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I am writing to voice my objection to the proposed parking reduction on Seaview Lane. It is very difficult for residents (and those visiting, as my family often does) to find parking in the Nettlestone Hill area - why reduce it further? In addition, there have been very few, if any, traffic incidents on this stretch of road, why meddle just for the sake of it if traffic is moving well?

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It seems quite extraordinary that our local council is bending over backwards to accommodate a developer to the detriment of the existing community.

The sole purpose of double yellow lines opposite the Gib Well field is to enable the development to proceed.

Seaview Lane provides essential parking for those who do not have the luxury of off street parking and have double yellow lines in front of their properties.

Where will they park?

During the holidays, when there are occasionally no parked cars, drivers use excessive speeds when coming up from Seaview. The parked cars act as a traffic calming measure.

There have not been any accidents on this stretch of road but the council is trying to put in measures which will make the road less safe than it is already. Will traffic calming measures such as humps or a pinch point be added?

Overall this seems a very badly thought through plan, designed with only the developer of the Gibb Well field in mind. It benefits no-one else but them.

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I wish to object for the following reasons:

1. **There is limited parking in Nettlestone Village and the above roads provide reasonably convenient parking to residents of School Cottages on Nettlestone Hill and residents on Main Road as there is very limited parking in those areas. Removing this facility will cause notable inconvenience. On average there are 4-5 cars parked on Seaview Lane at the weekends.**
2. **The periods of congestion on the roads are at school drop off and pick up and is very limited in its duration. An order of no parking is a very heavy handed approach to a transient problem that could be managed with a far less restrictive approach, such as weekday only restrictions. During holidays and at weekends there is no congestion in the area.**
3. **Traffic from Seaview often comes up the hill well in excess of the permitted speed limit and the pinch point produced by parked cars provides a traffic calming measure.**
4. **There have been no reported accidents on this part of the road in the last 10 years .**

I write further to a letter of objection that was sent by post to the Transport Department.

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The proposed parking restrictions are highly contentious and I oppose them.

Residents of School Cottages on Nettlestone Hill and those living on Nettlestone Green have limited parking and Seaview Lane provides a parking facility for these vehicles and those of any visitors that they may have. Seaview lane has brief periods of congestion at school drop off and pick up times but is otherwise free flowing, with parked cars providing a traffic calming measure. It is not uncommon to have cars coming up from Seaview at speeds well in excess of the speed limit, and then having to slow due to obstructions from parked cars. This safety will be lost with the laying down of double yellow lines. There have been no recorded accidents on this stretch of road for in excess of 10 years.

The proposed lines extend down the hill to Seaview in such a way that they will encourage parking on the bend so that cars coming up from Seaview will be forced into the opposite side of the road at a bend. This seems to be a recipe for accidents. I also understand that access to a small holding below Fairy Hill also has the potential to be severely limited by virtue of inappropriate parking brought about by the proposed yellow lines.

A traffic survey commissioned by Nettlestone and Seaview Parish council some years ago indicated that parked cars on both Seaview Lane and Eddington Road acted as traffic calming measures and limited speed to below 30 mph.

The proposed parking restrictions are being requested solely by the land owner of Gibb Well Field so that a highly contentious and deeply unpopular development of a treasured green field site can go ahead. It seems extremely unjust that local residents should be burdened with poorly conceived and restrictive parking that benefits no one who lives in the local area.

I urge you to reject these proposals.

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I refer to your notice to exercise the Isle of Wight Council's powers to extend parking restrictions along both sides of the top end of Seaview Lane.

I attach copies of the notice and the plan to avoid any misunderstandings.

