

Ingate Yellow Lines

Following our complaint about the incorrect width of the replacement yellow lines in Ingate, Richard Bellefontaine received the following response:-

Dear Richard,

The difficulty we have when marking double yellow lines is that they have to be to the dimensions in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions. This shows that if the lines are 50mm wide there has to be a 50mm wide gap between the two lines. If the lines are 75mm wide the gap has to be 75mm wide. If we are refreshing lines by laying 50mm lines on top of faded 50mm lines the 50mm gap will be retained. However when the existing lines are 75mm wide with 75mm gap it is not possible to directly lay 50mm wide lines with a 50mm gap. The only way to overcome this difficulty is to remove the faded lines in their entirety. That is a costly operation and can leave the road looking untidy. For that reason if the existing double yellow lines are 75mm wide we will refresh to that dimension. When we surface the road we will be able to install the 50mm lines.

I hope that the above is straightforward, but if you need anything

further please let me know

Regards
David

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On receiving this reply, I emailed David Stiff and asked why the existing yellow lines could not be burnt off as I have seen carried out many times in the past. This was his response:-

Dear Mr Fletcher,

Thank you for your email below.

When we remove roadmarkings we do not burn them off in urban areas because that operation can produce toxic fumes, damage the road surface and fail to remove all the lines. For longer lengths we tend to use hydroblasting, which is water applied at high pressures. This overcomes

some of the problems, but as it is a specialist operation it is relatively expensive.

As part of the preparation for civil parking enforcement (CPE) we are reviewing all lines associated with parking across the county, other than Ipswich where CPE already operates. Where we have identified faded lines we have or are organising for them to be refreshed. In some towns there are several roads in conservation areas in which then yellow lines are not 50mm wide. It would be a very expensive operation to remove all lines in conservation areas across the county that are not 50mm wide. It is this reason why we have not removed and remarked the lines in Ingate. I still believe that is the correct decision given the need to spend the budget in the most cost effective manner.

I appreciate that this is not the reply you were hoping to receive, but I hope the explanation is helpful.

Kind regards

David

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So we await the road being resurfaced before the yellow lines can be modified.

Paul Fletcher