

OBJECTOR COMMENTS

I am writing to complain about the van on overnight parking on beachlands. We have used this spot many times and have had lots of lovely times here. We do not leave litter or empty waste water in the beach. We spend money in the local shops and entertainment places. Being close to us we loved just popping down with no booking made and at any time of the day to suit our needs.

Likes to use campervan to sit on the beach - summer pursuit to sit with a bottle of wine and snack and enjoy the evening peace. Letter scanned and on file

I still believe that the data that you have been provided with is flawed. I have seen no recommendations for 4 metre spacing in car parks coming from UK or EU bodies. Sleeping in a motorhome does not constitute camping - it is using the vehicle within its type approval. Can I ask for any incidents of fire or explosion in motorhomes whilst parked up in your car parks? What about fires in normal petrol powered automobiles, perhaps we could have the numbers of these fires? Has your local Fire & Rescue Service been asked to comment? The Council is using this so called fire risk as part of their overall reasons for banning motorhomes and I still believe that the advice is at best dubious. I want to question the phrasing that says that the car park is not a campsite. Motorhomes have all of the facilities that they need within the vehicle. For that reason they do not need to be on a campsite. They are literally just parked up. The Council does not appear to have considered the financial impact. Motorhomers use their vehicles all year round. They come to an area and spend money in the local economy. There is no impact assessment of this spending and the impact on the surrounding area. There are other local authorities in the UK that have managed to handle this in a totally different way. I would suggest that the authority looks at the facilities that Canterbury have installed. This attracts motorhomes to the area and they are seeing the financial benefits. It is worth noting that they do not have a 4 or 6 metre separation rule. All over the continent local authorities provide motorhome overnight parking and none of them have a 4 or 6 metre separation rule. I consider the Councils decision is based on flawed and incomplete information and it discriminates against motorhome owners.

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The job of the council elected and paid for by the public is to provide services for the public and to manage them, not to hide behind bureaucracy. You are now forcing motorhomes to stay on local roads, which is what will happen. Have you ever been to Europe and see how they manage motorhomes (aires), Brexit has created an uptake in people staying in uk buying motorhomes etc, the job of elected people is to facilitate what people want, I recently visited hayling for 3 days and spent £83 diesel in mengham, £55 in west town Tesco, £43 inn on the sea, £11 hayling ferry, £6 picking sunflowers, £14 fish chips west town, £6 ice cream café beach, £67 west beach parking. Does these numbers come into your spreadsheet when the local businesses have to close up because you are keeping potential tourists away?

And because I was as Hayling I had two families who visited me and spent money in café, parking and pub!

WAKE UP

Kathy, thank you for your prompt reply and pointing out that there are other campsites available on the island, the problem with these are that they are not on the beach where the kite surfers are and normally in high season they will not accept single night bookings even if they have availability. With the demise of many shops and now a pub I would think that the council would be trying to promote tourism. I was there for 3 days last week and there were around 50 others there, that's over a thousand pounds a day in parking fees plus the income generated by local businesses that is now going to be lost. When is this ban coming into effect?

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I find it amazing that the council call hayling the home of windsurfing and are looking at regenerating the seafront. Yet you ban overnight parking for camper vans on the sea front, which will discourage visitors from coming to the Island, hence affecting local businesses and other income to the Island. This crazy decision should go back to Council to be amended

SUPPORTING COMMENTS

years. we had a holiday caravan on the Island for some 20 years before moving down here permanently in 2005. West beach is one of the best windsurfing, paddle boarding and kite surfing braced in the country. Over the past few years I have watched the situation with unregulated Motorhomes at west beach get completely out of hand. Campers park anywhere they like without any consideration for other users . Some vans have been taking up 3 or 4 spaces, parking sideways and blocking spaces with chairs bbqs awnings and other paraphernalia. They have ignored the 3metre fire break rule (and a recent grass fire highlighted the potential dangers there) campers have openly boasted that they haven't paid the overnight charge has no one was checking and even if they had to pay an occasional fine they came out ahead. I should add that I actually have a small camper van myself that I use to bring my windsurfing and SUP kit down to the beach. I have stayed overnight from time to time (paying the appropriate charge , I also have a season ticket) I believe there is scope for properly regulated overnight camping at the beach and I would welcome a well managed scheme but I would urge you not to allow another uncontrolled situation to return. They seem to have quite a good scheme at Calshot for campers which might be worth looking at

Firstly I fully agree with the stopping of overnight parking by motor homes. Never felt this was a good idea, and the number of motor homes now using Beachlands is unsightly and causes congestion in an already busy car park. It must also have taken business away from local campsites which I feel is both unnecessary and unsupportive of those

Good decision as will be taken over for long term parking by the residents in the Flats next door and possible future developments in that area to the detriment of local shops. Can you please consider similar at the Station Road HAYLING Island car park used regularly by the car dealer next door. So bad last week the Blood donor vehicle had problems finding somewhere to park.

The weekend after the ban came into place, we had a windy Sunday, very few campers were in the car park, but it was completely full, I can't remember seeing so many windsurfers and kite surfers out on the water apart from when we have festivals, it was amazing, one chap hadn't been out for over 2 years, the carpark was buzzing, met an old disabled lady who likes to come for an hour and watch, she normally can't come as the disabled spaces are taken up by campers staying for the weekend. The council likes to call (correctly) Hayling as the birthplace of windsurfing, yet it has chosen this carpark as the place for overnight camping, this has put many windsurfers and kite surfers off coming to Hayling, on the evidence of last weekend they are back, also of note was how many people were seen with coffee and food coming from the cafe, that's because most of the motor homes bring there own food and make there own coffee.If the council was to reinstate overnight camping, it should be relocated to the carpark known as Chichester Avenue, this has toilets and would be very easy to make the bays that would be nesacery for campervans to park in line with fire recomendations

At busy periods the car park has been over capacity with motorhomes and campervans, randomly and inconsiderately parked thereby denying parking for others. It is also a dangerous health and safety issue, and at busy times there have been in excess of 50 units parked haphazardly and in close proximity, breaking the recognised safe distances between units over night. I cannot see how HBC can responsibly acquiesce to this when as planning authority it rightly insists on compliance with recognised safety distance between units on campsites in the borough. It is a massive risk and liability for Lincoln tax payers in the event of an incident occurring.

West Beachlands is the only car park people wishing to participate in the sport of windsurfing can park their vehicle and access the beach with windsurfing equipment on Hayling Seafront.. Since the car park has become inundated with camper vans , the recreational and healthy lifestyle sport of windsurfing has at times become impossible to do because of the lack of car parking space. The nature of the beach provides an ideal launching area for both children and adults. I completely support this TRO. However, if it is imperative that campervans be allowed to park overnight, could they not be moved slightly east to the car park adjacent to the skate park or in the car park adjacent to the funfair?

local shops and entertainment facilities. However, motorhomes usually come down fully provisioned on board so that they are self contained and do not need to move for local spending while they are here. There are already sufficient caravan and camping sites on the Island for them to stay on without the the council under cutting their prices and offering a privileged location. In the last summer season the motor caravans tended to form encampments, often parking side on to the sea (in removal van sized vehicles) blocking the open sea view for other visitors. Established caravan sites have rules and checks on things like release of grey water, storage of gas cylinders and spare petrol cans. The council does not have the resources to check these sort of things especially when the vehicles are set up more permanently for overnight stays. Beach hut users have to pay a considerable licence fee and cannot stay overnight. However, they were getting motor caravans parked up close behind them plus the occupants could stay there overnight. Generally, the introduction of car parking charges for the winter months are very fair and sensible. However, the anomaly where households with the means to run 2 cars only have to pay a 1 vehicle price needs reconsidering for the 2019/20 season. It is illogical because a standard parking ticket only covers 1

A new low in the car park at west beach. Yet again 30+ motorhomes parked any way they want. All over the place, some too close together and a number have gained access to the SSSI. A bunch of what appears to be travellers at the western end and we now have quad bikes being ridden by 8 year olds within the SSSI and beyond. I do not usually voice my emotions but I am sickened and disgusted that this has been allowed to develop into what I can only describe as lawless! I gather that motorhomes will not be able to park overnight from next weekend. I can only hope that this is enforced from day 1 and will include those individuals who have been abusing the system for a number of years who seem to think they can reside there at will. I am a local and I am also a motorhomer.....never through all my travels across Europe have I seen such unregulated and uncontrolled behaviour. We are seeing the degradation of our beautiful environment by what I can only describe as passers by who are being allowed to by our council and elected members. I am outraged. I would appreciate a response assuring me that this unofficial campsite will not be tolerated from day 1...next weekend.