We have significant concerns about the safety of your proposal as it affects the residents of Fairy Hill and the operation of the agricultural smallholding at 'the stables' Fairy Hill.

a) It is already a very dangerous turn out on to the road from the Fairy Hill shared drive, particularly in the summer, when vehicles come quickly down the hill – even though currently they are slowed up by the presence of the current parking along the east side (pavement side) of the road. We have had some very near misses because the bends in the road coming up and going down both result in very restricted visibility which is aggravated by the brow of the hill opposite Rowentree Drive.

b) Your proposals will exacerbate this danger by encouraging increased traffic speed coming from Nettlestone – having been previously slowed up by the presence of parked cars effectively making it a single lane road.

c) Should the parking restrictions be implemented as currently proposed the cars currently parked there (school – parents and staff) have to go somewhere – and if the result is they park further down Seaview Lane just below Fairy Hill then it will result in a highly dangerous situation in that we will not be able to see any oncoming traffic coming up the hill/bend as we pull out of our drive.

d) This resultant lack of visibility of traffic coming up the hill, combined with increased speed of traffic coming down the hill is without any doubt a foreseeable safety risk.

d) [REDACTED] and if the result of your parking restrictions has the consequence that parking is allowed either side or opposite 'the stables' then it will have the disastrous effect that [REDACTED] no longer be able to get agricultural vehicles or trailers in or out.

I would urge you to reconsider your plans particularly as your justification is for 'avoiding danger'. Your current plans will, for the residents of Fairy Hill, considerably increase the danger.

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We should like to respond to the proposal to extend no waiting areas in Seaview Lane. While we have no objection to the proposals, as far as they go, we believe that, in anticipating any possible future hazard around the planned development, the no waiting proposals appear to miss the ideal opportunity to address an existing hazard in the same area.

We refer to the proposal to continue allowing parking on the eastern side of the road, at the end near Nettlestone Green. At present, the yellow lines extend northward, just beyond the bus stop on that side, and then stop. It appears the proposals would allow that situation to continue, recommencing restrictions further along the road, towards the new junction.

We have written before about the dangers of the blind bend at the junction and how many drivers appear to ignore the Give Way direction on entering Seaview Lane. This behaviour seems to be exacerbated by the newly smoothed-out radius at the Give Way junction, presumably done to help large vehicles, but which encourages many drivers coming from the direction of Nettlestone Hill to treat the intersection simply as a bend in the road.

Sight lines approaching and negotiating this are severely restricted by the height of the ancient hedge, yet many drivers will be looking right, along the road towards the Green, as they take the "bend", and some do not even slow down, emerging from the junction at speed. Often, they then find themselves head-on with traffic on "their" side of the road. This traffic, of course, is on the "wrong side" simply because it has been forced there by cars parked on the east side, so close to the junction, and both vehicles have to take emergency action to avoid a potentially serious collision.

While we understand the desire to maintain some parking spaces on the eastern side of Seaview Road, we feel if the "no waiting" area was extended from the bus stop on the eastern side, to approximately level with the present bus stop on the western side of the road, eliminating just two, possibly three, parking spaces, this would greatly improve the safety around that junction, however those emerging from it might be driving.

The notice states that "the amendments are being proposed for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising". We would suggest this desirable aim will only be achieved fully by taking into account the existing situation at the Nettlestone Green end of the road. When the existing proposals are implemented would seem by far the easiest and most cost effective opportunity to incorporate this.

We would ask you to give this suggestion serious consideration, before a potentially tragic incident occurs.

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I am writing to object to putting double yellow lines on Seaview lane. The traffic from the school and residents have increased significantly Taking away parking from this area will cause absolute chaos for the residents and parents of the school children. There is no capacity for any more vehicles to park further up on the green. I advise you to personally come and watch these roads between 8:30-9am and from 2:30pm onwards during the week. (And not in a school half term). After 5pm when Nettlestone residents return home from work, the only place to find anywhere to park is Seaview Lane. I do wonder why you have decided to do something that is of no benefit whatsoever to the people of this village. This is not improvement.

