

# BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL



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Dear Mr Bartlett,

## Application to Close Leeds Road

Further to our recent meeting you will recall that I advised that many residents in the parish felt that they had been treated with contempt by Leeds City Council. I acknowledge your attempt to address this in your recent correspondence.

However, following a request from a local resident under the Freedom of Information legislation, we have received copies of two applications for the road closure. One dated 30 April 2021, but the other is dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. I enclose copies for your assistance. Are you able to advise the Parish Council whether in fact it has been known by Leeds City Council that Leeds Road would have to be closed for a 6-week period since last September? If this is the case, why have the Parish Council and residents not been advised of the fact until recently. In addition, why have the local bus companies not been advised?

Moreover, there is also a section for completion headed "Consultation" but in fact asking if these parties have been informed before the application has been submitted. There is a list of suggested parties and a catch all "any other interested party" at the end.

I would have thought that for a closure of this significance the Parish Council would constitute an "interested party" for the purpose of this application. Going forward, and in the spirit of the phrase "lessons learned" are you able to confirm that in future Leeds City Council will require developers and contractors to at least inform Parish Councils on road closures along with other parties and hopefully with significant closures, consult them for their views especially on mitigation measures. This will enable Leeds City Council to take into account any concerns in the area a Parish Council and residents may have when making decisions?

As you are aware feelings are running high in the parish and the above information has done nothing to allay residents' concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

*Phil Maude*

Phil Maude, Chair of the Parish Council