

Appendix B

Summary of Comments and Objections **Shoreham-By-Sea: Sullington Way Parking Restrictions**

Comments	Officer Response
1. Resident of Sullington Way - Objects to proposal: Something has to be done in the road but yellow lines will not help as no-one takes any notice of them. The road needs resident's parking or the grass verges to be removed.	<p>The request for the scheme came from West Sussex Fire and Rescue service as in the event of an emergency it may not be possible for them to reach St Peters Catholic School or the properties throughout.</p> <p>This issue is due to the narrow nature of the road and the inappropriate parking throughout Sullington Way.</p> <p>Due to the potential seriousness of the issue WSCC needs to respond to the request as soon as is practicable. The most expedient way of doing this is via parking and waiting restriction Traffic Regulation Order.</p> <p>There is no budget available to replace the existing grass verge into a hard verge (like the northern section). This could be applied for via a Community Highway Scheme (CHS) which can be found online at: https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/supporting-local-communities/apply-for-a-community-highways-scheme/</p> <p>A CHS has a programme of two to three years from request to implementation, which officers believe is too long to wait.</p> <p>Due to the low number of injury accidents near the school, the relatively high cost and the high number of requests throughout the county it is difficult to predict if this CHS request would be a priority for the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.</p> <p>West Sussex County Council has full support from Sussex Police, Fire and Rescue and the County Councillor to proceed with the proposal on safety grounds.</p>

<p>2. District Councillor: has been approached by more than 20 concerned residents who would have preferred more local consultation on the road before the TRO was proposed.</p> <p>Residents feel that the double yellow lines will not address the issues in the road and that regular parking patrols are needed.</p> <p>Parents have been aggressive to residents, blocking drives and even parking on driveways.</p> <p>Residents ask whether it would be possible to drop kerbs but keep grass verges, using a grass mesh instead to allow parking there?</p> <p>Ask whether school traffic could be reduced by using advisory signs to warn that emergency access is needed? Residents would like to see more travel to school on buses or by bicycle.</p> <p>The head teacher is happy to work with parents on this and will also discuss opening the school car park for people attending evening classes etc.</p>	<p>The TRO proposed is the only option WSCC could implement within reasonable timescale, hence the statutory consultation was deemed sufficiently appropriate</p> <p>See officer response to Comment 1 above.</p>
<p>3. Resident of Sullington Way: Proposed restrictions will not help access for emergency vehicles. It would be better to remove the bollards from the grass verges to allow parking partly on the verge. There is enough width available to do this while maintaining pedestrian access. Verges could be paved if this would help.</p> <p>This would avoid a loss of parking and avoid problems for residents with children who would otherwise be unable to park in their own road.</p>	<p>See officer response to Comment 1 above.</p>
<p>4. Resident of Sullington Way: Double yellow lines will reduce parking for residents and increase the number of parents dropping children in the middle of the road, which will cause an accident.</p> <p>This will also increase parking in Middle Road and many people will park on the lines, meaning residents lose parking for nothing.</p> <p>Best option would be to remove grass verges to widen the road, keeping parking while maintaining access for fire engines etc.</p>	<p>See officer response to Comment 1 above.</p>
<p>5. Resident of Sullington Way: Double yellow lines will cause problems further along the</p>	<p>See officer response to Comment 1 above.</p>

<p>road. The situation would be better resolved by removing the grass verges. Presently it is impossible to park in the road during school pick up times and yellow lines will make this situation worse. More residents will apply for dropped kerbs, digging up gardens which is not good for the environment.</p>	
<p>6. Resident of Sullington Way: Proposal will make current situation worse. As the school has expanded in size parking for staff has been reduced, with teachers now parking on Sullington Way, causing problems for residents. Parents then make matters worse and pick up/drop off times. Some years ago WSCC offered to install hard standings outside resident's houses. Some residents agreed this, but others kept the grass. Residents who kept the grass then often park on the hard standings outside other people's houses. The situation has been made worse by households with 3 or more cars but no driveways. Problem should be solved by creating hard standings outside all the houses and making the road a residents' only parking zone.</p>	<p>See officer response to Comment 1 above.</p>
<p>7. Resident of Sullington Way: Double yellow lines should continue to the top of the road and cover the turning bay. A neighbour at this end of the road recently had a chimney fire and the fire engine could get no-where near the house, a fire at the school would be disastrous. Other residents are saying there are no problems with access but this is not true as the bin lorries are often unable to access the road and it is sometimes impossible to get through in a car due to bad parking. Some residents refused to have the verges outside their houses tarmacked a few years ago and this causes all sorts of problems with parking. Something needs to be done as cars often park on white access lines blocking drives.</p>	<p>The reasoning behind ending the double yellow lines where they are proposed is to restrict enough throughout the road to ensure a fire truck or HGV can safely get through but not removing all of the parking available for residents.</p> <p>The restrictions stop where the grass verges have previously been hardened as this section of the road is wider due to vehicles parking on the existing hardened verges.</p> <p>Officers will monitor this by occasional inspection and engagement with members of the public and the restrictions can be reduced or increase if deemed to not be appropriate.</p>
<p>8. Resident of Sullington Way: Residential parking is already at a premium due to the school. Residents will be forced to dig up gardens for parking, losing green space and local habitat.</p>	<p>It is noted that the proposed restrictions will remove spaces for residents to park, however it is the officers opinion that on balance the safety of the residents and school children outweighs the parking concerns raised.</p>

