

Access and Parking Issues

Meadow view road Access

Currently the access from Dinan way into Meadow View road on the south entrance is restricted due to residents parking their vehicles along the road. This is just about manageable with the current number of houses but will become hazardous when 700+ more houses start using this road. Traffic flow on Dinan way will be impacted by cars trying to enter Meadow View Road.

Continuing along Meadow View road, residents park their vehicles outside their properties on both sides of the road making navigation sometimes difficult. There was a recent incident at Meadow View Road where the fire crew could not get their vehicle to the property as the on street parking prevented it progressing, they had to stop the vehicle outside Southern wood and walk to the incident site.

The North entrance onto Meadow view road is just as problematic with a blind corner with cars and vans parked on both sides of the road.

We have considered the prospect that the council could place double yellow lines on Meadow View Road to keep the road clear, however not all houses have access to off-road parking and those who have garages do not use them as they do not accommodate modern cars and certainly not vans.



Figure 1. Limited off road parking areas.



Figure 2: Parking in these areas is very limited, and the garages are generally too small for modern cars.



Parking on meadow view road right up to the junction of Dinan way is a constant feature.



This is a relatively clear image of the entrance to Southern Wood from the opposite direction, but I have highlighted where cars and vans are frequently parked, making access to Southern Wood very narrow.



Figure 5: Proposed access from St Johns Road is also very limited. From where we live in Southern Wood, we often walk up to Bystock Pond which is a 30 minute walk or to St John in the Wilderness church which is a 20 minute walk on a quiet road with no pedestrian footway, the lower section of the road is single track with mature trees, many having Tree Preservation Orders. Increased traffic on this road would be hazardous to pedestrians and cyclists.

Parking on Southern Wood

Not all properties in Southern Wood have sufficient or large enough off road parking, so parking in the road is a necessity. Some residents use the turning space for discreet overspill parking which currently causes no issues for other road users turning around. Being a cul-de-sac, all vehicles accessing this road slow down as they approach their respective properties, which makes it a safe place for children living in the street to play and learn to ride their bikes. Once a through road is constructed, vehicles using this to access further housing will be accelerating down this road, especially as it is a downward slope and this will completely change the safety/risk profile of this road.



If parking is no longer possible at the bottom of the Cul De Sac due to a through road being created, vehicles will be forced to park on the pavement which will obstruct pedestrians accessing the Exmo-20 site