COMMENTS

Why is the discount for parking permits being increased to age 65? If this is your intention surely it would be fairer to phase the increase in the same way the pensions are?

Questioning price increase. Having only learnt about the new increases to parking permits for Beachlands etc, I would like to question certain decisions. The price increase however I feel is unjustified and unnecessary. Also why do we now have to pay for a full 12 month period instead of the usual 8 months? These permits used to only be able to be purchased by residents of the Island, and not all and sundry! Why is it that as a council you show no support for the local people, just milk them for all you can get.!

It is obvious that your decision to allow overnight parking was a mistake as you have now to change that. I think it was also a mistake to open the purchase of permits to anyone.

I strongly think you should NOT charge for the 12 months as proposed, and you should go back to permits for residents only. This would support the locals, avoid Beachlands being a campsite, and bring in revenue from visitors,

Hi James and thanks again for receiving us last week to discuss the west beach camper van ban. I have since discussed it with other Fire Safty colleagues and hope the following could be considered towards making the site safer and more manageable.1. All vans should be sited North of the road 2. Facing south towards the sea 3. From west to east.parallel to the road 4. A 4 meter gap between all vans.5. Posts with pitch numbers low enough to drive over in an emergency.6. A designated sign next to the parking machines stating that- All camper vans must have1 a multipurpose fire Extinguisher 2 a smoke alarm 3 a fire detector 4 failure to produce the above will result in being asked to leave.If the site is set out this way it enables a quick And orderly exit in the case of an incident. As the parking is restricted to only three days it is not a camping site,but a car park with overnighing facilities and we do not think Fire points should be needed as the risk is so low.

I'm just writing in regards the experiment on closing the west beach car park for overnight use. This was our first weekend out in our camper van and we had been told that Hayling Island is amazing and you can park near the beach etc so we planned our trip to come down only to find "No Overnight Camping" gutted...We did stay for a while and i can tell you that in the time we stayed we had over 50+ campers come in look at the sign then drove off straight away without evening stopping. I did read the notice about parking to close etc for health and safety reason's but surely if you ask people to leave the correct space between the vans they you require it would cure this problem? Hayling Island is a lovely place to visit but its going round all the camping community to stay away from this area now which is not good. I have attached the picture of the car park around about 6:00pm and the car park was not much different to this through out the day which can't be good for one of the busiest holidays of the year. Just thought you should know as the revenue coming into your town is going to be affected for sure. Shame it looked like a amazing place to be in a campervan. 🙄😞😡

HI COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT ME ON MY PHONE OR EMAIL REGARDING HAYLING COUNCIL STOPPING CAMPING ON SEA FRONT AND THE DAMAGE IT IS DOING TO THE LOCAL BUISNESSES.HOPE TO HERE FROM YOU SOON

OBJECTIONS
<p>We have a motorhome and have loved staying at West beach on occasions . We have always paid the charge . We spend money in pubs , restaurants , cafes supermarkets, even charity shops! If you go ahead with the ban you will make the island a ghost town again . Also if a motorhome is going to catch fire , it's more likely to happen in the daytime ! Such an awful shame this is happening, we will miss the inn on the beach <u>especially</u></p>
<p>I believe this as not been thought about in any consideration to local businesses. I for one regular used the overnight parking to take in a walk and use in on the beach for a evening meal. A simple wooden post marking 3 meter areas would of worked. In my years of campervaning we do all tend to respect surroundings and would police each other.</p> <p>I believe a total ban is a big mistake on the future of this area.</p> <p>Also if a camper parks in the daytime next to another camper. Surly their sould be a 3m rule to apply.</p> <p>Thanks for reading</p>
<p>I am a local resident, Watersports user (Since 1979 on Hayling - Kite, SUP, Windsurf and Sailing HISC Member also) and permit holder for Beachlands Car Parks. I simply cannot believe that a ban was placed on Motorhomes overnight without any consultation that could see resolve to the situation we are now faced with. (Whether Fire and safety, local residents, watersports users or the Council budget). I have spoken to so many MH users - which on the most part - are more than law abiding proffessionals - bringing only good to the Island. I recognise that there are always a minority that can spoil it for others - but to simply ban MH that were bringing such positives to our economy on Hayling - does not make any sense. I have also spoken (and know) many who oppose the MH being there and almost every one of the MH users that I have spoken to, would have been more than happy to compromise i.e. be moved, police themselves, work with the council - making this a more lucrative opportunity for HBC. Makes no sense!</p>
<p>I visit this site to go beach fishing with my grandsons<with my motorhome> at nights, sometimes! will this still be possible?</p>
<p>We visit twice a year and stay min 4 nights on west beach. We use local coffee shops, pubs and super markets plus attractions when we stay. Hayling island is a gorgeous place and unique park up and overnight stay. we contribute to the local economy and have shared with others who have come and stayed over night. It's a real shame that this is being stopped. I feel it will have an impact on local tourism and trade</p>
<p>As a frequent visitor to HI for the last 30years to partake in water sports, I think this decision will badly affect tourism and the local economy. I have always enjoyed my stays since my days at RAF Thorney Island and have used hotels, campsites and a campervan. The car parks are a disgrace with no markings and no maintenance that is noticeable. Many towns now offer Aires style provisions including Chester, Lytham St Anne and many more in Wales, Virtually all towns and cities offer overnight (Aires) motorhome camping in Europe . This is a backward step for the council which they may regret.</p>
<p><u>More help needed for Motorhomes similar to continental Aires would help Council coffers</u></p>
<p>We have a Motorhome and travel around the UK and Europe regularly, as responsible and caring people we always take our waste home and if necessary we litter pick other peoples rubbish before we leave. We always try to spend in local shops, pubs and cafes rather than the large supermarkets. All we ask is that we are able to park not necessarily free, but in a dedicated area with a pleasant view if possible. We are therefore very dissapointed at the closure of the parking area on Hayling island and would ask that you <u>reconsider this decision</u></p>
<p>Please would the council take into consideration the views of the many residents and tourists who have objected to this ban. The health and safety issues may need to be addressed but this can be done fairly easily and apply for the full 24 hour period. It does seem that there is a vendetta (by some people, possibly with their own agenda) against people staying overnight in motorhomes and they are using health and safety issues as a tool to ban them. Why was this overnight ban put it place right in the middle of the holiday season ? Motorhome users are a friendly group of people who enjoy the outdoor life and the freedom to travel around without having to book ahead. The island has benefited over the years from its tourism and if this ban is allowed many local businesses will suffer. Not to forget to mention the revenue received from overnight parking. Hayling Island is a very special place to many people. My father was stationed here during the war. We spent our annual holidays here. My parents retired here. Our children had their holidays here and my son now brings his children here. Hayling Island has so much to offer please don't turn the tourists away without considering the full impact and the consequential re-action to this very unpopular ban.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>I am angry and disappointed that this has happened. We have enjoyed many years of being able to park our motorhome on a Saturday night at Hayling and enjoying the lovely view whilst meeting up with friends. We do not always wish to stay on a campsite and often these campsites want you to stay 2 nights! My husband and I are responsible adults and feel that unlike Europe where motorhomes are gladly welcome in England <u>they are frowned upon</u></p>
<p>It was with sadness that I heard about the proposal to discontinue overnight parking. We love visiting Hayling Island to enjoy the vistas, watching the water sports, peace and enjoy the day and night fishing. We spend quite a lot of money when we are there and your local traders will almost certainly suffer from people like myself not returning because of this ruling. I do hope you see sense and realise how this will impact on <u>your local economy</u></p>
<p>I own a commercial vehicle and often windsurf before work, I am now concerned I may get a parking ticket before 8am with parking inforcers wrongly thinking I am sleeping in my vehicle over night. Also this sunday after windsurfing, I had a few beers at the Inn on the beach, not wanting to fill there small car park up with my van I parked just next to it. It was quite full and i was unsure i would get in anyway. I have a season pass, but also was uneasy leaving it there due to the potential fine for wrongly thinking i was sleeping overnight. When in fact I sleep at home 3 miles down the road on hayling. Obviously I was not going to drive home after drinking. Can you please shed some light on my 2 concerns here. As I enjoy a pint after a days windsurfing at the inn on the beach looking out to sea afterwards and would be quite dissapointed to receive a parking ticket. After I have just left my vehicle net to the pub (which is the done thing). And also on the windsurfing in the early hours before work concern.</p>
<p>This is a big mistake. People visit the Island to enjoy themselves along with their families and children. By doing this potential holiday makers and others will not be spending money on Hayling keeping businesses going like the restaurants, shops in Mengham, Pubs, gift shops etc. Wake up and count the money!</p>