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With regards to the Traffic Regulation Order issued on the 1st October that refers to introducing 'No Waiting at Any Time' on sections of Seaview Lane and Rowantree Drive (attached to this email for reference), the Parish Council members resolved that I should write to you with their objection to this proposal on the following grounds:

- A survey by the parish council showed that the cars parked along Seaview Lane slow down traffic and this contributed to the accident-free nature of the area.
- The placement of the lines will drive parked vehicles towards the bend further down Seaview Lane – opposite Fairy Hill and will be a new and obvious hazard on the lane.
- Residents have addressed the parish council to let the members know that they have not been consulted about the placement of these lines outside their homes.
- Houses on Nettlestone Hill and Nettlestone Green have insufficient parking already, due to the era in which they were constructed, and combined with the school traffic, the potential removal of 19 parking spaces will be heavily felt by the community.

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I object to double yellow lines in Seaview Lane the following reasons

Parking along Seaview Lane acts to slow cars down coming onto nettlestone green which is very busy with school children crossing the road. Putting in double yellow lines down this will cause more problems with fast cars driving down Seaview Lane.

Houses on Nettlestone Hill and Nettlestone Green have insufficient parking already, due to the era in which they were constructed, and combined with the school traffic, the potential removal of 19 parking spaces will be heavily felt by the community.

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I object to the double yellow lines on Seaview lane . Because of the loss of parking in the village and around the green at picking up hand and dropping off at school times. By putting double yellow lines along Seaview lane it will increase the speed of cars going onto the village green.

Oppose development of a car park in a Greenfield 25 parking spaces for teachers and take away parking spaces for local people and our local shop I think is quite scandalous is double yellow line should not be put in

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I am very concerned about the proposal to prohibit parking in Seaview Lane, Nettlestone and wish to object to the plan.

The proposal will mean the removal of 15 to 20 parking places which are already in short supply for residents of Nettlestone Green and Nettlestone Hill. A provision of places for school staff off-road will not help residents needing to park overnight. At the moment the spaces in the road are used by residents overnight and school staff during the day when residents are at work. Equally importantly the parked vehicles encourage a marked reduction in traffic speed in Seaview Lane approaching the junctions round the Green and the groups of children crossing Seaview Lane to and from the Green. At the moment this stretch is statistically very safe.

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I am writing to object to the proposal of double yellow lines along Seaview Lane in Nettlestone. I live in the village and I am concerned that this is already a busy road, particularly at school run times, and traffic will be faster along this road without parked cars along this road acting as a traffic calming measure.

Secondly, I oppose double yellow lines as the village already has a shortage of parking and I and others who live in the village park here when other spaces have been taken outside our houses. Furthermore, parents also park along here so that they can take the children to school safely. If this road is double yellow lined the traffic will speed up and will be an accident waiting to happen and there has already been near misses with children walking to school.

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I must object to the proposal to increase the parking restrictions on Seaview Lane and Rowantree drive.

There is very limited parking space as it is with only just enough on-street parking space available for the local community. To remove close to nineteen spaces would put an unacceptable pressure on local residence and make it imposable for any casual visitors, let alone the chaos that it would inevitable because at school times.If the proposals are to aid the development of Gibb Well field then I feel this is very short sighted and will create great resentment within the local community.

I hope that you will reconsider this proposal with the knowledge that it is considered unnecessary and very unpopular.

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I am writing to object to the proposal for double yellow lines in Seaview Lane.

Seaview Lane is a welcome overflow parking option for residents and their visitors of Seaview Lane and also Nettlestone Green (road) and Nettlestone Hill. The latter are the oldest parts of Nettlestone village and the houses are mainly either old cottages or Victorian semis. Most have little, or no off-street parking so parking spaces are at a premium. This is particularly pertinent in the holiday season.

There is a sought-after primary school located opposite the actual village green that welcomes pupils from outside the parish - adding to the vehicles stopping during school drop off / pick up time.

I have monitored the use of the area to be affected by the proposal over recent weeks and have noticed that being winter time the regular (i.e. local resident) parking during the current half term and weekends is approximately 5. That is not a large number on the face of it but the displacement of those resident vehicles onto the already busy ettlestone

Green road will result in a greater “fight” for parking in an already restricted road. It is not uncommon now for residents (including elderly and infirm neighbours) of Nettlestone Green to have to park on the estate.

