

Appendix C - Summary of objections and comments

OBJECTIONS (x3)

First we live at number -- Mill Meadow Close and between the household we own 3 cars. We pay council tax for three adults. We have one drive and you have taken spaces that we have to park on in desperate measures. These being the two corners of the entrance to the flats to mill meadow close. If need be I can show you exactly where I am referring to.

Another point. The round about is still available for idiots to donut round. Your speed bump will not stop them.

To finalise you are causing more issues in our cul de sac than you are dealing with the traffic.

If i have read correctly the whole area (red line) is going to be prohibition of waiting at any time. Does this mean no parking at all on all the red marked area of the roads?

If so I do not agree at all with the plans that are being proposed. I believe what has been proposed will only push traffic more on to the estate.

Please think about the impact on the whole estate. I feel lines on the bend at the hill on meadow gate avenue up from the round about is enough.

At the moment the majority of parking is near the roundabout and entrance to Rother Valley which doesn't impact outside people's houses. By putting these changes in place you are pushing parking all the way in to the estate affecting more people. Making a housing estate in to a car park for Rother Valley and pushing more cars and pollution on to the estate where children play.

People will still come to Rother Valley, you are not solving the problem but moving it.

Since Covid restrictions lifted it hasn't been as bad and for me is manageable.

Having resided on Meadow Gate Avenue since my house was built some 35 years ago, I regard myself as well placed to comment on the parking situation in the area, and the proposed scheme to address the problems.

I welcome most of the scheme's proposals with the exception of the part that deals with the instigation of 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions on Meadow Gate Avenue, Mill Meadow Gardens, Mill Meadow Close and Farmoor Gardens. I believe this part of the scheme is as the saying goes: using a sledge hammer to crack a nut and I strongly object.

These no waiting zones would have an adverse effect on parking availability for drivers with legitimate reasons for parking in these areas, such as residents. I feel that it is unfair to penalise residents because of what I perceive to be the inability of the operators of Rother Valley Country Park to provide adequate affordable parking for their visitors.

As an alternative to no waiting zones, I would suggest the use of a resident's parking permit scheme.

COMMENTS (X2)

Firstly I would like to say that I am wholeheartedly in support of the measures now being taken after many years of suffering the inconvenience of the selfish car owners using Rother Valley Park and the inability of the police and council to do anything about it, even though residents have been trying to get something done.

However I do have an observation to make whereby I feel that some of the restrictions do not go far enough. I live on Mill Meadow Gardens, on the first cul de sac on the right hand side as you come off Meadowgate Avenue. Although the line of “no waiting at any time” does go across the bottom of our cul de sac it is only on one side of the road and does not go far enough down Mill Meadow Gardens (past the top of Mill Meadow Close). We already experience difficulties in exiting our cul de sac because people park directly opposite the bottom and once the restrictions are put in force it will be the first point that they can leave their vehicles. This not only causes problems for residents but also for the refuse and delivery vehicles etc.

I hope that I have explained my point but please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

I understand your reasoning behind the proposed parking changes however I believe people/park users park out of necessity rather than to obstruct access.

The car park is not lit and full of potholes and the ramp is too steep for safe access/egress in poor weather (snow/ice).

Also consider disabled/pram access from the carpark. Given the state of the carpark, it is very user unfriendly for wheelchair users.

Using myself as an example- I started running at Rother valley country park during covid and it has been a haven for me since. I go running at the park everyday at 6 am and depending on work commitments at 5am. In the summer months the car park is accessible due to lighter mornings. However in the winter months when it’s dark it’s unsafe to park in the car park. I’ve parked in snow/icy conditions and been unable to leave.

Even in the summer months I’ve driven in to find groups of youths parked in the carpark, potentially overnight participating in activities I’d rather not know about. Multiple times I’ve driven into the carpark and driven out again and parked on the road as I felt unsafe as a woman.

Happy to pay for carpark access but at 5am/6am the park is closed and therefore no access to the paid park carpark. So especially in the winter months/darker mornings what are my options?

As I’ve said the park has been a godsend and a haven for my mental health. I’m sure this is also true for many other users of the park. Certainly to those I’ve spoken to at the park over the years. Is the plan to rectify these existing issues with park access / car parking before limiting access to regular park users?

- Objects as restrictions in this area will affect where they can park and there is high demand from residents. Also do not think the roundabout or traffic calming will deter anti-social elements driving around the area.
- Does not agree with proposals as fears it will push more traffic onto the estate roads and should stop at the bend of Meadow Gate Ave
- welcomes most of the scheme but thinks too many double yellows affecting people legitimately accessing and using the area. wants Resident permit parking scheme instead.

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- supports the scheme but doesn't think restrictions go far enough across their junction and should be on both sides
- concerns about using the car park, worries about options to park when car park is closed

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