<p>Increasing the number of driveways will further decrease on street parking. Enforcement is currently insufficient, how will the new lines be enforced?</p>	<p>West Sussex Fire and Rescue service have reported on numerous occasions not being able to access the school due to parking at the southern end. Officers are also aware of the Ambulance Service and Waste Collection Service not being able to access the northern end of the road. The restrictions will be enforced by Worthing and Adur Borough Council.</p>
<p>9. Resident of Sullington Way: Yellow lines will cause parking closer to people's driveways, causing access issues. The lines will prevent residents parking near their homes to battle for parking spaces further along the road, making it more likely they will obstruct driveways. The lines may well make congestion in the road worse as parents will park on them to drop off children. Suggests removing grass verges to provide better parking without blocking the road. Finally queries whether new lines would actually be enforced – current lines are not enforced so parents just ignore them.</p>	<p>See officer response to Comment 1 above.</p>
<p>10. Resident of Sullington Way: Yellow lines will not help, mesh in the grass verges will create space for wider vehicles to pass by while maintaining green space and trees. This would also avoid moving the problem elsewhere.</p>	<p>See officer response to Comment 1 above.</p>
<p>11. Resident of Sullington Way: There is currently high demand for parking so restrictions will have a detrimental effect on every household in the road, forcing residents to park in other roads and moving the problems there. If vehicles are too wide for the roads then more suitable vehicles should be used. Believes last fire in the road was in 2014 and was dealt with by rolling hosepipes along the road. Fire hydrants should be installed to ensure access to water for the fire service. Recently refuse vehicles could not get to the northern end of the road but this was due to parking on an area not covered by the new lines. Since then the problem has not recurred. Rather than increase the lines they should be reduced, current lines at the junction with Middle Road are too long.</p>	<p>See officer response to Comment 1 above.</p> <p>Installing Fire hydrants is not a practicable option due to cost and then the expectation to install them throughout all roads in West Sussex.</p>

Parking in the road is already at a premium and proposal to reduce it further is totally unacceptable.	
12. Resident of Sullington Way: Understands reasons for the proposal as they had a chimney fire and the fire brigade could not reach them. However, extending the yellow lines will mean residents will not be able to park near their homes, which is already a problem as it is. This will affect car insurance premiums etc. It would be better to remove the verges so cars can be parked while maintaining road width.	See officer response to Comment 1 above.
13. Resident of Sullington Way: Road has 28 houses and is a no-through road. New lines will remove 6 parking spaces but access for emergency services to the northern end of the road will not be improved by this. It would be better to remove the white posts on the verges and tarmac over the grass, allowing cars to park with 2 wheels on the verge. The new lines will be used as quick drop off spaces by parents dropping children at school.	See officer response to Comment 1 above.
14. School Governor: Placing yellow lines at only the bottom end of the road will not solve the risk caused by emergency services vehicles being unable to access the northern end of the road, including the school. Would prefer to see lines along the whole length of the road to ensure safe access to the school in an emergency. Lisa James	<p>The request for the scheme came from West Sussex Fire and Rescue service due to numerous complaints about being unable to reach St Peters Catholic School the properties throughout.</p> <p>This was due to the narrow nature of the road and the parking throughout Sullington Way.</p> <p>Installing lines through the whole road will cause a lot of displacement parking and issues in neighbouring roads.</p> <p>The proposal will allow access for the Fire trucks to safely pass and to keep as much residential parking as possible.</p>
15. Resident of Sullington Way: Access is presently difficult but proposed solution is not a good one. It would be better to tarmac the verges in the road. This may be expensive in the short term but will save in future maintenance costs of the unwanted verges and do away with the hazard of slippery cuttings on the pavements.	See officer response to Comment 1 above.

16. Resident of Sullington Way: Dustcarts do have some difficulties in the road but these have been resolved with co-operation from residents. Suggests a trial run is tried with a fire engine to establish whether there is really an access problem. Many other roads in the area are narrow and have similar problems.	See officer response to Comment 1 above.
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Support for the proposed restrictions: Resident of Sullington Way: Supports the proposal but would like to see the lines extended throughout the whole of one side of the road.