I stress that this is winter time – parking on Seaview Lane during holiday times is much greater.

I have also counted 13-15 vehicles at around 2.30/300pm (when the school discharges) which are parent vehicles as shown by the mothers and small children getting into them. As Nettlestone Green (and onto the estate) are already crowded with parental vehicles – parking in the bus stop, across driveways and even on existing double yellow lines - one wonders where this additional 13-15 parents are going to park.

Before the half term holiday approximately 11 vehicles were parked on Seaview Lane during the school day. These same cars were not present at the weekend or when the school had broken up suggesting that they were staff members. However, it should be understood that the parking for these cars was adequate during the school day but any proposal to provide alternative provision for the staff does not take into account this total removal of the spaces at the inconvenience of those living near to the green.

Approximately 10 years ago there was government funding for 20mph speed limits and local residents and the parish council were interested in putting forward Seaview Lane so conducted a survey. The result was confirmed by Island Roads that the parked vehicles acted as “calming” and slowed the oncoming traffic. Making the road parking free will speed up traffic on the road and it has to be remembered the proximity to the primary school.

I am also particularly concerned that there is an outstanding planning application to turn the Roadside Inn, Nettlestone Green into a Coop store. Although there is potentially on-site car parking it is to be expected that visitors will increase, and there will be an even greater search for parking along the road.

There are no recorded traffic incidents on this part of Seaview Lane, so I think it is clear that the parking along this stretch is both needed by the community and is not necessary on the grounds of highway safety.

The consultation makes it clear that the purpose is to enable planning application P/00496/18 to develop Gibb Well Field. Island Roads insisted at the time of the application that its support was conditional on traffic orders, but stressed that it would have to be the subject of consultation and that they could not be guaranteed.

I object most strongly that traffic regulations that will be so very detrimental to the existing residents is presented only to accommodate what has been a speculative and unwelcome development proposal.

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I am writing to object to the proposed double yellow lines relating to the above areas.

..... I feel very strongly that taking away these roadside parking spaces will have a detrimental and dangerous consequence.

The spaces in question are not only used by school staff. Parents dropping off / collecting school children, and residents with no off-road parking also rely on these spaces. The provision of a small car park for staff within the Gibb Well development does not equate to the number of spaces that would be lost.

Cars using Seaview Lane often speed up the hill from Seaview, and the cars parked along the stretch of road to the Green do in fact slow the traffic down.

The development in general shows no thought for, or benefit to, residents around & near the Green.

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I am very concerned re the proposal to put double yellow lines on Seaview Lane and Rowantree Drive.

..... Holgate Lane which is immediately after Rowantree Drive and off Seaview Lane and the yellow lines will be either side of our Lane. Holgate Lane is a private lane, single track with NO turning places and already we struggle with people driving up the lane looking for somewhere to park; not being able to turn around and using private driveways for this purpose. We have signs at the beginning stating no through road, and no turn-around spaces and this makes absolutely no difference. We have even had a driver coming up the lane, reversing into the first driveway, hitting the wall and then stopping at the entrance to the lane and ripping one sign out of the ground and bending the other as he couldn't get it off the fence - most likely in anger at not being able to turn around.

Making it impossible to park on Seaview Lane/Rowantree Drive will make our problem even worse. I totally object to the proposal of yellow lines on Rowantree Drive and Seaview Lane.

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re planning double fellow line in seaview lane nettlestone i see no benefit at all in putting double yellow line in this road it more likely to cause people to park on all the yellow line at picking up school time as at the moment there is room to park in free spaces people will start to park on all the double that they do not at the moment ie if got to park on yellow line might as be as near the school as possible so i object many thanks for your time

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..... I am lucky enough to have an off-street parking space That was the reason that I bought the house. As on-street parking is at a premium, sold her car rather than be on the constant look out for a space.

