

RESPONSE BY NEPP ON DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR A TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER WITH COMMENTS FROM CLLR.AKKER

Coast Road

Point 3 – Seasonal single yellow line on the seaward side for its entirety – the application should say what time the single yellow line should be operational ie 8am – 6pm or any other hours depending on what is required.

(Comment: this has been stated now as 10am to 6pm following the NEPP comment that the Coast Road Car Park can only be changed following a further and separate order – please see covering report).

Point 4 – Seasonal to be from Good Friday to 30th September – whilst it is theoretically possible to start a traffic regulation order on Good Friday it would require an application to the Department for Transport for special authorisation for the signs that are needed and is unlikely to be successful as authorities are already able to start restrictions on a calendar month, so I would suggest altering this to 1st April to 30th September.

(Comment: amended to 1st April to 30th September).

Point 5 – A notice in the Coast Road car park letting people know there is long term parking for 150 cars on The Esplanade – as this relates to a car park notice this cannot be considered by the NEPP Joint Committee which only deals with on-street applications. This sign could be arranged by agreement between WMTC and Colchester BC separately to the TRO application.

(Comment: to be addressed later)

Point 6 – At the car park exit an arrow pointing right and Way Out with directions to The Esplanade. Directions to The Esplanade car park also by the pay machine – The directions to The Esplanade car park by the pay machine can be arranged by agreement between WMTC and Colchester BC as it related to car park signs and does not need approval by the NEPP JPC. In regard to the arrow pointing right and way out with directions to The Esplanade, any directional arrows on the highway are the responsibility of ECC as NEPP just deals with parking issues. I am not sure that ECC would allow a directional arrow when motorists can go left out of the car park without breaking the law as it is not a one-way street at that point (whether it should be or not being another issue).

(Comment: to be addressed later).

Point 7 – sign to be placed after the fishermans access to read “No through road/no turning facility beyond this point. Access for residents and to local businesses only” – this is not something that NEPP can arrange as these are moving traffic instructions so fall under the jurisdiction of ECC as the Highway Authority rather than NEPP, which just deals with parking matters.

(Comment: addressed and amendment made).

Victoria Esplanade

This map shows the introduction of hatch markings – this is not something that NEPP can introduce and any application for these would need to be made to ECC as the Highway Authority.

(Comment: will be removed).

Victoria Esplanade car park is not currently being closed although the opening times on the signs and website have not been altered to reflect this. I think the opening times of the car park were mentioned at the meeting at the town council chamber on 12th April but I am not sure if a final decision was made. It would be possible to close the car park near 7pm using a contractor but this would bring additional costs and agreement between WMTC and Colchester BC (rather than NEPP) (Comment: this is outside the remit of the working party to consider and the application is unaltered).

For the application as a whole, I think both the Colchester Borough Council representative (Councillor Martin Goss) and the councillors from the other partner authority areas on the NEPP Joint Committee will want to see that there is local support from residents for any proposal application. This is usually shown through petitions/surveys but further information and a link to the NEPP on-line TRO application form can be found at the below.

(Comment: The Parking Working was based on wide community representation and authority given to WMTC by the Neighbourhood Plan to deal with parking issues).