

Results of Informal Consultation 10/05/10 – 28/05/10

A total of 124 representations were received during the informal consultation period (as of the 1st June 2010). Those received after the 1st June will still be considered by officers but are not included in this report.

Of the above representations, 16 indicated neither support nor objection to the proposals. In some instances, concerns were raised regarding other roads in Haywards Heath e.g. Frankton Avenue. These will be investigated by officers and if need be, form part of proposals to be advertised later in the summer (pending approval).

Representations of Support

In all, 65 representations of support were received.

Representations of support were received from the following roads:

Blunts Wood Road (1)
Bramber Close (4)
Colwell Close (4)
Denmans Lane (1)
Drummond Close (4)
Fairford Close (9)
Farlington Avenue (7)
Farlington Close (3)
Gander Hill (12)
Lincoln Wood (3)
St John's Road (1)
Wealden Way (4)
West Mallion (4)
Wickham Close (8)

Councillors should note that some representations indicated support for proposals in more than one road.

Representations of Objection (43 in total)

07/05/10

A resident of Wealden Way objected to the proposals, stating that the proposed restrictions did not extend far enough and that inconsiderate commuter parking still caused problems for residents.

Officer Response: It is accepted that a number of vehicles will continue to park where there are no yellow lines. However, the proposals have been designed to deal with vehicles parking on the bend, identified by many residents as a serious safety concern. Any new parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider further minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

08/05/10

A resident of King's Road objected to the proposals for St John's Road, stating that residents were now forced to park further away and that the exercise was a waste of money.

Officer Response: The current restrictions prevent long stay, obstructive parking throughout the daytime and enable residents in this narrow road to access their properties much more easily. The proposed double yellow lines negate the need for signs on the northern side of the road, recently identified as a concern by local residents.

08/05/10

A resident of Farlington Avenue objected to the proposals, stating that inconsiderate parking still caused problems for local residents and cyclists. It was suggested that yellow lines should be extended throughout its entire length.

Officer Response: It is accepted that a number of vehicles will continue to park where there are no yellow lines. The proposals have been designed to deal with concerns raised by residents/councillors over access and visibility in this part of the road. The parking arrangements in the rest of Farlington Avenue (where there is not considered to be a serious problem at present) will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider further minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

09/05/10

A resident of Wellswood objected to the proposals, stating that there was very little commuter parking in the road and that any vehicles that did park belonged to residents or their visitors. It was argued that the proposals would simply move vehicles elsewhere.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Wellswood and Colwell Gardens be dropped. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

09/05/10

A resident of Colwell Close objected to the proposals, stating that the parking problem lay with hospital staff and that this was a revenue generating exercise. There was also concern that some residents would not be able to park in the close.

Officer Response: The proposals have not been put forward in order to generate additional revenue for the County Council. They are in response to previous concerns raised by residents and councillors. There is no right for a resident to park outside of their own house and if approved, some would be required to move their vehicle elsewhere during the hours of restriction.

09/05/10

A resident of Wellswood objected to the proposals, stating that a number of residents needed to park on the road and that a Residents Parking Scheme was a more appropriate solution

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Wellswood and Colwell Gardens be dropped. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office

may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are no current plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

10/05/10

A resident of King's Road objected to the proposals, stating that any further restrictions in St John's Road and St Francis Close would prevent residents from being able to park. A suggestion was made for additional parking areas to be created or for a Residents Parking Scheme.

Officer Response: The current restrictions in St John's Road prevent long stay, obstructive parking throughout the daytime and enable residents in this narrow road to access their properties much more easily. The proposed double yellow lines negate the need for signs on the northern side of the road, recently identified as a concern by local residents. It is recommended that proposals for St Francis Close be dropped. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are no current plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

10/05/10

A resident of Wickham Close objected to the proposals, stating that residents would be prevented from parking. It was suggested that restrictions were required only at the entrance to the close or ideally, a Residents Parking Scheme.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Wickham Close be revised so that only the entrance to the close is restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are no current plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

10/05/10

A further resident of Wickham Close objected to the proposals, stating that residents would be prevented from parking. It was suggested that a Residents Parking Scheme was a fairer solution.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Wickham Close be revised so that only the entrance to the close is restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are no current plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

11/05/10

A resident of Wellswood objected to the proposals, stating that a number of residents needed to park on the road and that yellow lines would prevent this.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Wellswood and Colwell Gardens be dropped. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office

may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

11/05/10

A resident of Gander Hill objected to the proposals, stating that vehicles would be displaced to the top of the hill, between Gander Green and the roundabout.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Gander Hill be revised so that one side of the road, between Gander Green and Summerhill Lane is also restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

12/05/10

A resident of Uckfield objected to the proposals in general, stating that no consideration is being given to those who regularly use Haywards Heath railway station and need to park all day.

Officer Response: Waiting restrictions have already been introduced in a number of roads where access and safety was considered to be compromised by inconsiderately parked vehicles. The same applies to the current proposals. Parking areas have been provided where possible but the long term provision of off-street parking for commuters/visitors will be considered as part of Mid Sussex District Council's Off-Street Parking Strategy, currently out for consultation.