Many on Nettlestone Hill and Nettlestone Green rely on finding a space to park within the vicinity. This includes the estate road to the east of the green. Any changes around the green will make the area more dangerous and create greater difficulty for resident parking.

The proposed development of Gibb Well field is opposed by the Parish Council and the Nettlestone Village Residents' Association, and local residents are overwhelming in their opposition to this cynical application.

Gibb Well field is a green field site and planning would not have been granted with that status. It was not on a brown field site list but Sara Wilkinson in planning decided to declare Gibb Well field as brownfield. When challenged about this arbitrary declaration her comment was "its semantics". How on earth can anyone take IOW planning seriously?

I have read the Island Roads comments on the proposed development, and the incident / accident data and I believe and hope that Island Roads view this application for road change as purely to enable this unnecessary and unwanted development on a beautiful vista.

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I have been made aware of the proposal to change Seaview Lane to a 'No waiting at any time' restriction. I would like to object to this proposal reasons below comments.

1.Changing this area to a double yellow restriction would be unfair on residents and their livelihood. This area is already restricted for parking and the current parking spaces along Seaview Lane are really needed for residents without driveways or parking outside their homes.

2. As I am sure you are aware there is a primary school in the village and already very restricted spaces for parents to park when dropping children to and from school. There has been some quite dangerous parking around the school over the years and by adding more restrictions for parking this could encourage desperate parents to park illegally or dangerously. There needs to be parking for parents to enable them to drop their children to school safely. Seaview lane is currently the closest and safest option for parents to park.

3.Within school drop off hours there is a lot of heavy traffic along Eddington Road and it is a very dangerous road to cross. By adding further parking restrictions along Seaview lane would ultimately encourage heavier flow of traffic and more dangerous parking along Eddington Road. It would inevitably shunt traffic further along Eddington Road, creating less visibility for parents and children crossing the road at this end.

I do hope you will consider my comments.

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It has come to our attention that there is a proposal to put double yellow lines on Seaview Lane.

This will make life very difficult for the school staff and families who need to drop and pick up their children daily, and for those living in that area of Nettlestone, without the luxury of private driveways.

We would like to object to this proposal.

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Dear Sir , I wish to object to the proposed addition of more yellow lines in the Seaview area Regards,

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Parking in Nettlestone is already problematic.

..... and daily fight the parking around the Green and on pavements especially at school time, as with all areas around schools, but the removal of approx. 19 parking opportunities 24/7 will hardly help. The parked vehicles reduce Seaview Lane to single width and act as traffic calming - slowing oncoming vehicles and reducing potential for pedestrian incidents - essential so close to the school.

There have been NO recorded traffic incidents in Seaview Lane over a ten year+ period and I feel that double yellow lines will only increase the speed of traffic approaching the Green.

I strongly object to this proposal

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I am writing to you in objection to the proposed Double Yellow Lines on Seaview Lane. Anyone who drives this route or even lives on that road will know and understand that this is a ludicrous proposal, Nettlestone and Nettlestone Green is a busy hub and these areas are used by numerous villagers and visitors continuously throughout the day and the year. Removing the parking is going to create further problems and a further pile up and potential accident zone as people try to dash around the village and village green trying to park. and have never

seen a problem with parking in this area. There are other areas in Nettlestone that are potential accident zones, waiting for an accident to happen where double yellow lines would be advantageous. This is not one of them!! I trust that the decision will be made on facts and a sensible approach opposed to lining pockets of developers.

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I am writing to you today to object to the proposed double yellow lines on seaview lane, this is a much-needed parking space for the local people of Nettlestone who do not have the luxury of private parking spaces or driveways as a majority of properties are Victorian cottages that were not built for modern living.

..... with no drive way so we rely on local road parking, there is already an issue with parking spaces in Nettlestone and seaview lane is a god send, if this parking space is removed from the people of Nettlestone I dread to think of the problems it will cause as a result of double yellow lines being introduced.