Motor homes people are very calculated travelers, they like to enjoy the beautiful England & wake up with it in our front window. Why ban the people who keep England natural. Freedom.

I totally object to your overall ban and comments about fire safety. Firstly when was there a case of a motorhome catching on fire and setting others alight? Frequency, recency - this seems to be a completely unfounded and unsubstantiated excuse. People park so that there is enough room to get into their motorhomes and still allow room for another van or car or vehicle. Needing a 6m distance is ludicrous. All through Europe there are motorhome aires with neighbouring parking places without this distance enforcement. Their whole culture revolves around holidaying within their countries in their motorhomes without any sort of crazy rule like this and yet there are motorhomes everywhere. It seems we have latched on to some crazy rule for one small car park which is going to take up unnecessary amounts of space thus limiting the number of people who can park and pay you, the council, parking fees!. Provide the evidence as to the necessity for this ridiculous rule and it may seem more credible but on the face of it it makes no sense. Secondly, we have windsurfed at Hayling for over 20 years. We used to live locally but now don't and hence getting to the best windsurf spot we have in this country is only possible by motorhome as we have kids. It's a 150 mile journey and is not something we can do daily. Being able to stay overnight enables us to come down late on a Friday, windsurf Saturday and Sunday and travel home Sunday night. During that time we never leave mess, we use the chemical waste and we spend considerable money locally. We come down in all weathers and all times of year as it's usually windy when it's the winter months. We eat at inn on the beach every time we come down, we buy petrol from your local petrol stations, we buy top up food at the local Tesco, we buy fish and chips or other takeaway meals for our Sunday meal from the local take away shops near beach lands and we take the kids to the fun fair every year several times a year and spend yet more money there. Plus we pay our parking charges Day and night. You imposing the ban makes our entire ability to continue to enjoy our sporting passion an impossibility. There are so few decent windsurf spots in the UK that are also safe for children when it's low tide and the sand bar provides all of that - a safe place for kids and beginners but massive waves for the experienced sailors. If you don't windsurf then you will find it hard to appreciate the uniqueness of the spot and everything it has to offer. Trying to windsurf with kids too results in us tagging the childcare and sailing and having a safe beach for our kids to play on, to learn the sport we love and also for us to be able to keep them warm day and night in the colder months is amazing and yet a few crazy rules and sad people are trying to ruin all this for a large number of us. If you impose this ban then you leave us no option but to have to try and find other places to spend our money and go, or worse still, accept that we can no longer justify our motorhome and can no longer enjoy our sport other than on summer holidays. This is a very selfish decision that has been made with no consultation with the

I am so disappointed about this ban. I take my children here and stay for one night every month in our VW T5 and we have such fun! We spend money at the Inn on the Beach pub and buy ice creams from the kiosk. We walk along the sand bar at sunset and swim in the sea first thing in the morning with hot coffee waiting for me in my camper. Such a shame that these experiences for my children will stop. Please reconsider. I have never had any problem with the other campers. We are all like minded people who are here to enjoy the beautiful beach. Shame on the select few local people who I believe have instigated this ban so they can run their own private paddleboarding lessons from the car park. The vast majority of locals are opposed to the ban as Hayling has a long tradition of camping on the Beach and I want the local businesses to be supported. PLEASE OVERTURN THE BAN!! we love the camping experience on the Beach in our T5 Camper and do not want this ban!! Thank you.

I would like to object to this. We were very saddened and upset to find out that we can no longer park our motorhome overnight at this beautiful location. We have done it many times, always paid, parked sensibly and respected our surrounding environment. This could bring some great revenue to the council. In France they have self administered Aires and these go without any management, perhaps HBC could adopt this procedure and be the first to introduce this to the UK. We need to be more innovative, more and more people are becoming Motorhome users and there are not enough beautiful beachside locations to enjoy our lovely south coast. Please HBC be the first to take a step in the right direction, not backwards like you have done.

My family and I used to live in Portsmouth. Because of work we've relocated 120 miles away but still enjoy windsurfing with our 2 young children. If the ban on overnight motorhome parking is enforced our continued enjoyment of Hayling Island, ongoing contact with friends on the south coast and huge spending on local restaurants, bars, shops and local facilities such as the fairground will cease and we will be forced to spend our time at other less well equipped and less ideal beaches or even possibly sell our van and vegetate at home.

I think that ultimately you are going to lose a great deal of revenue from the banning of overnight motorhome parking. I appreciate that there are some outfits that really shouldn't be there which ultimately have ruined it for those of us that pay and behave properly. Maybe you could block a piece of land off and put barriers on, that made people pay whilst in entry or exit, you could also put bays that conform to the UK rule of 6metres between outfits. An initial outlet but you could reap rewards. Maybe a height barrier of 4metres to keep it to proper MH. We have had many lovely breaks on your beach and will miss the opportunity for this to continue. Thank you.

I have read the FRA commissioned by HBC and at no point did it recommend a complete/immediate ban on "overnight parking" the report gave a number of recommendations that would make the overnight parking compliant with fire regs, the HBC have chosen to completely ignore all these recommendations. This decision shows that the commissioning of a full FRA report was a total waste of money, the council's caravan officer could have advised you of all the h&S points it raised. A true and far more beneficial TRO would be to mark out parking bays for motorhomes/campervans, this would then allow HBC to assess the situation and whether it is possible to manage the situation whilst still being compliant with fire regs the cost of managing compliant overnight parking would be far less than banning it and would still allow a valuable source of revenue to continue. Please show some common sense and reverse this decision.

This overnight ban will have in my opinion a detrimental impact on local small business that rely on the overnight stoppers. The loss of the revenue overnight parking generates if 'policed' is also to be considered. Not providing a place for motorhome will only push the issue into the nearby streets. As the Council for Hayling, you should be working to help the limited holiday /tourist attractions and encourage motorhome to the island. This trial is a ill conceived decision and very short sighted. Impose clearer rules and employ people to enforce it, if they do their job correctly they will increase the revenue, make the parking safe and motorhomers will come on mass, hence using local business etc. It's no good saying use local sites, they are not large enough and are already fully booked. Please reconsider this discussion, you have a great opportunity to make Hayling a real destination for motorhomers, rather than join the other councils such as Devon & Cornwall who appear intent on stopping overnight parking.

