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Mr John Fulbrook
The Steyning Centre
Fletcher's Croft
Steyning
West Sussex BN44 3XZ

Dear Mr Fulbrook

Re: Displacement of parking problems

Thank you for your letter of 29th May regarding parking in Steyning. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

The public highway is available for use by all persons unless otherwise restricted. Residents have no greater right to park on the highway than strangers to an area. Unless there are waiting or parking restrictions in place drivers are permitted to park wherever it is safe to do so, and they are not causing an obstruction. Where injudicious parking takes place and a vehicle is then causing an obstruction to the free flow of traffic or posing a significant safety hazard, the Police have a power to take action. If there is a persistent problem then we have the power to make a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit parking, subject to a public consultation. Thereafter, enforcement is the responsibility of the relevant parking enforcement authority, in the case of Steyning that will be Horsham District Council.

West Sussex County Council did not statutorily object to the proposal of Horsham District Council to charge for parking in off street car parks as we had no reasonable grounds to do so. Whilst it was accepted that there would likely be displacement of vehicles onto the public highway, as stated above the highway can be used by anyone and therefore displacement is insufficient grounds to object.

I have asked my Area Highway Manager for the Horsham area, Chris Stark, to liaise with Horsham District Council on this matter and to meet with Steyning Parish Council representatives to discuss your findings and potential measures in more detail. Chris will make contact with you on this in due course.

Yours sincerely

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