12/05/10

A resident of Wickham Close objected to the proposals, stating that residents would be prevented from parking. It was suggested that a Residents Parking Scheme was a fairer solution.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Wickham Close be revised so that only the entrance to the close is restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are no current plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

13/05/10

A resident of Lincoln Wood objected to the proposals, stating that yellow lines in Lucastes Lane would displace vehicles into Lincoln Wood, thereby affecting visibility. A request for lines to cover the entire road was made.

Officer Response: It is accepted that a number of vehicles will continue to park where there are no yellow lines. However, the proposals are designed to deal with vehicles parking opposite or near the junction of Lucastes Lane/Lincoln Wood, identified by residents as a safety concern. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider further minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

13/05/05

A resident of King's Road objected to the proposals, stating that any further restrictions in St John's Road and St Francis Close would prevent residents from being able to park. A suggestion was made for additional parking areas to be created or for a Residents Parking Scheme.

Officer Response: The current restrictions in St John's Road prevent long stay, obstructive parking throughout the daytime and enable residents in this narrow road to access their properties much more easily. The proposed double yellow lines negate the need for signs on the northern side of the road, recently identified as a concern by local residents. It is recommended that proposals for St Francis Close be dropped. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are no current plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

13/05/10

A resident of Wickham Close objected to the proposals, stating that residents would be prevented from parking.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Wickham Close be revised so that only the entrance to the close is restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

14/05/10

A Mid Sussex District Councillor objected to the proposals, stating that the proposals for Farlington Avenue did not extend far enough. A request was also made for a Residents Parking Scheme as yellow lines alone prevented residents from parking.

Officer Response: It is accepted that a number of vehicles will continue to park where there are no yellow lines. The proposals have been designed to deal with concerns raised by residents/councillors over access and visibility in this part of the road. The parking arrangements in the rest of Farlington Avenue (where there is not considered to be a serious problem at present) will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider further minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are no current plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

14/05/10

A resident of Farlington Close objected to the proposals, stating that there was no need for any further restrictions in the close.

Officer Response: The proposals have been put forward in response to concerns raised by a number of other residents in the close. It is recommended that the proposals stand, and pending approval, be formally advertised later in the summer.

15/05/10

A resident of Compton Road, Lindfield, objected to the proposals, stating that yellow lines in Denmans Lane would increase speeds and deter

visitors from coming to the village. A request was also made for a Residents Parking Scheme.

Officer Response: The proposals have been put forward in response to concerns raised by a number of other residents in the close as well as the Parish Council. It is recommended that the proposals stand, and pending approval, be formally advertised later in the summer.

15/05/10

A resident of Gander Hill objected to the proposals, stating that double yellow lines were required on both sides of Gander Hill/College Road.

Officer Response: The proposals have been designed to deal with vehicles parking on both sides of the road, identified by many residents as a serious safety concern. For the time being, it is not proposed to restrict both sides of the road as some residents do still need to park and it is also considered that speeds would increase if such a measure were introduced. Any new parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider further minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

15/05/10

A resident of Lincoln Wood objected to the proposals, stating that yellow lines in Lucastes Lane would displace vehicles into Lincoln Wood, thereby affecting visibility. A request for lines to cover the entire road was made.

Officer Response: It is accepted that a number of vehicles will continue to park where there are no yellow lines. However, the proposals are designed to deal with vehicles parking opposite or near the junction of Lucastes Lane/Lincoln Wood, identified by residents as a safety concern. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider further minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

16/05/10

A resident of Wellswood undertook a survey of 31 residents and reported that 22 objected to the proposals, stating that a number of residents needed to park on the road and that a Residents Parking Scheme was a more appropriate solution (this measure was supported by 80% of respondents)

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Wellswood and Colwell Gardens be dropped. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are no current plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

16/05/10

A resident of Ryecroft objected to the proposals, stating that parking problems in Drummond Close would be shifted into neighbouring roads.

Officer Response: It is accepted that a number of vehicles will continue to park where there are no yellow lines. The proposals

have been designed to deal with concerns raised by residents over access and visibility in this road. The parking arrangements in other areas will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider further minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

16/05/10

A resident of Farlington Close objected to the proposals, stating that there was a need for the single yellow line to be extended but the length of the existing double yellow lines should be reduced.

Officer Response: It is recommended that the proposals to extend the single yellow line remain, and that the length of existing double yellow lines be reduced.

17/05/10

A resident of Colwell Gardens objected to the proposals, stating that a number of residents needed to park on the road and that a Residents Parking Scheme was a more appropriate solution.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Colwell Gardens and Wellswood be dropped. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are no current plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

17/05/10

A resident of Fairford Close objected to the proposals, stating that additional low cost off-street parking facilities were required rather than yellow lines.

Officer Response: Waiting restrictions have already been introduced in a number of roads where access and safety was considered to be compromised by inconsiderately parked vehicles. The same applies to the current proposals. Parking areas have been provided where possible but the long term provision of off-street parking for commuters/visitors will be considered as part of Mid Sussex District Council's Off-Street Parking Strategy, currently out for consultation.

