

Summary of Comments and Objections: Haywards Heath: Virginia Drive Waiting Restrictions

Objections to the Proposal

- 1 Resident of Virginia Drive: Supports the proposed 20-mph speed limit but objects to the proposed waiting restrictions. There is already insufficient visitor parking available in the effected length of road, with only one visitor space for the whole area, which is almost always in use by a resident. If alternative provision could be provided, by keeping the existing visitor parking area used for the developer's sales office, this would address their concerns.
- 2 Resident of Virginia Drive: Supports the proposed 20-mph speed limit but objects to the proposed double yellow lines because there is insufficient visitor parking provided for residents of the estate. Accepts the need to maintain emergency access, but this is the case through the whole estate, not just this section. Suggests installing double yellow lines only on one side of the road, which would allow visitor parking while enabling access.

Officer Response

The need for double yellow lines on Virginia Drive was identified during the process of obtaining planning consent for the development and the lines are included as a requirement on the formal Highway Agreement for the adoption of the road. A layby for unrestricted parking has been provided on the eastern side of the road, but the remaining lengths of the road between Rocky Lane and Vita Close have not been designed to accommodate parking.

The junction between Virginia Drive and Rocky Lane provides the only access into Wychwood Park, so it is particularly important to prevent parking at this location from reducing visibility or restricting access for large vehicles. With no alternative access, obstruction to delivery vehicles or refuse vehicles could cause inconvenience to residents throughout the whole development. Any prevention of access into the development by fire appliances in the event of an emergency could have serious consequences. The request to permit more on-street parking has been considered, but provision of safe access must be treated as a higher priority and the proposed restrictions are considered necessary to achieve this.

The suggestion of retaining off-street parking at the developer's sales office is noted, but this area is not intended for adoption as part of the public highway, so WSCC has no jurisdiction over its future use.