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FERRING TRO/TTRO

In the summer, it was noted that there was an increase in comments on social media and complaints from Residents in the West/South/Ocean Drive area of South Ferring relating to inconsiderate parking, which was also causing access problems for the No 8/8A bus services and emergency services attempting to access the area. The Parish Council, together with FRSA, initiated discussions with both Compass Travel and West Sussex County Council Highways department to identify enforceable solutions to address these problems.

One quick solution was the installation of the painted bus stops at both ends of South Drive which were completed by FRSA, on the authority of WSCC, in August. In addition to the access problems created by parking on the bends at either end of South Drive it was also noted that parking on alternate sides of West and South Drive, was creating "chicanes", which were impeding access. In conjunction with the bus stop implementation, an application for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was submitted for consideration by WSCC to implement parking restrictions in the area. This will be reviewed by WSCC in November and will be scored against other TROs submitted across the county to determine priority. If approved there will be a consultation and design phase which means that, even if the TRO is approved in November, there is no guarantee that the works will be approved before next summer.

Further negotiations with WSCC have resulted in their waiving of the fee for a Temporary TRO, which will enable measures to be put in place pending permanent approval which could allow the restrictions to be in force by Easter 2021.

It is considering options, the Parish Council and FRSA have been keen to ensure that any measures taken do not simply push the parking problems into the side streets or further back into the village. It was also considered that attempts should be made to lessen the impact on residents as far as possible for what is generally a seasonal problem. The following option is considered as a pragmatic approach to the problem:

Installation of double yellow lines on both sides of the junctions/bends at the junctions of South Drive with West Drive and Ocean Drive. This will incorporate the new Bus Stop areas and into Florida Road. This will prevent vehicles obstructing sight lines on both bends and improve visibility out of the Car Park entrance and from Florida Road. These will be a 24/7 restriction.

Installation of single yellow lines along the south side of the whole of South Drive and the east side of West Drive, as far as No 17. This restriction will apply from 8am to 6pm daily between 20 March and 30 September annually. This will allow residents to park outside the properties during the evening and at any time out of season. Keeping the restriction to one side of the roads will retain some roadside parking, thereby reducing the potential for parking to move into side roads, whilst retaining a line of flow for vehicles along both roads.

The layout is shown on the attached diagram. In order to be able to enforce the restrictions on the single yellow line areas, there will be a requirement to install time signs which will require the permission of residents of those properties where the signs are required. If residents do not wish to give permission, then additional locations would be required, or the only option will be double yellow in place of the single yellow lines.

Please send any comments to the Parish Council office via email or letter no later than the 16th November, to allow comments to be reviewed and considered for the final plan to be presented to full council on the 7th December.