NUISANCE PARKING IN LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH - Update

PARKING SCHEMES: As reported at the September Parish Council meeting there has been a lot of work done over the years with East Midlands Airport and LCC Highways Dept. regarding the problems of 'holiday parking' in the villages. As part of this the PC has explored parking schemes to deter non-resident parking while not inconveniencing the actual residents. This is proving harder than you might think, or what had been expected.

What must be understood is that any scheme must be lawful to enable it to be enforceable. Restricted Parking Zones and Resident Parking Zones cannot be combined - it MUST be one or the other. As our villages have over 40% off road resident parking available a Resident Only parking scheme will not be allowed.

Documents relating to these discussions are available to view on the Parish Council website.

OPTIONS: The following are the only options that can be considered for Long Whatton and Diseworth:

- 1. Double Yellow Lines entering Diseworth from the A453.
- 2. Parking Bays and double yellow lines.
- 3. Restricted Parking Bays 2hrs (no return within 2 hours).

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- Taking traffic off the road WILL increase speeding traffic.
- Yellow lines will detract from the appearance of our conservation village.

ROGUE TAXIS: East Midlands Airport and NWLDC have tried various schemes to stop the taxi firms waiting in gateways and grass verges - the Parish Council have requested that these be reviewed and reinforced.

FUTURE ACTION: Now 'normal service' has been resumed at EMA following the COVID lockdown the parking problems have returned so the Parish Council has requested a meeting with all relevant agencies to review and resume the work to resolve this significant issue – updates to follow. We are also aware that there are daytime issues relating to parking around the School and that these also need to be addressed.