I have read the safety report and the estimates to tarmac and upkeep the carpark in the event of coastal erosion and though I understand the councils concerns , I fail to see how the immediate decision to ban Motorhomes & campervans will make a difference to the situation. As a council you will be losing out on revenue drone the parked vehicles , the local businesses will lose out on income and risk alienating a lot of people both locals and tourists alike . I've only been using West Beach for the last two years but I've come to love the area . I hope you will listen to any reasoned arguments that other campers put forward and also local businesses that may contact you & overturn your decision to ban the parking or the leisure vehicles

My wife and I come and stay on West Beach an average of twice a month, at the weekends throughout the year, I fill my motorhome up with Diesel when I arrive on the island, buy food at the local takeaways and normally have at least one meal and several drinks at the Inn on the beach. The beauty of the car park apart from the location is that you can just turn up for one or more nights when you want, all the campsites on the island are fully booked untill September and will not take bookings for one night. When I was last down there were around 50 Campers staying overnight, that is over a £1000 in lost revinue. This decision has upset locals as well as visitors like me, I won't be coming to the island unless I can stay the night, I know others with smaller vans will be parking in residential streets but that is not for me. Councils in other resorts are changing their parking regulations and opening up overnighing spots for motorhomes. Why don't you mark out the bays and enforce the parking as advised in the fire report you commissioned? The increase in parking charges and winter charges have upset the local residents, now there is going to be a loss of business to the local shops, food outlets and the Inn on the beach.

The ban on West Beach for over night parking for motorhomes has been put into place after pressures from a small number of locals - most notably - the watersports sector

Other locals and more importantly local businesses were not consulted or were their views taken into considerartion

You have based the ban on H&S concerns raised in a fire risk that Havant BC commissioned

The fire risk assessment does not say to ban motorhomes from parking overnight

The fire risk assessment says:

motorhomes are exempt from the camping and caravanning act 1969

That there are no reported incidents of anyone ever coming to harm through fire whilst sleeping in a motorhome

A suitable bay marked out could define a parking bay. These bays could be marked out with logs which are inexpensive and environmentally friendly

If you are banning motorhomes from staying at night because they park too closely and are a fire hazzard, then you have to ban them from parking during the day for the same reason. There are more people about during the day and they are using gas cookers and bbqs. Noone cooks while they sleep. That said, last year's Boomtown fire was caused by cars parked too close to eachother - perhaps they need banning too.

Your risk assessment did not cover the beach huts - these are highly inflamable, less than 2 metres apart and are allowed to store gas bottles and bbq fuel

If you look at your own fire risk assessment - photo 6 shows that it appears to be two surfer type vans that have parked in a selfish way blocking the road

The local watersports fraternity are also blaming the motorhomes for poor parking - which led to an ambulance having difficulty getting to a fallen horserider in May - horses are banned from the beach.

However, this could easily be rectified - by having marked out bays and a proper marked out road

The local watersports fraternity have also accused motorhomes of not paying their way. Yet last year, I am told that revenue from was £12,000 - can you afford to lose this?

I would like to understand why you are banning motorhomes from parking overnight because they are parking too close together, yet they are still able to use the car park during the day. Are the health and safety regulations different during the day? We love visiting Hayling Island, peak and out of season - disappointed about this to say the least. I am sure your local businesses will be affected by this. We spend money in the Inn on the Beach, the local cafe, fuel up at the petrol stations. I wonder whether the ban has been pushed forward by a local councillor who feels his view is being spoilt - maybe he should take the time to engage with those using the car park, he would then no doubt agree that there is a community spirit, people are just enjoying the peace and quiet, the amazing beach, and brining revenue to the local businesses. Instead of banning "any vechile that can be adapted to sleep in" your council could put in clearly marked bays, open up the whole beach to overnight parking - there are other options. There will always be a small minority who can ruin things for the rest (car owners included) - however the majority of people using the car park keep it clean and tidy. I sincerely hope this ban is lifted

There has been no issues relating to health and safety of of campervans being too close together parked over night at Hayling island as far as I am aware. No fires, explosions. no accidents etc. Why bring this up now when there is no reason.

Cars/vans are parked this close together every day of the week everywhere in the world.

Having a designated carpark with campervan parking for this purpose would help campers know where to park and how far away

This TRO is completely unnecessary and detrimental to Hayling Island. 1. ECONOMIC: The motorhome and campervan community spend a lot on the island during their stay. They fill up in local fuel stations, shop at local shops and spend money in the local restaurants take aways and pubs. Motorhomes and campervanners bring in winter trade too. 2. ECONOMIC & TOURISM: Hayling Island is a magnet for kite surfers, windsurfers, paddleboarders and kayakers. People travel for miles to benefit from the perfect conditions and need to have direct access to the beach. Its not convenient for them to come and go every day with their equipment. Some users have children, elderly or disabled and its easier for them to be right on the beach 24/7.3. TRAFFIC: There is already a lot of traffic on Hayling. There will be an exodus of campervans and motorhomes leaving the beach before 10pm to where ever they can stay, filling the roads during peaks times every day. The same applies in the morning.4. ECONOMIC & TOURISM: Hayling is a popular one night stop over for people travelling to and from the continent on ferries. If the ban goes ahead these people will go elsewhere and spend their money elsewhere. 5. ECONOMIC & TOURISM: Not everyone wants to stay at a campsite. They're not all open throughout the year. You cannot turn up at 10pm at a campsite and just stay the night. There are simply not enough campsites on Hayling to accommodate the current influx of vans and motorhomes. Word will get out about the ban and people will simply stop coming to Hayling and spending money here. 6. TRAFFIC: People will start to look for overnight places on the island having come here and found nowhere to stay. This will include unrestricted roads, outside homes, non council car parks. 7. HEATH AND SAFETY: Motorhomers and campervanners take great pride in their vehicles. Most of them have fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, CO2 alarms, fire blankets etc. Some people have spent tens of thousands on their motorhomes and take great care to protect them from fire. 8. HEATH AND SAFETY: There is no more fire risk at night that during the day. There have been no fire incidents at West Beach involving vehicles. 10. HEATH AND SAFETY: People are more likely to drive under the influence of alcohol as they leave the site after drinking in the pub or on the beach. With the overnight stay allowed, people could stay on side and sleep off alcohol until ready to drive again. Taxis late at night on a weekend night are very limited.11. HEALTH AND SAFETY/ECONOMIC: This ban sends out a message that West Beach is not a safe place to stay overnight. This will effect confidence in camping at events such as Kite Surfing Armada. If it's not safe during the rest of the year how can it be safe during that weekend?12. HEALTH AND SAFETY: There are no signs advising people of safety rules. If people aren't told how and where to park it's no surprise that vehicles have been parking too close together and/or in the wrong places.

