

South Milton Parish Council

Parking and Highways Task Force

At the PC meeting on 26 September 2022 a task force comprising Emma Halmshaw, Graham Jinks and Nick Townsend was established to review areas in the village where there had been problems with parking and/or obstructions. The task force walked through the village on 22 November 2022 and their findings are summarised on the attached sketch.

Four problem areas were identified, all already well known and shown in red in the attached sketch. None of the remaining roads in the village were considered to have significant problems, apart from traffic congestion on Horswell Lane which is due to traffic volume and being dealt with separately.

The four problem areas are at junctions where inconsiderately parked vehicles can cause obstructions and congestion. It was noted that parking at these locations contravenes the Highway Code. DCC have put up no parking signs at the Links Road/Shute Lane and Shute Lane/Sandheap junctions. These signs are often ignored.

The task force discussed the following options for alleviating the problems at junctions:

1. Double yellow lines. This option was not favoured as it would be difficult to identify where they should start and stop. There would also be the implication that parking was acceptable where the lines were absent which would create other problems.
2. Putting out A-Board signs at the problem locations at critical times of year. The wording would have to be agreed but would be along the lines: "Do not park here, you will cause an obstruction." Similar signs are used by the National Trust at South Milton Sands and have proved effective. These signs would be put out during the peak visitor periods. Local farmers have welcomed this suggestion. This option is favoured by the task force and would be relatively cheap and quick to implement.

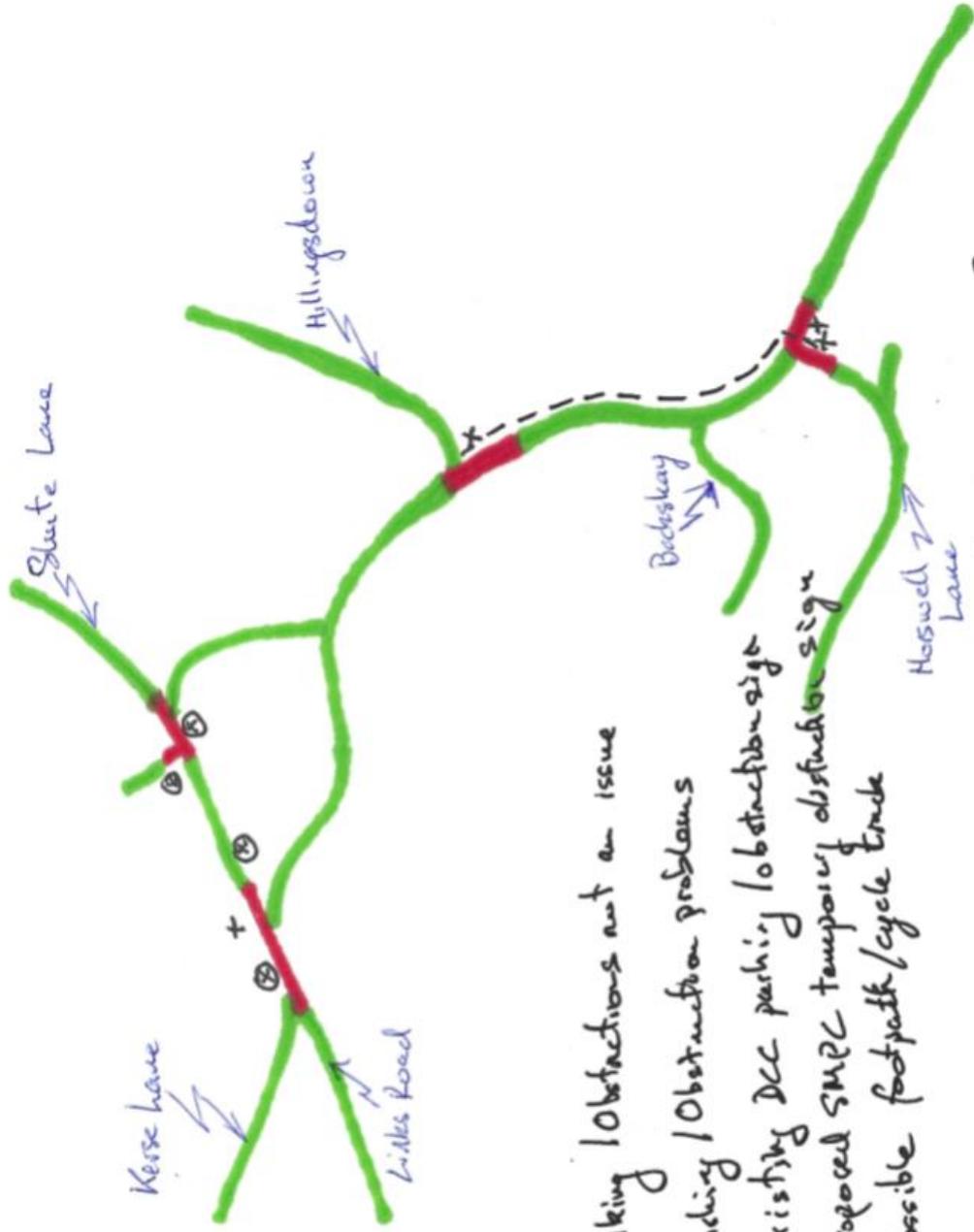
If the SMPC adopts the A-Board signs further details will have to be agreed including the wording and precise locations. The task force considers one is required at the Links Road/Shute Lane junction, another at the Hillingsdown/Links Road junction and two at Milton Cross – one on the corner and another by the Quillet.

The task force also recommends that all holiday let/Airbnb premises should be required to provide information on where to park. The mechanism for implementing this requires further investigation.

The task force also recommends further investigation is carried out to establish whether it would be possible to designate a footpath/cycle track between Hillingsdown and Milton Cross.

Emma Halmshaw/Graham Jinks/Nick Townsend

22 November 2022



LEGEND

- █ Parking / Obstructions not an issue
- █ Parking / Obstruction problems
- ⊕ Existing DEC parking / obstruction sign
- + Proposed SMP temporary obstruction sign
- Possible footpath / cycle track

OBSERVATIONS ON PARKING/OBSTRUCTIONS ISSUES

IN SOUTH MUTTON
22/11/22