



# Highcliffe Residents Association Community Interest Company

## PRESS INFORMATION

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### **HIGHCLIFFE RESIDENTS DISPUTE PARKING PROPOSALS**

Highcliffe Residents Association has been approached by several residents concerned to learn that Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council is proposing, without any prior consultation, to impose a Zonal Parking scheme on many of the coastal roads in Highcliffe village. The Association is urging the Council to review the proposal following consultation with local people.

HRA Chairman Ian Hartnell, said:

“Highcliffe residents at the Eastern end of our coastline have long been complaining about the inconsiderate and dangerous parking in their roads by Summer visitors. In response to their concerns, our Ward Councillor Nigel Brooks had been working with BCP officers to develop a restricted parking scheme based on single yellow lines effective only during Summer daylight hours - much as already exists in some other Highcliffe coastal roads.

“However, I understand that following the transfer of power in BCP to a Conservative majority, the new Cabinet Member for Transport and Sustainability set this well-defined scheme aside in favour of a Zonal Parking Scheme involving the creation of 230 chargeable parking bays right through the Eastern and Central coastal areas of Highcliffe. This new scheme has been developed by external consultants without any involvement of local people.

“Residents do not oppose the principle of parking restrictions, because the existing congestion on unrestricted roads in the Summer period creates risks to pedestrians and cyclists, blocked driveways, parking on pavements and at dangerous corners, and limited access. That is why many residents would welcome parking restrictions based on time-limited single yellow lines in key roads. They urge that such a scheme be

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implemented before the renewed Summer rush of visitors in 2021 causes major problems as experienced last Summer.

“Whilst we have not been officially informed of the new proposal by BCP Council, we have seen maps showing the location of the proposed parking bays, which are alarming many residents who see the scheme as detrimental to the area and indeed dangerous. In view of these serious concerns, HRA calls on BCP Council to review their plans urgently in consultation with local residents, and stands ready to assist with this in any way possible.”

## **NOTES TO EDITOR**

### **1. Further Information**

For further information that is now in the public domain about these parking proposals, see the item posted by Cllr. Nigel Brooks on the news pages of the Highcliffe village website – go to the news items for 8<sup>th</sup> March on:

<https://www.highcliffedorset.co.uk/newschanges.html>

and open Nigel’s statement

[Summertime Parking Restrictions - Chewton Farm Estate area, Highcliffe](#)

which is accompanied by maps of the proposed Zonal Parking Scheme for Highcliffe in document

[70079626-GA-001 to 003 Highcliffe DRAFT](#)

It can be seen from this document that similar proposals are being made in the Friars Cliff area.

### **2. Contact Details for HRA**

Residents wishing to contact the HRA about this (or any other) issue should go to the HRA website:

<https://highclifferesidents.co.uk>

and use the “Send us a message” facility on the Committee page.