

Summary of Comments and Objections
Middleton-On-Sea: Elmer Road Parking Restrictions

| | Comments | Engineer's Response |
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| 1 | <p>Elmer Beach Residents' Association: Welcomes the proposed TRO and new restrictions at the junctions of East Drive and West Drive.</p> <p>Proposed restriction at West Drive does not extend far enough eastwards and should be lengthened along frontage of no. 98 Elmer Road due to a curve in Elmer Road which limits visibility.</p> <p>The restriction at East Drive should also be extended eastwards along the frontage of 128 Elmer Road.</p> | <p>The proposed parking restrictions at West Drive and East Drive are already at, or exceed the minimum recommendation required by Rule 243 of the Highway Code (10metres). An increase in length would result in an unnecessary displacement of parked vehicles.</p> <p>Any request for an increase in the extent of the proposed parking restrictions is beyond the scope of the current Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) making process. Such a proposal would need to be the subject of a further TRO application and public advertisement.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Arun District Councillor: Objects to the TRO as it will push parking problems eastwards along Elmer Road.</p> | <p>The introduction of any parking restrictions will result in the displacement and redistribution of parking. However this needs to be balanced against potential road safety issues and the needs of the local community.</p> <p>There is a groundswell support from the local community for the seasonal restrictions to be made year round. In mitigation the demand for on street parking will be less than that generated in the summer months. Any displacement that might occur should be less than that generated by the displacement in the summer months.</p> <p>The other aspects of the proposals are to deal with issues of vehicles being parked too close to junctions and to facilitate turning movements where these problems have been locally identified.</p> <p>If displaced parking causes problems elsewhere on the road network consideration may be given to introducing further parking restrictions.</p> |

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| 3 | <p>Resident of Villa Plage: Objects to extend the timing on the yellow lines as unnecessary. Parking in the road is only under pressure from June to September. Changing the timing will make it very difficult for residents who can cope with a restriction in the summer months but not the whole year.</p> | <p>There is a groundswell support from the local community for the seasonal restrictions to be made year round. In mitigation the demand for on street parking will be less than that generated in the summer months. That should result in greater availability for parking on the lengths of road that are not subject to parking restrictions.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Resident of Villa Plage: Objects to the proposed change to timing of restrictions and would prefer the current restriction to remain.</p> | <p>There is a groundswell support from the local community for the seasonal restrictions to be made year round. In mitigation the demand for on street parking will be less than that generated in the summer months. That should result in greater availability for parking on the lengths of road that are not subject to parking restrictions.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Resident of Central Drive: Proposed lines east of West Drive are inadequate and will increase danger. Vehicles will be moved only a few yards eastwards and will block vision of vehicles emerging from West Drive due to the curve in the road.</p> <p>To be safe, the restriction needs to cover 4 houses east of West Drive.</p> <p>Development along this section of the road may increase parking demand and controls are needed.</p> <p>To accommodate this, and parking needed for nearby shops, yellow lines on the north side of the road could be removed.</p> | <p>The proposed parking restrictions at West Drive already exceed the minimum recommendation required by Rule 243 of the Highway Code (10metres). An increase in length would result in an unnecessary displacement of parked vehicles.</p> <p>Any request for an increase in the extent of the proposed parking restrictions or the removal others is beyond the scope of the current Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) making process. Such a proposal would need to be the subject of a further TRO application and public advertisement</p> |
| 6 | <p>Resident of Elmer Road: Long term residents have always supported the seasonal restriction as it cuts down parking for people visiting the beach in the summer. Enforcement has never been adequate. The proposal is an appeasement of wealthy residents who have parking spaces off street for all their cars. People with less off street parking must park on the road and will be entrapped by the TRO with no tangible benefit. Restriction will inconvenience residents and penalise them with parking fines.</p> | <p>There is a groundswell support from the local community for the seasonal restrictions to be made year round. In mitigation the demand for on street parking will be less than that generated in the summer months. That should result in greater availability for parking on the lengths of road that are not subject to parking restrictions.</p> <p>There is no lawful right for individual drivers to park on the public highway and parking restriction are only made where</p> |

