

## Consultation Response Summary

	<b>Objection/Comments</b>	<b>Comments from Director of Highways &amp; Transport</b>
	<p>Resident of Almodington</p> <p>These proposals seem entirely disproportionate with the low level of traffic in Itchenor in winter months. The reasons listed in the proposal are weak, subjective and not substantiated. The cited "congestion" is not something they have ever witnessed in Itchenor in winter and in summer it is largely confined to the inadequate carpark which will only come under more stress if these proposals are put into place. The comment about access to the harbour office being "difficult" is equally subjective and unsubstantiated. It is certainly not difficult in a pickup truck with a boat on tow.</p> <p>If enacted, this change will disadvantage locals and visitors alike who currently benefit from easy access to the waterfront which encourages people to the area whether to the water or for a walk. Those who live along the road and are not fortunate enough to have off street parking for themselves and their visitors will be particularly disadvantaged.</p>	<p>Whilst the level of traffic in Itchenor Road and The Street is indeed relatively low during the winter months, these roads are also narrow along most of their lengths and residents have reported local congestion occurring when obstructive parking has prevented large vehicles from passing. Once this occurs, it can take a considerable time before traffic can move again, if the parked vehicles cannot be removed. Residents have also complained that parking in Itchenor Road is leading to highway verge damage and, as there are no footways, it forces pedestrians to walk in the carriageway, increasing the risk to their safety. The proposals have widespread support from local residents and the proposed restrictions leave parking free during the winter months along one side or other of The Street for most of its length. During the winter months, the large Chichester Harbour Conservancy Car Park has ample space to meet visitors' demand for parking.</p>
	<p>Resident of West Wittering</p> <p>As a regular user of the current parking spaces when depositing children and kit at Itchenor Sailing Club, they consider the assertion that between 1st November and 31st March there is a lot of traffic on The Street between the Harbour Office and the Ship Inn is false. There is very little of it, frankly, during April-October. They believe these new restrictions have nothing to do with the traffic levels and everything to do with the proposed extension of the public pontoons that will create a highly unsafe sailing environment for the many young children who use those waters.</p> <p>The parking as currently permitted is restricted in its use already and, rightly is available out of season when traffic levels are low.</p> <p>They object to this proposal as it will</p>	<p>It is not asserted that there is a lot of traffic in The Street during the winter months, only that the lack of parking control has led to obstructions occurring. The proposed restrictions will control the parking in The Street during the winter months by constraining it to only one side for most of its length, thereby preventing such obstruction. During the winter months, the car park has ample space to meet any additional demand for parking from visitors. The proposed restrictions are not anticipated to have any adverse impact on water safety.</p>

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	<p>create significant additional and unfair burden on those who legitimately use the road and parking facilities as restricted parking permits.</p>	
	<p>Resident of Chichester</p> <p>As a selsey fisherman they have parked along this road for over 20yrs, its essential that they are able to continue to do so, most mornings throughout winter they have to leave their vessel either unattended or with inexperienced crew while they park their vehicle, this they do not like doing and if they had to use the car park that would increase the time they are away three fold. Also the added expense of parking fees on top of what is an already struggling industry they feel are completely unnecessary when to their knowledge no problems have ever been caused by having vehicles parked along the road, if anything surly the presence of cars and vans and activity along this stretch of road give added security to majority of empty holiday homes throughout the dark winter period.</p>	<p>The proposed restrictions will control the parking in The Street during the winter months by constraining it to only one side for most of its length, thereby preventing obstruction but will have a minimal impact on the number of vehicles that can be accommodated in The Street. Whilst there are charges, the car park has ample space to meet any additional demand for parking and is as close, or closer, to the harbour as Itchenor Road, where daytime parking is to be prohibited. It is not considered that any additional security given by cars parked on the verges of Itchenor Road, outweighs the increased safety risk to pedestrians forced to walk in the carriageway and the damage to the highway verges that arises from the parking during the winter months.</p>
	<p>Resident of The Street</p> <p>Are concerned about the potential effect on access to Marine Works, The Crow's Nest, The Bridge, The Lookout, The Loft, Pilot's Cottage, Navigator's Cottage and Bosun's Cottage. They already often find their access blocked by trailers while boats are secured to them - sometimes involving a dozen kayaks being carried from the Sailing Club and mounted outside their properties. Are concerned that additional restrictions of double yellow lines between that area and the sea will drive more boat owners to do the same. Clearly they do not respect the single yellow lines outside their properties or the obvious fact they are blocking peoples cars in but they fear they will respect the double yellow lines and all descend on their access. They are not objecting to the order per se, but asking the Council to consider how to mitigate the potential effect on residents.</p>	<p>The exemptions for loading and unloading apply equally to single and double yellow line restrictions but it is appreciated that some drivers may not understand this. However, it seems likely that it is the locations of the properties referred to, immediately south of the sailing club, that leads to boat owners using this stretch of road for hitching and unhitching trailers. Further north, The Street narrows and parking takes place on one side of the road, so these practices could rarely be done there without obstructing all traffic. The proposed restrictions will not alter this but they will prevent all daytime parking outside these properties, potentially reducing the overall level of obstruction of private accesses there.</p>

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	<p>Dell Quay Yacht Yard</p> <p>They and other fisherman park there in the winter and have done for 40 years, there's never been any problems and this is very unnecessary</p>	<p>Residents have reported local congestion occurring as a result of obstructive parking that has prevented large vehicles from passing. Residents have also complained that parking in Itchenor Road is leading to highway verge damage and, as there are no footways, it forces pedestrians to walk in the carriageway, increasing the risk to their safety. The proposals resolve these issues.</p>
	<p>Resident of Wick</p> <p>Object as having worked in this area since the early 90s this would be a problem to my business</p>	<p>The proposed restrictions retain unrestricted parking during the winter months along one side of The Street for most of its length. At this time of the year, the car park has ample space to meet the demand for parking from local workers.</p>
	<p>Itchenor Sailing Club</p> <p>The club has very restricted access by virtue of the lane having no vehicular access except for trader vehicles. Parking near the lane entrance was taken away a number of years ago by a designated bus parking space. The ISC is an important business in the area supporting the livelihood of Haines boatyard with sailing and wedding events requiring vehicular access to load and unload. They take regular deliveries and collections of boats and equipment. The current restrictions make it impossible to do so without a trip from the conservancy carpark if that is not full in the first place. He gradual changes over the years have penned the club in and further changes are unacceptable. Request that as part of any changes the bus stop which is no longer used is redesignated as a loading bay for the club. The Conservancy carpark is completely inadequate and is increasingly full. Users of the public slipway have nowhere to park with their trailers which contributes to jamming up the street. They also have female staff who do not walk to the carpark in the dark alone in the winter months. Believe the proposed measures are treating the effect not the cause of the problem. Access to ISC must be maintained and improved.</p>	<p>There are exemptions for loading and unloading that apply to the lengths of yellow line restrictions in the vicinity of the sailing club. If it is established that the bus stop is no longer likely to be required, it can be removed and replaced with the proposed yellow line restriction so that loading and unloading boats and equipment can take place there too. Whenever such loading is not being undertaken, the proposed restrictions will improve daytime access to the sailing club during the winter months by keeping the road clear of parked vehicles. During the winter months, the large harbour car park does have adequate space to meet the demand for parking and the proposed amendments to the waiting restrictions in The Street still leave unrestricted parking along one side over most of its length that may be used by those who do not feel safe returning to the car park after dark.</p>