I own a campervan and come from Manchester. We stayed on this car park recently and it was a lovely couple of days. We would not have visited Hayling island if this overnight parking was not available and won't be visiting again if the order goes ahead. We contributed to the local economy by using the cafe and the Inn on the Beach where we purchased several meals. Whilst we were there no one complained about campervans and no one was blocking access on the road

That the majority of motorhomes abide by the rules set out by yourselves. It is unfair to penalise the majority who do abide by your rules. not only are motorhome users going to feel this discision to ban motorhomes is wrong but also local businesses that make there living esp during colder summers and winter from those that stay a few days and enjoy the watersports activities from the comfort of a warm motorhome esp those like me that are disabled and a car would not suit my needs. I spend money in the Inn on the beach, funfair with grandchildren, local cafes like many other motorhome users but would find it difficult other the period of just one day

I cannot understand how you can afford to lose all the revenue from the overnight parking for campers. I hadn't realised that you were such an affluent council that you can turn down that amount of money. We were parked in the little carpark by The Inn on the Beach the other week and we worked out just in our small group you would have taken £1000 in one night and that was not including all the other areas where the campers park. If you are suddenly so concerned about fire regulations even though to my knowledge there has never been any fires caused by camping overnight, why do you not mark out bays at the correct width apart as they have done in Exmouth after discovering that the ban they imposed to overnight campers was a terrible mistake. They have now put out a plea for the camper vans to come back. I feel sorry for the businesses that it will affect also, as we campers spend quite a lot of money when we are there. Let's hope your actions don't send some businesses to the wall. Such a shame that such a wonderful place to while away a weekend or longer is going to only be kept for a certain few when people have been enjoying Hayling Island for as many years as I care to remember. As for listing the camping sites that you suggest we should use, there seems to be a couple of problems with that (a) you cannot book for one night only at these sites and (b) they are full all summer anyway. Did you do your research before listing these as alternatives for us to use? I urge you to reconsider these proposals as everyone including the Council will lose out.

I love Hayling and I park my motor home on west beach. I use local shops and pubs who I think rely on tourist trade. I think your plans to stop the overnight parking of motorhomes will be a shame. I am sure there is a to many campers currently parking. If I were to park with the appropriate gap, some one will just park in the gap.

If there was a compound only for motorhomes on the beach with a barrier entry and marked out bays with the appropriate distance. if you limit the number able to park on the barrier entry this will stop overcrowding. this is a system that is used extensively in France this works very well and is inexpensive to set up

Having recently purchased a Campervan after having several bad experiences in Airbnb's and as watersports athlete living in Berkshire getting access to the ocean is so important for my training. Since June 2018 I have spent a maximum of of 2 nights Parking overnight at Beachlands. Every time I pay the required charges and would happily see a small increase in charges to have marker posts (using sustainable resources and social enterprises) put in to map out parking bays to the required width.

I also have volunteered my time fee of charge to provide Stand Up Paddle safety clinics to the public Uding beachlands. The ability to stay overnight is so important as I have all my boards and equipment. It is very unusual in such a popular holiday destination that there are only 2 campsites with distances to the beach which are too far to carry equipment without having to pack up my van and the are only open half the year when I train the whole year.i also spend a lot of money at the local businesses.pkease reconsider or at least think of a compromise

It's such a shame to lose this area of overnight parking on the beach. As I understand it, it's the only area within a fair drive that you can wake up with a beautiful view as at West Beach. I understand the fire risk and patrolling these areas and black topping the car park wouldn't give it the same appeal, nor cost affective. During the Eastoke Coastal Defence Works, back in 2012/13, timber groynes were used to de-mark car parking spaces in Eastoke Corner Car Park (discuss with ESCP), could a similar approach not be taken here? - I would also suggest a ban on using motorhome awnings and generators, which could reduce the contention between motorhome users and other beach users/ beach hut owners.

Regarding the ban on overnight motorhome parking at Hayling Island. We have been spending 2 or 3 nights there on and off for the last 18 months and love it so we are very disappointed with your actions. The FRA you commissioned recommends 4 metres between vehicles and I appreciate that this is not always the case when parking. That said they should also take into account how many fires or explosions there have been to be able to access the risk. I do not believe there are any documented cases so can not understand your reaction to the assessment results. The word recommended is also significant, if your signage stated motorhomes park overnight at their own risk the distance between vehicles recommended by Havant Borough Council is 4 metres you are covered should there be an incident. The majority of us that overnight at H. island are responsible individuals who are happy to pay the parking charge. We put rubbish in bins and in our case take any recycling home with us. Regardless with what more of transport people use there will always be those who don't think before they act ie: not bin rubbish or have a fire/ bbq in an inappropriate place. I hope you will reconsider your decision, it does not just affect us it will impact on the local economy and small businesses will suffer.

The Council have stated on a number of occasions that, due to funding cuts, there is insufficient money available to carry out all the traffic management projects that the council would like to undertake. The banning of overnight parking by camper vans at West Hayling will make the lack of funding worse because:1) there will be a loss of revenue from overnight parking.2) there will be increased costs arising from the need to deploy more parking wardens to police the ban.3) therefore the ban will have a negative effect on the Council's finances. The timing of the ban, in the middle of the summer holiday season, is ill timed because visitors, who spend money which benefits the island economy and have been parking overnight for years, have had their holiday plans disrupted. Apparently the ban has been imposed for safety reasons arising from vans being parked too close together. This is a valid concern, but a complete ban is using a sledgehammer to crack a nut. The Council is clearly willing to incur the cost of deploying more wardens so there is no reason why an overnight parking layout for campervans cannot be devised and operated under the control of wardens. This would result in happy campervan visitors and less drain on the Council's finances. This ban should be reversed and an overnight parking scheme brought into operation.

I am so very sad to learn that you are withdrawing the privilege we have had to park and stay over at Hayling west beach. We have loved it but could see it has been getting out of hand with people staying for weeks on end and obviously not paying. Perhaps allowing parking at a higher rate e.g. £20 per night with an ANPR system in force and perhaps a barrier. And only booked on line for overnight stays. I understand that cuts have made this a necessity as well as people taking liberties. Please re consider it is a wonderful site. **2ND objection The ban on overnighing motorhomes has been devastating. We are careful and appreciate of the beautiful place that is west beach at hayling. We would be delighted to see regulated parking here as are the majority of campervanners. Access to this beautiful resource has been removed due to the actions of a minority. Please allow responsible people back and keep the beach unspoilt and used for its purpose of enjoyment and the beauty of the English coastline. West beach is a beautiful place and we have enjoyed the wonderful views, warm water and fantastic local services for more than 10 years. To have this snatched away from us without warning, due to a minority of people who do not respect the area , is devastating.**

Living close to Hayling and using the beach facilities year round I feel that this action to restrict overnight sleeping in adapted vehicles is short sighted and sad. Why not allocate restricted parking to surf businesses and instructors so there is no access to motorhomes or campers ie in between the beach by the bench seating - these people then should pay for a permit to park in this restricted area. This then would allow for no crossover with visitors wishing to stayover night - a bit of investment in 6 meter bay marking between motorhome or camper slots would mean first come first served and those vehicles would park more efficiently than they currently do as there is no markings in place - as in cornwall if then people park outside the lines they get a ticket. With the volume of use and an increase of parking charges slightly, this would cover the cost and everyone would be happy . A little investment would allow for a better feeling towards the council - and happier visitors to Hayling Island- A shame that being busy due to exceptional weather has generated negativity when things should have been more positive and financially rewarding for the economy of Havant and Hayling Island.

We are a camper van community of whom also keen water sports fans. We can say we respect our environment and are privileged to have such an amazing beach to socialise, paddleboard and quite possibly camp? It's just the minority that have to spoil it.....quite possibly travellers?! This is a shame but they are allowed to do what they like and don't seem to get moved on? Why not put up barriers so that good honest people that respect the area can pay and then be let out. If people don't pay or stay another night they don't get out simple? Maybe some CCTV put up? Or security patrol to drop in? Paid for from the revenue? It's not hard people we can make this work I'd pay £20 to be able to camp so come on please keep the faith

The motorhome and campervan owners who frequent West beach on the whole are all responsible people, we valued the beautiful area and would take all health & safety precautions to protect it, all the vehicles and public. As motorhomes are fire retardant unlike a lot of caravans, tents etc. I fail to see why campsite spacing should apply, we are not camping we only need a spot to park over night to sleep..... these are becoming increasingly difficult to find. A lot of European visitors also used this peaceful spot to sleep over night while exploring the surrounding area during the day. We have often helped them to use Ringo to pay. Please reconsider and maybe state it is not a campsite, and instead of saying maximum 72 hours, say max 3 consecutive nights. Thank you for giving us this chance to put our case. If awning canopies are taking up the space of another vehicle then they should pay for 2 spaces. Personally I am unable to prebook a site as I don't know in advance when I'm able to go.

