

**EMAIL FROM HIGHCLIFFE RESIDENT MALCOLM EASTWOOD  
TO BCP COUNCIL LEADER DREW MELLOR**

**Proposed 'Zonal Parking Scheme' - Chewton Farm Estate Area - Highcliffe.**

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Dear Cllr Mellor,

I am writing to express the concerns of myself and numerous residents of this area who are totally opposed to the 'Zonal Parking Scheme' proposed by BCP for this area which, according to the schemes timeline is scheduled to 'Go Live' on the 4th of May 2021.

Residents from this area have for a number of years been working closely with our local elected representative, Cllr Nigel Brooks, to secure much needed Summertime Parking Restrictions for on street parking in the Chewton Farm Estate area, namely the streets / road network south of the Lymington Road, Highcliffe from the Chewton Roundabout on the A337 to where the existing Summertime Parking Restrictions are in place from Wharncliffe Road and to the west of Highcliffe.

The request for Summertime Parking Restrictions for the Chewton Farm Estate area was originally raised with Christchurch BC by Cllr Brooks, supported by a petition of signatures of the residents of the area, along with photographic evidence making the case for such restrictions to be applied on the grounds of safety; Cllr Brooks reiterated this again, laying it before BCP following the Local Government Reorganisation within this area when Christchurch BC was disbanded.

In 2020 the residents leading on this initiative were advised by Cllr Brooks that there was support from within BCP for the approval of the Summertime Parking Restrictions as requested, with them coming into force in 2021, in time for the summer influx of visitors to the area.

Then, in September 2020 came the change of administration within BCP and your Party came to power, shortly after this, the Scheme put forward to BCP by Cllr Brooks on behalf of the residents of this area was unilaterally quashed, quickly followed by Cllr Brooks being told that a 'Zonal Parking Scheme' was to be introduced in its place, to be actioned immediately, with a 'Go Live' date of the 4th of May 2021.

Please be assured Cllr Mellor, this is not a 'NIMBY' whinge, it is a genuine concern for the safety of the residents of this area, along with that for all road users and visitors to and passing through our area based on long standing concerns brought about by numerous parking related hazardous situations and recorded 'near misses' caused by the high volume of vehicles traversing our road network having to negotiate the increased number of vehicles parked on our streets, especially during the Summer period from Easter through to the end of September.

Currently, very few residents in this area are aware of the proposed Zonal Parking Scheme, but

the growing number of those who do know about it are extremely unhappy, given what is proposed is not what they believe is required and diametrically opposite to what the residents of the area affected are seeking.

We are very disappointed at the way the Zonal Parking Scheme has been introduced without any consultation or discussion with us the residents of the area, and especially given our elected representative Cllr Brooks, was also apparently not consulted on this proposal.

We have concerns that the advice given to BCP by the external Consultants employed would appear to be flawed, I would suggest unsafe, and does not seem to meet the level of due diligence expected from such a contract.

With the support of Cllr Nigel Brooks, we would respectfully ask that the Zonal Parking Scheme, as determined for Highcliffe East within the Chewton Farm Estate area is suspended and all programmed work ceased while the Scheme is reconsidered. In the meantime, we would ask that an interim order is put in place to put into immediate effect Summertime Parking Restrictions for the Chewton Farm Estate area, as previously requested; with the additional caveats that these restrictions are also applied to the roads previously omitted from the Scheme to include, Studeley Close, Loraine Avenue and Chewton Lodge in particular. We ask this purely on the grounds of our genuine concerns for safety in this area.

There is also we believe an urgent need for BCP to review the existing double yellow line provision within the area as currently, there are concerns that on the majority of the junctions where they are placed, they do not extend far enough, therefore reducing the protection afforded to road users and pedestrians due to parked vehicles impeding both access and visibility around the junctions concerned.

Likewise, we would ask that urgent consideration is given to the removal of the 'Limited Time' parking area in Wharncliffe Road adjacent to the recreation ground and entrance to Beacon Drive, which is considered to be a hazard to road users and pedestrians along Wharncliffe Road and Beacon Drive at both its junctions as traffic frequently backs up into the Lymington Road itself and also back along Wharncliffe Road on the bend by the southern junction of Beacon Drive due to traffic congestion caused by the vehicles parked in this area while other road users drive along the restricted confines of Wharncliffe Road in both directions; you may be aware that tragically there was a road traffic fatality in this very area last year.

As previously stated, we would ask that the Zonal Parking scheme proposed for this area is suspended and subject to review; in order to assist you on this and to enable you to hear our reasons personally, I and my fellow residents who originally sought the parking restrictions we believe are needed would be very willing to meet with you, Cllr Greene and Cllr Brooks to discuss this matter and walk you through the area affected so you can see for yourselves why we are so concerned.

Taking into account the current Covid restrictions, we would in the interim be pleased to take part in a 'Zoom' type meeting in order to discuss this matter directly with you and your BCP colleagues.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Eastwood, CBE, CStJ, QFSM, FIFireE.