17/05/10

A resident of Lindfield objected to the proposals, stating that in Gander Hill and Denmans Lane, double yellow lines were required to ensure constant access rather than a single yellow line.

Officer Response: It is considered that in both roads, the parking problems are primarily during the daytime, and caused by commuters/non-residents. A single yellow line would prevent all day parking but still enable residents and their visitors to park overnight and at weekends.

17/05/10

A resident of Gander Hill objected to the proposals, stating that vehicles would be displaced to the top of the hill, between Ganger Green and the roundabout.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Gander Hill be revised so that one side of the road, between Gander Green and Summerhill Lane is also restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

17/05/10

A resident of Wickham Close objected to the proposals, stating that residents would be prevented from parking. It was suggested that a Residents Parking Scheme was a fairer solution.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Wickham Close be revised so that only the entrance to the close is restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are no current plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

18/05/10

An objection was received from the Lindfield Preservation Society, stating that the proposals for Denmans Lane would increase speeds and prevent residents and other visitors from parking.

Officer Response: The proposals have been put forward in response to concerns raised by a number of other residents as well as the Parish Council. It is recommended that the proposals stand, and pending approval, be formally advertised later in the summer. There is no right for a resident to park outside of their own house and if approved, some would be required to move their vehicle elsewhere during the hours of restriction.

18/05/10

A resident of Colwell Gardens objected to the proposals, stating that a number of residents needed to park on the road and that a Residents Parking Scheme was a more appropriate solution.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Colwell Gardens and Wellswood be dropped. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are no current plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

18/05/10

A resident of Wickham Close objected to the proposals, suggested that restrictions were required only at the entrance to the close.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Wickham Close be revised so that only the entrance to the close is restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

19/05/10

A representation was received on behalf of the Wickham Close residents Association. Rather than yellow lines, a request was made for a residents Parking Scheme.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Wickham Close be revised so that only the entrance to the close is restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are currently no plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

20/05/10

A resident of Gander Hill objected to the proposals, stating that vehicles would be displaced to the top of the hill, between Gander Green and the roundabout.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Gander Hill be revised so that one side of the road, between Gander Green and Summerhill Lane is also restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

20/05/10

A further resident of Gander Hill objected to the proposals, stating that vehicles would be displaced to the top of the hill, between Gander Green and the roundabout.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Gander Hill be revised so that one side of the road, between Gander Green and Summerhill Lane is also restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

22/05/10

A resident of Sherwood Drive objected to the proposals, stating that more off-street parking was required rather than waiting restrictions.

Officer Response: Waiting restrictions have already been introduced in a number of roads where access and safety was considered to be compromised by inconsiderately parked vehicles. The same applies to the current proposals. Parking areas have been provided where possible but the long term provision of off-street parking for commuters/visitors will be considered as part of Mid Sussex District Council's Off-Street Parking Strategy, currently out for consultation.

23/05/10

A resident objected to the proposals, stating that there was no need for any further restrictions in Farlington Avenue.

Officer Response: The proposals have been put forward in response to concerns raised by a number of other residents in the close. It is recommended that the proposals stand, and pending approval, be formally advertised later in the summer.

24/05/10

A resident of Lucastes Lane objected to the proposals, stating that single yellow lines were preferred to double yellow lines as some residents (and visitors) wanted to park overnight and at weekends.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Lucastes Lane be revised so that a single yellow line applies. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

24/05/10

A resident of Gander Green objected to the proposals, stating that vehicles would be displaced to the top of the hill, between Gander Green and the roundabout as well as into Gander Green. A request was made for restrictions to be proposed in these areas.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Gander Hill be revised so that one side of the road, between Gander Green and Summerhill Lane is also restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

28/05/10

An employee at Southdowns Park objected to the proposals, stating that parking for staff was already limited and that further restrictions would make it even more difficult to park.

It is recommended that proposals for Colwell Gardens and Wellswood be dropped. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge.

29/05/10

A resident of Fairford Close objected to the proposals, stating that a number of residents and their visitors needed to park on the road and that a Residents Parking Scheme was a more appropriate solution.

Officer Response: The proposals have been put forward in response to concerns raised by a number of other residents in the close. It is recommended that the proposals stand, and pending approval, be formally advertised later in the summer. There are no current plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

30/05/10

A resident of Wickham Close objected to the proposals. Rather than yellow lines, a request was made for a residents Parking Scheme.

Officer Response: It is recommended that proposals for Wickham Close be revised so that only the entrance to the close is restricted. The parking arrangements will be monitored and officers at the Northern Area Highways Office may consider minor amendments in the future if any problems emerge. There are currently no plans for a Residents Parking Scheme in Haywards Heath.

31/05/10

A resident of The Drove way objected to the proposals in general, stating that no consideration is being given to those who regularly use Haywards Heath railway station and the college and need to park all day.

Officer Response: Waiting restrictions have already been introduced in a number of roads where access and safety was considered to be compromised by inconsiderately parked vehicles. The same applies to the current proposals. Parking areas have been provided where possible but the long term provision of off-street parking for commuters/visitors will be considered as part of Mid Sussex District Council's Off-Street Parking Strategy, currently out for consultation.