

25 Park Grove
Bramley
ROTHERHAM
S66 2RY

23 March 2009

For the attention of Carl Battersby
Highways Department
Rotherham Borough Council
Bailey House
Rawmarsh Road
ROTHERHAM
S60 1TD

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Dear Mr Battersby

We, the undersigned residents of Park Grove, Bramley S66 2RY/Z would like to register a complaint that, if action isn't taken, could prove fatal to a resident(s) of Park Grove.

On the night of Tuesday 17th March at approx 8:00 p.m. the fire service was called out on a (luckily) non-emergency that required access to Park Grove. Unfortunately after driving up Westfield Road, the fire engine was unable to negotiate the bend at the top because of the vans and cars parked there. It took approx 5 mins to get the offending cars and vans moved so they could gain access. Had this been an emergency, or if it was an ambulance attempting to access Park Grove, it could quite easily have proved fatal if time was of the essence.

Another example of a vehicle being unable to gain access to Park Grove happened 3 days later on Friday 20th March. The dustbin lorry attempted to drive on to Park Grove to empty our dustbins but, as was the case with the fire engine, it proved impossible to get round the bend because of the vans (commercial vans being the biggest culprits and incidentally one of the vans is a 2010 van) and cars parked there so the dustbin lorry had to reverse back down Westfield Road and therefore Park Grove residents didn't get their dustbins emptied that day.

There have also been instances in the past where delivery lorries have been unable to gain access to deliver building materials etc and have therefore had to re-schedule the delivery and hope that they can gain access a second time around. This really is not acceptable.

We hope you will agree that something has to be done as a matter of urgency. We attach a suggestion as to how this matter could be resolved which you may find helpful.

We would like to thank you for your prompt attention to this very urgent and worrying matter.

If you need to contact anyone regarding this matter then please write to or phone: Alan Frith, 25 Park Grove, Bramley, Rotherham S66 2RY tel: 01709 544138.

Yours faithfully



cc: Councillor Peter Thirlwell
Councillor Martyn Parker
Councillor Chris McMahon
Inspector Revitt – Face the Neighbourhood Team