions there have been vehicles obstructing the top end of the lane and the Chapel Stile gateway.

There have also been recent instances where Town Council staff have experienced difficulty driving up the lane to the access gate due to a vehicle parked on a long term basis – this has been during the 'no restriction' period. Although drivers are permitted to park in the lane during the 'no restriction' period, there is a concern that obstruction by vehicles (whether within or outside the restriction period) may cause issues in the event of emergency vehicles requiring access Chapel Stile Field, War Memorial and coastal path.

2.4 Cornwall Council Enforcement: Further to recent concerns about a van parked in the lane on a long term basis (November 2025 to January 2026), the Council Support Officer contacted the Cornwall Council Enforcement Team highlighting access issues and concerns that emergency vehicles will be obstructed should they require access to Stile Field. The Enforcement Team's response advised:

"Thank you for contacting us regarding your concerns. I appreciate the frustration this situation may cause. However, Cornwall Council's Parking Enforcement team can only take action where parking restrictions are in force at the time of the reported issue. This includes restrictions such as single yellow lines, marked bays, or other signed controls covered by a Traffic Regulation Order that operate only during specific times, days, or seasons.

"Where a restriction is time-limited or seasonal and is not in operation at the time of the complaint, we do not have the authority to enforce. In these circumstances, we cannot issue Penalty Charge Notices or take enforcement action, even if parking may cause inconvenience.

"Matters relating to obstruction or safety concerns may fall under the remit of the police".

On the same matter, a member of the Bodmin and Wadebridge Neighbourhood Police Team advised the Town Clerk that their attention had been drawn to a vehicle parked in the lane and that they had visited, advising that:

"The vehicle didn't appear to be blocking the road as there were other vehicles that had obviously got through and parked behind it.

"The vehicles are all possibly parked on double yellow lines and it isn't ideal as it is very narrow down that road, but this wouldn't be something the police deal with.

"Unfortunately, this would need to be dealt with by the Civil Enforcement Officers from Cornwall Council".

3.0 **Consideration: Request to Cornwall Council**

3.1 Committee are asked to consider whether they wish to submit a request to Cornwall Council to amend the parking restrictions for St Saviours Lane in consideration of the following:

- Extend parking restrictions to all year;
- Install hatched lining in front of the gate to Chapel Stile Field indicating no parking at any time, to ensure the gateway is kept free;
- Re-painting of double yellow lines

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Appendix 1

St Saviours Lane: Parking Restriction Signage

Deterioration of yellow line marking the length of St Saviours Lane

Example of Obstruction by vehicle (photo taken January 2026)