

Addendum

Riverhead Parish Council's feedback on TRO 2013 Amendment 26

In respect of parking issues in Sevenoaks, the Parish Council has had some good news from Miller & Carter in that they have indicated that they will offer 8 parking spaces to employees of local businesses and amend the charging rate in their car park to 50p for up to 3 hour parking Riverhead Parish Council will assist them to enable this offer to be put in place as soon as possible.

In the meantime, I am feeding back comments on the statutory consultation on TRO 2013 Amendment 26:

Worships Hill and St Mary's Drive - Riverhead Parish Council is disappointed that you have not taken into account the suggestions of local residents who use the roads on a daily basis and suggest that the proposed amendments elsewhere in the village will exacerbate the existing problems on these roads. Of just as much concern to the residents is the parking on Worships Hill which is getting worse and getting more and more dangerous - especially for such a major road. On many days the parking is now down as far as St Mary's Drive; cars parked half on the pavement; doors opening onto the road whilst small children are removed; children running to and from cars; the entrance to Cranmer Road used as a roundabout with cars bumping up onto the pavement to get round; lorries and buses coming up the hill having to wait to get by and thus causing further congestion at the Riverhead roundabout. It is utter madness to let this continue.

Many consider parking charges in the Harvester car park should only be between 1000 and 1400. This will assist the parents and still restrict commuters. Reduced charges during these times for local businesses would also assist.

Shoreham Lane - Riverhead Parish Council does not understand how SDC and KCC cannot share the residents' concerns that having to pass 8-10 cars on the wrong side of the road without any visibility of oncoming traffic the entire length is dangerous. Additionally consideration has not been given to the narrowest part of Shoreham Lane at the top of the Public Footpath SR213 where poor parking has already restricted access for HGVs. If fire engine access is also restricted at this point it will delay emergency services to at least 3 properties that have drives onto this part of Shoreham Lane as well as getting through to properties on Amherst Place and Churchfield, including St Mary's Church. Whilst the proposed yellow lines are supported, Riverhead Parish Council does not believe they have been taken far enough.

Cranmer Road - The majority of Cranmer Road residents are in favour of a single yellow line on one side of the road as proposed but **disagree** with the proposed no waiting times of 0800-1800 7 days. The obstruction caused by excessive parking only occurs during school drop off and pick up times and therefore the residents should not be penalised outside of these times. No waiting between 0800-1000 and 1400-1600 Monday-Friday is more suitable and what the residents are asking for. These times will also help to prevent any excessive parking from potential commuter traffic in the future.