We are local residents and enjoy the opportunity of being able to use the overnight parking with our 3 children. We regularly park up and stay the night in our campervan. It is a facility that allows us to enjoy the outdoors close to home, takes the children away from technology with plenty of fresh air and quality time. It is very difficult to find venues within a short hop away which we can enjoy regularly over the summer months which does not cost a fortune and allows the children to keep up their community sporting commitments. I also like to support our local businesses as much as possible rather than taking our cash else where. This ban will really have a negative effect on our future outdoor leisure time as a family.

As a disabled person that travels from Yorkshire to your beach specially because there are very few beaches that I can park my motorhome close enough so I can actually access the beach there has got to be a better solution than just a blanket ban, if this goes through it's yet another council that is taking away my right to park and access a beach. I have Rhumatoid Arthritis and it's not going to get any better so please reconsider

I object to the above Experimental Order on the grounds that the recommendations made in the Fire Risk Assessment Report have not been considered. A Freedom of Information request was made to ask for full evidence on which the statement, made during the Cabinet Meeting on Wednesday 27th June 2018, that the current parking arrangements for motorhomes is not wholly effective is based and also full details, including evidence, of the health and safety grounds. This was answered by forwarding a copy of the Fire Safety Report produced for Havant BC . It is therefore assumed that this Report comprises the sole reason for the introduction of the Experimental Order. The Experimental Order states:

"It has been noted that motorhomes are parking too closely together which has serious health and safety implications in the event of a fire or explosion to the motorhome." The following Statement of Reason was provided by Havant BC:

"The FRA states that to reduce the risk of fire spreading between motorhomes the authority can control this by providing adequate spacing between vehicles, the recommended spacing is a minimum of 4 meters however it is recommended that 6 meters would reduce the risk significantly. To do this the authority would need to tarmac (binder and surface course) West Beach car park, the bays would have to be marked out with box junctions to ensure that the distance was adhered to. The estimated cost would be in the region of £650,000." However the actual recommendation in the FRA is that:

Havant Borough Council uses the CFPA Guide No 20:2012 Fire Safety In Camping Sites as the standard to be applied for deciding motorhome spacing. That the free distance between units should be at least 3 metres and where possible 4 metres.

This would mean that a 2.5m wide parking space would allow a vehicle to park and the occupants to exit the vehicle. With an additional 3 m (1.5 m either side) would mean that no Motorhome is less than 3 m apart.

So the total width of the parking bay would be 5.5 m. The FRA goes on to say:

There are a number of ways that parking bays could be delineated, considering that this is not a tarmac site - it does not recommend tarmac the car park but instead gives several examples of low cost methods of delineating parking bays, and also recommends that Havant Borough Council provide signage on what to do in the event of a fire and other safety information at strategic points around the car park. I would add that as the car park is currently delineated with wooden posts it could be cost effective to use this method to mark motorhome parking bays also. The Havant BC Statement of Reason goes on to state:

"As the beach erodes (and or gets flooded) we would need to continuously make repairs to the car park at considerable costs of which we have no budget or funding

Hayling should have been proud of providing this service as popular and much talked about on MH forums for leading the way in changing the way the UK should change and provide overnight stop-overs for MH's, but now the reverse is happening and we will avoid Hayling. There are too few campsites on the Island suitable for MH's and these have to be booked in advance and rarely provide single night stop-overs or even 48 hours. Health and Safety is always used in the UK as an excuse to close things down. At the very least the council just needed a little more thought in a way of marking MH spaces that complied with your H&S requirements, if this is your main reason, rather than shut everything down. There are far too few overnight stop-overs in the UK and local councils need to look at Europe to see how well Motorhomes are received. Local towns provide overnight parking for MH's and usually for free, making use of Car parks not used at night. In return we buy provisions or eat from the local shops and cafes. In the UK we're even willing to pay overnight parking fees considerably higher than Europe for less facilities, but these are still lower than UK campsites like to charge us Motorhomers. We had to cancel our planned trip to Hayling due to the closure in August, as visited in June and knew nothing of the planned closure..... we went further down the coast so our business was lost to HBC and unfortunately the Island's businesses also lost out ... multiply this loss by the amount of MH's who will have to do the same thing and a lot of revenue is lost to the Island very short sighted HBC and not in the interest of the people you should be representing.

Maybe look at one of the other large carparks near to the beach that may be easier to control the spacing of Motorhomes if that's your main concern, but again some European campsites pack MH's in tighter than you were seeing along the beach carpark, and I'm talking about Belgium, the home of our supposedly Euro laws the UK still like to quote.

The motorhome parking offers the opportunity for those who live some distance away to come and enjoy Hayling Island and support the local businesses without having to resort to hotels or parking on grass campsite pitches in the winter months. Upon your experiential removal of the provision we have made plans to travel with our motorhome to alternative areas in the South who are encouraging motorhomes to come, stay and spend their money within the local community. From our own experience, we personally spend c. £1000 per annum enjoying the area and expect that the outcome will put the loss to the council and businesses in Hayling Island within the area at a significant amount of money. This cannot be good for the local area at a time when businesses are seeing a slow down due to both the time of year and the weakness of the GBP.

We often visit Hayling island simply because the motorhome overnight parking is provided. Now that it is stopped we simply won't visit as obviously we are not welcome.

Such a shame the local businesses and public facilities including the slipway at the ferry boat inn will just simply lose my business and money. Are you aware that the West beach carpark is listed in European stopover books which invite foreign visitors to visit the island?

I find it so sad that the council are looking backwards and not moving with the times, especially as the local campsites are just simply not fit for purpose for use with a motorhome and the lifestyle one provides.

Why cant the council paint the fence posts white, say every 8 meters or a set distance, then motorhomes must park central to these posts. This will make sure the distance you require (despite this distance not applying anywhere else in Europe!) is adhered to, if a motorhome is not parked next to the white post it gets a penalty ticket. This will make sure the distance you require (despite this distance not applying anywhere else in Europe!) is adhered to, if a motorhome is not parked next to the white post it gets a penalty ticket.

Simple really

Banned on the grounds of fire safety? I've never heard of such rubbish. It smacks a lot of inventing a weak reason to stop people parking there overnight and enjoying the fine sunsets and sunrises, so that you can quietly sell off that land to developers in the future. It's not a campsite so why apply those regulations in the first place? If you are genuinely worried about fire risk, put signs up asking overnight campers to respect the minimum distance (or risk losing the privilege), get the ticket inspector to remind people if necessary while he is doing his rounds, or even paint or mark 'night bays' at the required widths. But an outright ban? A weak, kneejerk response to save the trouble of finding a solution.

having recently purchased a campervan and enjoyed days only enjoyed days only in West Beach I have found it a lovely place to stay except for the extremely unfriendly almost hostile beach hut owners) and had been planning an overnight stop. I now am lucky enough to have spare income which I had been spending at Hayling Island, I always eat out, often with the Grandchildren. Therefore four adult meals, 3 children meals, ice cream and two lots of parking fees are therefore now regularly going to be spent elsewhere. Hayling Island is in desperate need of regeneration and by driving away campervan owners is not going to achieve this. In one season I have learnt by personal experience, that the beach hut owners think that this is "their" beach. They block you in with their cars (if parked too close together there wouldnt be space for them to do this!), they put out their beach chairs to reserve parking spaces for family members and friends. So why is the council victimising campervan owners? We do bring a lot of income into the area, after all if you can afford thousands of pounds worth of campervan you do have spare capital. This income will no go to another area and the beach hut owners can have their beach back. But Hayling Island and it's local businesses need us and the money that we spend on the Island.

