

A request has been received from a member of the public for the Town Council's support in establishing a weight limit restriction on the street, full details can be found in their email below:

*I have contacted East Suffolk Parking Services and they have advised to contact you to make a request to Suffolk County Council for a weight restriction in Kensington Road.*

*I have noticed since December large lorries parking overnight in Kensington Road, NR33 OHY. Last night a very noisy 26 tonne lorry was parked overnight and on the footway, this has prompted me to complain, the lorries are getting larger and noisier.*

*Can this road be the same as Pakefield Road, with no lorries over 7.5 tonne, unless delivering? If it continues it will put off camper vans from parking up and visitors to the area if Kensington Road becomes a lorry park, word is obviously getting round.*

Officers contact East Suffolk Parking Services with the Committee's queries on the issue of lorries parking on the pedestrian path and if a parking restriction on the road would be possible to resolve the issue. The following responses has been received:

*Thank you for contacting us.*

*When you mention large vehicles, which class are you referring to? Is this HGVs or is this large vans?*

*A weight restriction would be a moving traffic regulation which East Suffolk Council cannot enforce. This is currently the Police's responsibility still.*

*If the problem is with HGVs, if Suffolk County Council were to install a 'No Waiting' regulation for HGV's only then this would apply to both the carriageway and footway, providing the footway is contained within the highway boundary. The street would not require yellow lines, but instead, a minimum of two 'no waiting' signs on each side of the carriageway with the class of vehicle specified. This however would only be for HGVs and we would not be able to enforce against any other type of vehicle should they park on the verge.*

*If the concern is with all vehicles, then the only solution I can think of would be to have yellow lines installed so that all vehicles can be enforced. To clarify, no motor vehicle is permitted to park on a grass verge or footway at any time.*

*We would suggest getting in touch with Suffolk County Council to discuss this further as they would be responsible for the installation of any regulations going forward.*

*Kindest regards*

*For and on behalf of the Parking Services Team*