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| | | there is road safety, traffic management or local community need. |
| 7 | Resident of Villa Plage: Understands the need for yellow lines as during the summer parking obstructs driveways and people park on verges and even in the private car park at Villa Plage. There is no enough parking in this car park for residents and when full, people have to park on the road. If yellow lines are installed residents, many of whom are disabled, will need to be given permits allowing parking on the lines otherwise they will be unable to park near their homes. More enforcement is needed to prevent the parking problems in the first place. | <p>There is a groundswell support from the local community for the seasonal restrictions to be made year round. In mitigation the demand for on street parking will be less than that generated in the summer months. That should result in greater availability for parking on the lengths of road that are not subject to parking restrictions.</p> <p>Permit parking is provided in Controlled Parking Zones which tend to be in major towns, and is beyond the scope of the current proposals. For those with restricted mobility or wheel chair users, they are very likely to have access to a blue disabled badge. Vehicles displaying such a badge can park on double yellow lines for up to three hours, provided it is safe to do so. There is also some unrestricted parking in close proximity to Villa Plage.</p> |
| 8 | Resident of Villa Plage: Objects to the proposal and would prefer the restriction to remain seasonal. | There is a groundswell support from the local community for the seasonal restrictions to be made year round. In mitigation the demand for on street parking will be less than that generated in the summer months. That should result in greater availability for parking on the lengths of road that are not subject to parking restrictions. |
| 9 | Resident of Villa Plage: Need additional parking at busy times to accommodate visiting families and carers. Residents are being penalised due to selfish parking by irresponsible drivers who don't live in the | There is a groundswell support from the local community for the seasonal restrictions to be made year round. In mitigation the demand for on street parking will be less than that generated in |

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| | road. As council tax payers, residents' needs should be prioritised. | the summer months. That should result in greater availability for parking on the lengths of road that are not subject to parking restrictions. |
| 10 | Resident of Villa Plage: Feels new restrictions are punishing residents of sheltered housing for being old. Residents need carers sometimes 4 times per day and others have families visiting with shopping etc. There are no spare spaces in the car park to accommodate this so they park on the road, which is difficult in the summer as it is. | There is a groundswell support from the local community for the seasonal restrictions to be made year round. In mitigation the demand for on street parking will be less than that generated in the summer months. That should result in greater availability for parking on the lengths of road that are not subject to parking restrictions. |
| 11 | Resident of Bognor Regis: Regularly parks in Elmer Road to walk elderly dogs on the beach during the winter and new restrictions will make this difficult for no good reason. Understands reasons for restrictions in the summer. | There is a groundswell support from the local community for the seasonal restrictions to be made year round. In mitigation the demand for on street parking will be less than that generated in the summer months. That should result in greater availability for parking on the lengths of road that are not subject to parking restrictions. |
| 12 | Resident of Manor Way: Prohibiting parking at any time throughout the road is not in the best interests of the area. In some parts of the road the parking has no effect on pedestrians or traffic so the restrictions should be left as they are. One of the main justifications for the restrictions is to remove nuisance to pedestrians, but pedestrians would be better served by speed humps and new zebra crossings. Certain properties have insufficient off-street parking and it would perhaps be better to introduce a residents parking scheme. | There is a groundswell support from the local community for the seasonal restrictions to be made year round. In mitigation the demand for on street parking will be less than that generated in the summer months. That should result in greater availability for parking on the lengths of road that are not subject to parking restrictions. The introduction of road humps and zebra crossings is beyond the scope of the current scheme and would need to be the subject of a separate application for a Community Highway Scheme and the application process can be followed through on the County Council website. |
| 13 | Scheme Manager at Villa Plage: Scheme will be detrimental to residents' lives. The flats at Villa Plage have only a small car park and parking on street is needed for carers, friends and families. Suggests that the road should have a permit parking scheme rather than more restrictions. | There is a groundswell support from the local community for something to be done. In mitigation by far the largest element of the proposals is the change from seasonal restrictions to a full time restriction. Any displacement that might occur will be less than that generated by the displacement in the summer months. |

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| | | Residents parking permits are delivered through the introduction of Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ). There are no proposals at the present time to develop a CPZ for Middleton. These schemes are generally promoted in larger towns on a neighbourhood basis. It is seldom the case that individual roads are considered as the cost of parking permits for an individual road would be exorbitant and consequently it would be unlikely to be widely supported by local residents. |
| | <u>Support for the Restrictions:</u> | |
| 1 | Middleton-On-Sea Parish Council: Support the scheme but have received concerns that restrictions will exacerbate problems with cars parking too close to junctions and driveways. Parking enforcement in the area is presently non-existent and without regular enforcement the problems caused by parking will continue. | Support for the proposals is noted. Any issues pertaining to enforcement should be addressed to Arun District Council which is the authority responsible for enforcement |
| 2 | Resident of Manor Court: Fully supports the scheme. | Support for the proposal is noted |
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