My husband and I have enjoyed staying for the night in our motorhome on West Beach for 3 years now. We mostly stay for one night in the low season to enjoy the view, the peace, and to have a meal in the Inn on the Beach, and not have to drive home afterwards. We have never seen any problems there, no litter and no excess noise. Mostly in the winter months there are only between 2 and 4 like minded vans there, so parking apart is not an issue. We didn't go during August, but I don't see why, if it was so busy then, that we should be penalised all year round. We have been happy to pay the overnight charge, even though the facilities are closed after 5 pm, and wonder why some of the revenue hasn't already been used to mark out some parking bays so motorhomes can park according to the regulations, although we've not had to do this in other areas. Why are the council happy to lose this extra revenue? I hope we can come to a fairer arrangement which takes into account the views of all parties.

Hello - I am writing with regards to the overnight ban at Hayling beach. We have been enjoying this beach for a long time, staying overnight in our campervan, usually just for 1 night. It is a wonderful way to spend time with the family and appreciate nature with the children. We've so many amazing memories sitting on the beach late at night or being the first in the sea for an early morning swim before the crowds of people arrive. It makes me so sad to think that this amazing quality family time could be taken away from us. There is such a fantastic community down at Hayling beach that we have never experienced anywhere else. Our motto is to always make sure we leave the beach in a better state than we found it - this usually means scouting around for litter dropped by others during the day. The people who stay overnight passionately care about Hayling beach and it makes me sad that it is these people who will suffer the consequences of the ban. Please, please do reconsider - there is a whole community of people ready to make this work if you will give us the opportunity.

This is a community meet up place, people who use this car park spend good money on the island in the shops and cafe ect. That will make a financial impact on the local business. Also it makes good revenue on the parking charges. It gains nothing to ban the parking. As for fire regulations, just stipulate that there must be a certain space between vans. Please don't close this parking area for Motorhomes

a lovely place to park and relax in our camper when we have a spare Saturday evening. I strongly feel that this ban is an infringement on mine (and others) personal freedom, the ban was introduced undemocratically without prior consultation with the public and users of the facility, and without proper justification. People have been allowed to pay to park overnight at West Beach for many years, and have done so without incident. If the council feels there is a risk to people using the facility, despite no incidents in the past, then it is the councils responsibility to introduce guidelines and provide information for people to follow when using the facility. Of course it is down to the individual to choose to abide by the rules, and I appreciate not all people will follow the advice, however, I do feel that regular users of the overnight parking will respect any information provided by the council. Summer 2018 saw an unprecedented number of people visiting the beach, I have never seen it so busy, so perhaps the space could be limited to a certain number of vehicles and a ban on tents being pitched on the common. Over the bank holiday weekend in the summer there were many people camping in tents and those will not have paid the overnight parking charges and effectively had a free weekend, these people should be advised to use local camp sites, epecially taking in to consideration tents do not have any proper sanitary facilities. This should not lead to a blanket ban on motorhomes and campervans who have used this facility for years. In addition to this I would like to suggest that, if the number of vehicles is to be limited, then the overnight space could be moved to the far end of the carpark - say from the BBQ area to the beach huts near the golf course. If this were to be the case the council could easily mark out bays for the use of overnight stays, marked out using pebbles from the beach placed into the carpark surface perhaps? I am also concerned about the loss of revenue for the immediate local businesses and those in West Town, local water sports shops and food take away business will also suffer, The Inn on the Beach has reconised the value of business brought to the area and have adjusted their parking rules accordingly, and whilst Hayling depends on the seasonal business for the immediate local economy I can only feel this ban is directly detrimental to that revenue, and sends out a "tourists not welcome here" message to visitors.

The councils leaflet advising visitors to use the local camp site facilities is nonsense and clearly has not been researched, the local camp sites - The Oven, Fleet Farm, Fishery Creek in particular - are always fully booked during the summer months, and do not allow one night stop overs, and in some cases require a minimum of three nights to be booked in advance. This is of no interest to most users of the West Beach car park because most visitors here will be visiting for the day, and only require a single night stop, they could be here for a special visit to simply enjoy the tranquility of the location or simply passing through on their

No different to beach huts. In fact gaps between vans normally wider. Motorhomes have fire extinguishers on board. Motorhomes bring visitors which bring money to the area. Motorhomes have bins and take their rubbish home with them instead of leaving on the beach. Motorhomes discourage dogging and drug taking/dealing because of their presence.

This order is totally unnecessary as not only will it impact on ordinary beach loving responsible camper van owners and Anglers it will reduce income earned by all local businesses and council parking fees which will have a negative effect on the local area. Other UK beach parking areas have an overnight facility for parking campers. Dont punish the many for actions by the few.

After hearing that the beachmans car park is now out of bounds for motorhomes/camper vans or any vehicle that someone sleeps in after 10.00pm - 06-00am is the wrong way forward, Hayling Island will no longer attract people with said vehicles to.I have been planning a 3 day trip to Hayling Island for the last 6 months so that my wife and i can do some sea fishing...have meals from the local takeaways and buy items from your local shops. But we have now cancelled our visit (the ist one since i was taken there as a child, i am now 66 yrs old) We have now changed our route and holiday and will be spending it Fishing at EASTNEY Southsea. This will be a great money looser to local business over the years if said vehicles are banned from staying overnight.

Hi we own a motorhome we love Hayling Island as do our grandchildren. Loved staying on the beach and using the local facilities especially out of season:). Maybe get marked bays and easier ticket machine. As the original one was very difficult to use I imagine some just didn't bother to pay. I would happy pay £20 for 24 hours parking no return within 3 days. Then issue a fine if found to be doing this.This would enable safe parking and more revenue into the hbc and local businesses :) it a shame to have lost it altogether. We don't want free parking. We would just like to wake up to a beautiful view in the morning and sit there watching the sun go down The simple things in life that bring so much pleasure in this hectic world. Thankyou for listening:)

Having been a long standing visitor to Hayling over the past 40 years I have made use of West Beach car park on numerous occasions. During more recent times since owning my camper van I have also been fortunate enough to be able to make use of the overnight parking facilities, and on one occasion staying for 2 nights. I have always been mindful of the 72 hour rule and that is as clearly stated, an overnight parking facility NOT a campsite. I can understand the concerns of locals who have I am sure like me seen visitors abuse this rule by Camping rather than parking as I have seen people erect awnings and set out their "pitch". Maybe inadvertently the provision of a 72 hr /3 night stay sadly encouraged them to do this. Whilst I totally support the need to make it clear that West Beach is NOT a campsite and make a stand on those that have abused this wonderful provision, I feel the decision to exclude all SHORT term overnight parking is extremely harsh on those who have responsibly made use of the facility and very much appreciated it. Maybe a possible compromise would be to reduce the length of stay to a maximum of 2 nights and to increase significantly the penalty charge for those not abiding by any new regulations. If this is not an option then reduce it even further permitting only 1 overnight stay per week. This would then mean those wishing to visit and camp on Hayling for a longer period would need to make use of the local campsites rather than the beach. I do hope common sense will prevail in any decision that is made as I feel it is possible to meet the needs of all who genuinely made use of the overnight parking rather than penalise all for the minority who sadly abused the previous regulations.

To whom it may Concern

I am just part of a growing group of people that object to the proposals by Havant Council. The ban on overnight campers is one that could be easily dismissed. Unfortunately We live in a society where all our civil liberties are being slowly eroded, and this situation is once again a case of the minority of inconsiderate campervan owners destroying the beauty and freedom of camping by a beach, for a majority of considerate owners .

