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**For the attention of Stuart Beale, Project Engineer, Infrastructure and Transportation**

## **CONSULTATION: Station Road, Lewes –**

### **Proposed Parking TRO's and Layout Changes to the Railway Station Forecourt**

This consultation by East Sussex Highways is to be welcomed as it seeks to make layout changes to the railway station forecourt, which can become somewhat undisciplined at peak periods with cars setting down or picking up rail passengers.

The size of the space available in the railway station forecourt is very limited, especially if the curtilage of the highway, (Station Road), is excluded from the available area for cars to use the forecourt space, albeit for short periods of time.

It is noted that the proposed changes include the installation of “2no. 6m Sections of Bolt Down Milestone Traffic Island (Rediworld) with 6no. Reflective Posts”, which will effectively divide the public highway, (Station Road), from the forecourt area.

As a result, all car traffic will have to use the forecourt area in a more ‘controlled way’, with the introduction of a ‘one-way’ traffic, which although it is to be welcomed, effectively reduces the area of ‘flexible space’ available for cars to manoeuvre.

With particular reference to the “Proposed Layout” raises the following questions: -

1. It has been assumed that there is adequate space available for Rail Replacement Buses.
2. The space available for cars to reverse out of the 7no. “20-minute waiting only spaces” would appear to be very limited.
3. Cars parked close to the exit may have difficulty in reversing out of the spaces without reversing into the highway, which could be hazardous.
4. Similarly, the cars in these spaces might have difficulty turning right to return to the town centre.
5. Would it be an option to encourage such cars to use the roundabout at the junction with Mountfield Road, rather than attempt to turn right out of the forecourt?

Finally, the Friends of Lewes would like to suggest that should this scheme be implemented, that a “Review” be undertaken six months after its completion.

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