

Compass Bus Access in South Ferring - Proposal

Background

Following agreement at Full Council on 20 July, a site meeting was held on the 24th July to explore solutions to the access issues raised by Compass Travel on South Drive. The meeting was attended by the MD and Compliance Manager of Compass Travel, Highways Manager WSCC; Chairman of FRSA and Chair of HAC.

Compass Travel reaffirmed that, *“the service operates every half hour and in the summer months is often delayed by cars parked on both sides of the road and particularly at the corners at each end of South Drive. Without these proposed parking restrictions, it is likely we would have to cease operating this bus to South Ferring”*.

Council have agreed that the loss of the service would have a negative impact on the well being of residents in South Ferring.

It should also be noted that access problems for the Bus would also prevent access for Emergency Services and therefore any proposals should address both issues.

Proposed Solution

FRSA had already discussed the potential for installation of Double Yellow Lines at either end of South Drive to improve access. This will require a TRO to be submitted.

The installation of Bus Clearways at either end of South Drive, where the existing Bus Stops are, would not require a TRO and could therefore provide a partial solution which could be installed relatively promptly and can be enforced by ADC.

WSCC Highways Manager suggested that double yellow lines along one side of South Drive would prevent “chicanes” being created by parking and, would not reduce parking capacity on South Drive significantly. Compass Bus agreed that they would prefer that as part of the solution.

The proposed solution agreed by all parties at the site meeting is to:

Install two 3m x 15m Bus Clearways, one located by the Bus Shelter on the corner of Ocean Drive and South Drive, the other on West Drive, as shown on the attached drawing. These will have a restriction from 7am to 7pm.

Install Double Yellow Lines on both sides of the bends at either end of South Drive and along the whole of the South Side of South Drive, as shown on the attached drawing.

FRSA have confirmed that they would be responsible for the installation and maintenance of all relevant road markings which will be compliant with current regulations and any additional requirements from WSCC.

Support

For a TRO to be successful it is necessary for support to be identified. WSCC Highways Manager confirmed that the Support of the Parish Council, Compass Travel, FRSA and Residents would significantly improve the chances of obtaining a TRO.

FRSA have already written to 14 residents who would be directly affected by the introduction of parking restrictions on South/West/Ocean Drives and had support from 11,

with the remaining residents not responding. Submission of a TRO does not require full consultation as objections can be raised during the review process.

WSCC Highways Manager confirmed that, in his opinion, a TRO would have a reasonable chance of success. If the TRO is granted, then he would look to have the necessary approval and agreement in place early in the next financial year.

Compass Travel have confirmed by email that they *“would therefore strongly request the installation of Bus Clearways at both bus stops in South Drive and also double yellow lines on both sides of the road at the corners and on the south side along the length of South Drive”*.

Other Options

Other options such as amendments to timetables and routes during peak periods were discussed, however these options are not viable as any change to the route would require the submission for a new licence and revocation of the existing licence. Any changes to the timetable would not be possible due to the impacts on School runs and other locations on the route.

Timelines

In order to be considered for inclusion in the works schedule for FY 2021/22 a TRO must be submitted no later than 31 July 2020.

Proposals for Council

1. To submit a request to WSCC for the implementation of Bus Clearways at the Junctions of Ocean and South Drive and West and South Drive as shown on attached drawing.
2. To submit an application for a TRO to install double yellow lines as shown on attached drawing.

Parish Council Resolution: Minutes of meeting 29th July, 2020. **Please note: All minutes are draft and subject to approval at the next meeting**

Agenda Item 4. Compass Bus/Parking Issues Lower Ferring –

Feedback from site meeting

Following agreement at Full Council on 20th July, a site meeting was held on the 24th July to explore solutions to the access issues raised by Compass Travel on South Drive. The meeting was attended by the MD and Compliance Manager of Compass Travel, Highways Manager WSCC; Chairman of FRSA and Chair of HAC. Councillor Peter Coe has previously circulated a paper that included details of the meeting outcome and two proposals for discussion and vote this evening. Councillor Roger Elkins thanked Councillor Peter Coe and FRSA for their work and contribution to the project and asked if FRSA has given their full commitment to the two proposals. Councillor Peter Coe advised that FRSA and Compass Bus have confirmed via email that they fully support the formal request for the bus clearways and TRO application and WSCC will look into any signage that may be required to meet highway regulations.

Proposals -

a) * To submit a formal request to WSCC for the implementation of Bus Clearways

The above was **RESOLVED** by an unanimous vote. Councillor Roger Elkins asked how FPC will publicise the TRO application. Councillor Peter Coe advised that an article will be included in the next parish flyer with a more comprehensive notice and location map uploaded to the website and noticeboards.

b) Proposed TRO application to install double yellow lines

The above was **RESOLVED** by an unanimous vote. In his capacity as WSCC Cabinet Member, Councillor Roger Elkins abstained from the above vote. He does however fully support the TRO application. Councillor Stephen Abbott advised that ADC Councillor Colin Oliver-Redgate has confirmed his full support for the TRO application. Councillor Peter Coe gave his personal thanks and on behalf of FPC to Rob Torrance at WSCC and FRSA for their work and support with this project. Councillor Roger Elkins also gave his thanks to WSCC and his gratitude to Councillor Peter Coe for the thanks he offered to WSCC.

***UPDATE** August 2020. The Bus Clearways indicated on the schematic below have been approved by WSCC. FRSA have installed and will maintain the yellow road markings. WSCC have provided the required additional signage. Arun District Council are the enforcing authority.

PLEASE SEE SCHEMATIC (page 3) BELOW

Proposal for Installation of Bus Clearways and Double Yellow Lines in South Drive