This site could be lightly managed , and fees gathered in parking spaces measured thus ensuring structure, and regulation, but without the need for a total ban .. instead you have imposed a total ban , it's like using a selgehammer to break into a walnut!

This site could go into profit given the correct light management .. there are many municipal camping sites In France where this is the case .

local business would still benefit from the revenue generated by people using the site, and Hayling Island would very much be a go to place for visitors and families alike. It would be a win win situation , as opposed to the lose lose situation which Havant Council has imposed .. There is a way forward that would benefit Hayling Island .. it is whether or not there is a Will by the council to do so..

on a more personal note , I am deeply saddened by this ban .. my daughter is disabled , we do not object to paying a fee but there are very few perks to her being disabled. Going to the beach and being able to wake up and look at the sea directly in front of you was fantastic, and she loved it .. it has been difficult to explain why it has been suddenly stopped . I do not think you should tar everyone with the same brush , and her life is now being robbed once again of a simple pleasure that gave her great joy.

yours sincerely

I think banning motor homes from the west beachlands car park overnight as there's risk of fire because parked to close to each other is absolutely pathetic can somebody tell me of a car park anywhere that vehicles of any type are not parked too close to each other and what changes from the hours of 10 pm to 6 am than that of daytime hours motor homes bring cash to the island in many ways including shops, pubs , food stores fuel stations and of course the car park itself as there's always been a charge for camping overnight it's not near residents to cause problems with noise and not close to any buildings so in my opinion not a problem at all and I live on the island

I am disgusted by the recent ban off motor homes on Hayling beach. It brings additional income to the island and you have now put on more patrols which is using more TAX PAYERS MONEY. Also you are now charging us to use the beach throughout the winter as well. It really concerns me who makes these ridiculous decision concerning Hayling island. They obviously don't live here and I do think there ideas and proposals are ridiculous. Please don't start me on housing. All that you keep stating in your ridiculous reports is the need for new housing to fund projects. WE WONT BE ABLE TO GET ON AND OFF THE ISLAND. It's bad enough now. It doesn't take a genius to realise you need the infrastructure before you build new homes. Access on and off the island, schools, doctors etc. I also don't want you ruining this island as myself and the residents love this place. I have lost faith in Havant county council.

It isn't clear to me what factors have influenced the establishment of this order. The ostensible reason given, that there is a fire risk seems to be illogical. If there was such a risk, then it would exist at all times, not just overnight. In fact, the risk is probably greater at other times when people might be cooking. That being said, it would be possible to mark motorhome parking spaces relatively cheaply using simple posts. I would guess that one or two nights' parking fees would cover the cost. As I said, I suspect that the real reason for the ban is local vested interests, but certainly not from the Inn on the Beach or the Ferry Boat etc. where we and others have spent quite a lot.

I was born in Portsmouth and visited Hayling beach many times as a boy. I took up windsurfing and have sailed at West Beach every year for 40 years. More recently, being partly retired, I stayed overnight at West Beach in a motorhome. Now I see that overnight stays are temporarily suspended. I would like to object and make the following observations:One van, a converted mobile library, has parked there continuously for several years. You can see them, every day, on the beach webcam. Would it be acceptable if I also ignored the charges and restrictions?I find it hard to believe that safe bays for overnight parking would cost £500,000. Not a single motorhome site in the country spends that much for infrastructure and they throw in water supply and electric. I believe simple ground markings are all that is required to make the car park compliant with safety regulations. If not, then none of the private sites on Hayling are compliant with regulations. What is the council safety officers view on this?In my experience the motorhomes have not been too numerous to present a nuisance. No more so than all of our windsurfing vans, kitesurfing vans, horse trailers, etc. In all cases people are enjoying themselves. Busy days are when lots of people are enjoying themselves. Live and let live.The beach is a mess and is being made worse by the works that have been going on for the last two years, at what cost? Surely a lot more than putting in some motorhome overnight parking bays. I have had many days spoiled by earthmoving vehicles. I have no idea why they were there or why the beach huts were removed. I cannot find any information on the council website. It does not look as though the council has the beach users interests at heart. What is the motive for destroying the beachfront?Hayling beach is a community resource for the whole of the community, including Havant and beyond. Local residents have a say, but they must concede that it is a public beach which the public should be free to use in many different ways. Just as they can feely visit all the other beaches in the country. This freedom is an important part of our national character and heritage.The local businesses rely on tourism. I cannot imagine how much I have spent whilst visiting the island. Making the island hostile to tourism is to be hostile to the local business community. • Provide more information about the works currently being conducted on the beach. Site information notices would be a minimum.

- Keep overnight stays for motorhomes, at least in reasonable numbers.
- Kick out permanent beach residents.
- Keep Hayling open to the public for all the recreational uses that can sustainably be supported.

Additional information: Well Havant Council you have certainly applied DOUBLE STANDARDS allowing camping/motorhomes to the kite surfing armada. You either have a blanket ban or not, not just when there is an event. Look at Europe & there motorhome Aires, even Gorton who we are twinned with have an aire. You are a disgraceful council.

Objects

Hello, it was with a very heavy heart when I visited west beach on Hayling Island today and found I was no longer allowed to park overnight in my Motorhome, I have been coming for several years and enjoy all the amenities together with a lovely meal in the evening in the ever improving and really nice Restuarant in the Inn on the beach, we usually come about four times a year normally in the winter months and will miss it very much. I was rather hoping that councils would actually improve facilities for motorhomers like on the continent to attract their lucrative business instead of reducing them and turning them away, it's such a shame as it is the perfect spot and so convenient for the ferries you could have made a very attractive stopover for the ever increasing Motorhome fraternity! I used to pay the £6 day rate then the £15 night rate and then the day rate again and occasionally stay an extra night as well. I hope the local businesses are happy with your decision or did you not consult them? I would welcome hearing your reasons for taking this extraordinary decision,

Your proposal is based on a false premise on the assessment of risk. Firstly the times between which they may not park are the times that are the safest as the van would be occupied and as almost all or all have smoke alarms the occupants would be alerted to and could deal with any fire before it could take hold. Secondly on the continent, where Motorhomes are even more popular, there are over 7000 aires/stellplatz/sostas which are overnight parking places specifically allocated for motorhomes (caravans are excluded) where parking is allowed in close proximity. I have carefully researched the literature and can find no record of any fires let alone spreading of fires. So the actual risk is zero or infinitesimal. There is one report of a fire on a Uk campsite with 6m spacing where an awning bridged the gap. The upside of any risk is a vast increase in potential income for the local economy as motorhomes often like to eat in local restaurants, drink in bars and purchase food etc in local shops. The ability to walk back to a secure parking increases all of these. As the councils problem appears to be the cost of tarmac and white lining my suggestion would be to not tarmac but to define the edge of parking slots by posts at required intervals as this system is already used on many campsites as it's easier to drive or reverse looking at posts rather than lines. These posts can be suitably spaced to comply with fire regulations. I am willing to provide more information on continental practices. I request the parking of motorhomes overnight be permitted taking the above into account.

I believe that everyone has a right to enjoyment as long as they don't cause issues. Councils that keep shutting car parks or put in height barriers are removing the option for some people to enjoy themselves. Its all very well to blame people in Motorhomes but I have cleared up litter in places where I have stayed and cleaned beaches. I had intended to do more this year as I am between jobs. I have seen cars full of kids throw out bags of fast food rubbish from their cars, seen local residents fly tip. I've reported it to police and councils no action taken. We should all be working together for the enjoyment and benefit of all and trying to protect this planet from the ravages of what Humans are doing to it. Trying to save it for the young.