



Arundel Town Council
Town Hall
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23rd December 2021

Mr Nathaniel Slade
Group Head of Technical Services
Arun District Council

Dear Nathaniel,

RE: River Road Garages

Since I wrote to you on the subject of the River Road garages we have been approached by River Road residents, some of whom asked public questions at our December Council Meeting.

We undertook to share their views with the Arun District Council Economy Committee, and our Council supports the views which they have expressed.

1. River Road residents believe that the section of River Road between Brewery Hill and Arun Street is dangerous, since it is narrow, used by two-way traffic and has very little pavement. One factor which helps to avoid accidents there is that it is mainly used by local people who are familiar with it although unfortunately it has been increasingly used by delivery drivers during the pandemic. Attracting visitors to this part of River Road-e.g. through either developing tourist lettings or allowing visitor parking on the site would increase this danger.
2. For similar reasons increasing the number of residential properties in River Road would be undesirable-it would reduce parking space available.
3. For this reason River Road residents would like to see the garage space continue to be used for car parking, either in rebuilt garages or in open space, provided these garages or spaces were leased on a long-term basis-i.e. there should not be any short-term parking facilities on the site. It was noted that open space parking would take more cars off the roads in the conservation area where parking is increasingly difficult for all residents.
4. River Road residents asked that they should be consulted in the designs for the new parking facilities because they believe that they have insights into the challenges presented by this end of River Road which could be helpful to ADC in making the use of the space as safe as possible.

Kind Regards,

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Carolyn Baynes
Town Clerk