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Stade Amusement Park Planning Applications

There are 2 applications to the Hastings Council Planning Committee to be considered. Look for HS/EX/17/01056 and HS/EX/18.0067. The key proposals are to vary the Right of Way and, to fully enclose the currently open parts which includes the Boating Lake and the Go cart track. The rights of Her Majesty's subjects to enjoy unrestricted access were established in 1893 during Queen Victoria's reign.

If both applications are successful then the impact on the sea front would be considerable. By enclosing the open area a 'Lawful Development Certificate' can be applied for. This virtually removes most Planning constraints. The current leaseholder could not be easily prevented from installations up to 35 metres high.

There is growing concern. O.H.P.S. have started a petition – available in the History House. HOTRA have asked the Coastal Users Group to consider the matter on 27th February. We have also written to the Foreshore Trust Protector – Chris May- asking him to seek advice and clarify the picture.

It is also disappointing to note that there has been no offer to consult local people.

Campaign for Better Co-ordinated Parking.

There was an initial meeting with ESCC Highways to consider a range of issues.

- Workmen's Waivers – in future there will be no permitted parking on double yellow lines.
- Parking times inside the Bourne car park and outside in the Bourne will become co-ordinated.
- The area at the top of Croft Road by Torfield School will be upgraded when funds permit. It will probably be included in Zone F.
- Residents Permitted Parking should imply that a space is available. Therefore if no spaces can be found it is not acceptable that residents should be forced to pay a second time when parking in the seafront car parks.
- Suggestions were given about increasing provision in Rock a Nore to help meet the needs of those working at the new G.P.'s surgery and Disabled patients.
- The use of the large bus lay by at the bottom of Old London Road is not opposed by Stagecoach but no budget has yet been identified to pay for the works.
- HOTRA offered to contact the Stables Theatre to ask them to consider creating new spaces behind the theatre. These could be offered to local members and thus free up on -street parking spaces.

None of this will happen quickly.

Drug Problems, Anti -Social Behaviour, Aggressive Begging and now Armed Robbery

Further discussions are ongoing, led by Cllr James Bacon. Complex issues but there is deep local concern. Traders and residents are all feeling the impact of such significant cuts in Police resources, especially on our streets.