I ask please don't grant the proposed double yellow lines on seaview lane as it will cause a huge problem in Nettlestone for a large amount of its residents including my young family and also the children of Nettlestone primary.

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I would like to object to the proposal to install double yellow lines as mentioned above. the Nettlestone and Seaview parish and have never seen reason or need to discourage parking at the top of Seaview Lane. It serves as a safe 'overspill' to people collecting children from Nettlestone school, and for people visiting the local shop and cottages around Nettlestone Green. I believe it would encourage people to park on or around the already congested Nettlestone Hill, and detrimental to the safety of the schoolchildren. Any proposed school parking on Gibbs Well field would only be for school staff.

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Parking at the moment in Nettlestone and Old Seaview Lane is bad and double yellow lines will only make the matter worse. Where are people to park?

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We would like to formally object to :

"Isle of Wight Council (Seaview Lane, Nettlestone) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2021.

To introduce a 'no waiting at any time' in the following lengths of road :

Seaview Lane, on the west side, from a point 39.5m north to a point 110.5m south of its junction with Rowantree Drive.

Seaview Lane, on the east side, from a point 39.5m north to a point 48m south of its junction with Rowantree Drive.

Rowantree Drive, on both sides, from its junction with Seaview Lane to a point 12.5m east."

Due to the above 'no waiting at any time' zone, cars will be forced to park at the end of the parking restriction. As the Rowantree Drive housing estate is already congested with parked cars especially at school drop off/pick up times, many cars will park on Seaview Lane. The Seaview Lane parking restriction ends at the Walled Garden house on Seaview Lane to the north. This will result in cars parking outside The Glade and Alleyn House on an uphill bend on Seaview Lane especially during school pick up/drop off times. Cars parking on this uphill bend will cause an accident as cars pull out to pass parked cars placing them on the wrong side of the road on a bend. Being a regular bus route compounds the problem with parked cars on a bend.

We hope our views are given due consideration.

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I am writing to you today to object to the proposed double yellow lines on seaview lane, this is a much-needed parking space with no drive way rely on local road parking, with many properties in Nettlestone with no driveways seaview lane is a much used and needed road for parking, it is also used by parents who are taking their young children to and from school, Also with the cars that do park there it reduces the speed of traffic which is a god send for children going to and from Nettlestone primary.

I ask please don't grant the proposed double yellow lines on seaview lane as it will cause a huge problem in Nettlestone fit a large amount of its residents and the children of Nettlestone primary.

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A proposal for a possible development does not take in to consideration the already busy area. Parking spaces are already at a premium in Nettlestone and the access roads to Seaview Heights. Cars blocking the road near the Roadside Inn.

Nobody likes change.

But please don't compromise by making things any worse for local people who live here.

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I am writing to object to the traffic restrictions planned for Seaview Lane. Parking on this section of road is used extensively by local residents, school staff and most importantly parents taking their children to and from the primary school. Admittedly at certain times of the day this stretch of road can be very busy as it is elsewhere in the village as well. However, after the school day finishes and at weekends and school holidays any local parking never causes any problems and is often free of parking.

To restrict parking opportunities on Seaview Lane especially for parents on the school run will lead to much more traffic congestion around Nettlestone Green and on neighbouring residential roads. The school offers pre school facilities as well as primary education and it is essential for parents to have somewhere safe to park and escort their children to school. For some in the future after parking it could entail a much longer walk to the school gates in possible wet and cold weather conditions with small children.

It seems these traffic restrictions are more about the Gibb Well Field development rather than taking into account how it will impact on regular users. I urge you to consider the wider picture of how this will create quite unnecessary disruption for many people. There are plans as well to open a Co-op store on the site of the Roadside Inn which will only add to the burden on the local community roads.

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Please accept this as our objection to the introduction of double yellow lines on Seaview Lane for all the reasons set out in the document produced by the Residents' Association.

..... and see no logical, valid or safety reasons for the implementation of this traffic regulation.