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30th December 2013

Dear Sirs

Church Farm Road, Aldeburgh IP15

I am writing to express my concern at recent references, during meetings of Aldeburgh Town Council, to the possibility of imposing parking restrictions of some sort at the Eastern end of Church Farm Road.

My wife and I own a house facing onto and at the Eastern end of Church Farm Road - No. 4 Willows Green.

There is very limited parking at the rear of the property, to the extent that there is often no choice but for visitors – or indeed ourselves - to park in Church Farm Road itself.

Perhaps a much more important issue is disabled access. The house was built meeting modern disabled access requirements - it has an extra wide front door to facilitate wheelchair access - but this can only be accessed from Church Farm Road. The only other pedestrian access is at the rear, via ten steep steps, an impossible task for anyone who is disabled, let alone if wheelchair bound (as both my mother and my sister-in-law are).

I don't know whether the 'problem' which any parking restrictions might be intended to 'solve' is safety-related (though I am not aware of any accidents), or simply a financial issue (drivers currently parking there for nothing and thus avoiding the 'pay and display' car park on the seaward side of the Thorpeness road).

But the real problem, surely, is that this road was never designed to be a 'cut through' from the A1094 to the Thorpeness road. If the *enormously* wide footpath on its Southern side were made narrower (albeit still wider than most footpaths) the road itself could be correspondingly wider and there would be room for parked cars and safe two-way traffic.

I urge you not to embark on any measures in Church Farm Road which would have the effect of limiting parking – and particularly disabled access – for the properties abutting it, and certainly not without genuine consultation with potentially affected home-owners.

Yours faithfully

David Argent



Mr & Mrs Wright, No. 10 Willows Green

16th October 2016

Dear Madam

My wife and I live at 10 Willows Green, which is on Church Farm Road overlooking the caravan site. Our garage is at the back and is reached via Church Farm Rise.

We strongly object to the Council's plans to make the no waiting area from Thorpe Road all the way through to Church Farm Rise. At present the only time when parking becomes a major problem is during the Summer months at the weekend or bank. So for nine months of the year there is no real problem.

If you continue with your plans, cars will find other places to park, including up Church Farm Rise. This could cause more chaos than we have now.

May I suggest that you only put no waiting lines from Thorpe Road to the entrance to the caravan park. This would still allow residents and visitors to park outside their houses without causing a parking problem.

Kind regards

Jon and Sue Wright

Mr Weston, No. 11 Willows Green

20th October 2016

Dear Ms Miller

I would like to object strongly to the proposed new parking restrictions on Church Farm Road and Rise. It would appear that this is purely for the convenience of traffic entering the caravan park despite there being another entrance that could be used further west along Church Farm Road. Our objection is on a number of grounds

1. Although for the convenience of caravan owners this is to the detriment of local residents and our amenity will be drastically effected by the scheme for the following reasons:
 - a. Cars will undoubtedly park on Church Farm Rise instead of Church Farm Road as some do now. This will increase parking on a dangerous bend.
 - b. Church Farm Rise is very narrow and visibility is severely restricted and so cars parked along the bottom section will cause a danger to other vehicles and pedestrians.
 - c. Anything larger than a normal family sized car i.e. delivery lorries will be unable to enter Church Farm Rise to access the houses along it. They also need to reverse up Church Farm Rise as there is insufficient room to turn around along it.
 - d. The refuse lorry has to reverse up Church Farm Rise on a Monday and it will be unable to do so if cars are parked along the road as they will be if the double yellow lines are introduced.
 - e. Cars will extend in an unbroken line all the way up Church Farm Road from the end of the double yellow lines during the summer causing unnecessary congestion/tailbacks and danger.
2. The amenity and ability of residents and guests to park for properties 1-11 Willows Green will be severely restricted by the proposed restrictions so you are increasing amenity for temporary caravan owners and dramatically decreasing amenity and access for permanent residents. There is no on-street parking for residents of Willows Green properties except that along Church Farm Road which would cause long walks for people in these houses.

Overall the scheme is ill thought-out and a sledge hammer to crack a nut. We are unaware of any situation where a caravan/motorhome has been unable to enter and/or exit the caravan site and there is another possible entrance/exit further west along Church Farm Road already which the caravan park choose not to use. The current situation whilst not ideal is probably the best for now and avoids unnecessary and unwanted council interference with more and more parking restrictions.

Kind regards

Neil.

Mr Weston, No. 11 Willows Green

21st October 2016

Dear Ms Miller et al

Living at the property starred in the attached diagram it would appear that there are three main areas of concern regarding safe parking. I have proposed an alternative approach for consideration (I appreciate I am not a highways engineer I just wanted to try to help).

1. The section of Church Farm Road near Thorpe Road has had traffic cones along it for some time (years) which people do respect and clearly needs to have restricted parking around the bend.
2. The area in front of the exit to the caravan park could have restricted parking along an area that allows caravans to turn out without major obstruction.
3. The third area on Church Farm Rise is desirable to stop any danger on the bend from the thirty or so houses up Church Farm Rise. This scheme only restricts parking within the areas absolutely necessary for safety and also doesn't restrict parking for residents and visitors unnecessarily.

Please note I have never been aware of any parking or attempt to park on the northerly side of the road or indeed around the corners on the turn-in to Church Farm Rise so believe it is unnecessary to have double yellow lines there.

Please just consider my suggestions.

Kind regards

Neil.

Mrs Moor, No. 37 Church Farm Rise

23rd October 2016

Heather

We understand that plans are underway to put double yellow lines along Church Farm Road and the mouth of Church Farm Rise. We would like to understand more about why this needs to happen if it is purely about caravan access. There is another entrance to the caravan site that remains locked and would like to understand why all the caravan park traffic has to be through the entrance at the end of Church Farm Rise, and causing the need for double yellow lines. Unless more car parking is provided elsewhere the likelihood is that this will create a back log of cars requiring parking who will then start to block drives. We should be encouraging people to the beach and outdoor life and these double yellow lines are likely to be causing issues in other directions unless there is a more considered plan. We are guessing the large juggernauts delivering mobile homes have to use this entrance but that is normally out of season and are planned delivery times. Can you confirm that we can attend a consultation to ensure all matters are considered properly.

Alison Moor

37 Church Farm Rise

Mr Collett, No. 1 Marsh View

30th October 2016

Dear Ms Miller

I live at 1 Marsh View, Church Farm Road, Aldeburgh and wish to object to the proposal to put double yellow lines along part of Church Farm Road from Thorpe Road to Church Farm Rise.

I understand that the reason for the application is to prevent parked vehicles obstructing caravans from entering or leaving the caravan park. In my view this application is giving undue regard to the very short term inconvenience to some visitors to the caravan park at peak times over the inconvenience to the residents of and visitors to Willows Green, who will be prevented from parking outside their homes throughout the year.

In view of the layout of Willows Green, access to the main entrances of these homes for residents, visitors and deliveries is only from Church Farm Road and therefore it must have been envisaged that parking outside the front of these houses would be an ongoing necessity as no convenient access has been provided to the rear of these houses.

I hope the Committee will therefore decline this application and recognise that the needs of the local residents are more critical than those of short term visitors to the caravan park.

Yours faithfully

Alan Collett