

Community Traffic Regulation Order – Double yellow lines on Dell Quay Road

Introduction

West Sussex County Council recommends that any proposal for a Community Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is developed with clear and demonstrable support from the wider community. Early engagement is essential, as community backing helps determine the likelihood of objections arising during the formal legal stages of the TRO process. Proposals that begin with broad local support have a significantly greater chance of progressing successfully.

Before submitting an application, proposers are expected to undertake initial consultation. This includes contacting the local County Councillor to discuss the idea and engaging with residents, businesses, and any other parties who may be affected, to gauge their level of support.

As part of the online application, applicants must provide evidence of this engagement, including confirmation of support from the County Councillor and relevant local councils, as well as feedback from the local community. Applicants are also required to show that they have considered the wider implications of the proposal, including potential impacts on individuals with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

Please see the proposed response and evidence. Members of the Parish Meeting are required to give guidance on the response and proposed petitions. Volunteers required to assist with the completion of both petitions. The approval to submit the Traffic Regulation Order Application will need to be put before the Parish Meeting on 21st May 2026 for approval.

Application Form:

Why is the TRO necessary? *

Enter details of why you think this TRO is necessary, including the particular problem you think it will address.

Proposed response:

Dell Quay Road is a narrow rural lane with limited space for two-way traffic. When vehicles park opposite Apuldram House, the carriageway becomes too restricted to allow safe passing. This results in:

- Vehicles being forced to reverse long distances
- Blockages where two vehicles cannot pass safely
- Increased risk of collision, particularly at peak visitor times

Introducing yellow lines in this location would keep the road unobstructed and ensure that all road users, drivers, cyclists, walkers, can pass safely. The Highway Code has changed in 2022 to give people who walk and cycle greater priority <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022> "The introduction section of The Highway Code has been updated to include 3 new rules about the new 'hierarchy of road users'. The hierarchy places those road users most at risk in the event of a collision at the top of the hierarchy."

The current width constraints make it difficult or impossible for larger vehicles, including fire appliances, ambulances, boat deliveries and delivery vans, to pass when cars are parked here.

This creates an unacceptable risk to:

- Residents living along Dell Quay Road
- Visitors accessing the harbor
- Properties requiring urgent emergency response

Double yellow lines would ensure that critical access routes remain open at all times.

Dell Quay Road is widely used by:

- Children, teachers and support staff visiting Chichester Harbour Education Centre
- Walkers accessing Dell Quay

- Cyclists travelling along rural routes
- Visitors heading to the shoreline, the Crown and Anchor Public House, Dell Quay Sailing Club, Dell Quay Fishing Club and local businesses.
- The **West Sussex Transport Plan** supports walking and cycling: "Our strategy is to enable local living by making active travel increasingly realistic and attractive for short distance journeys within existing communities" (paragraph 7.61)

Because the road has no footways, all non-vehicular users must share the space with cars. Parked vehicles create blind spots, forcing pedestrians and cyclists into the live carriageway with reduced visibility. Additional double yellow lines would:

- Improve sightlines (as a section of the proposed new double yellow lines are on a blind bend)
- Reduce the need for road users to step into moving traffic
- Make the route safer for vulnerable road users

The area around Dell Quay Road includes:

- Heritage properties
- Protected landscapes
- Sensitive roadside verges

Vehicles regularly forced parking on the verge cause rutting, soil erosion, and damage to drainage systems. Keeping the area clear of parked vehicles helps protect the character and environmental quality of the conservation area.

During busy periods, particularly weekends and summer months, Dell Quay Road is used for parking by visitors who are visiting the Crown and Anchor Pub and the harbour. The section opposite Apuldram House is an attractive parking spot, however, parking here creates significant road safety hazards.

Extending double yellow lines will:

- Discourage informal verge parking
- Direct visitors to appropriate parking locations
- Reduce unpredictable road obstructions

Installing additional double yellow lines opposite Apuldram House is a proportionate, necessary, and safety-focused measure that will:

- Maintain a clear and safe traffic route
- Improve pedestrian and cyclist safety
- Ensure reliable emergency and service access
- Protect the surrounding environment and heritage setting
- Support the residential and community use of Dell Quay Road

This proposed restriction is strongly supported to ensure the safe and effective use of this well-used rural lane.

Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) – Introduction of Double Yellow Lines Opposite Apuldram House, Dell Quay Road

The proposal introduces additional double yellow lines on a narrow section of Dell Quay Road opposite Apuldram House. The purpose is to:

- Maintain safe two-way traffic flow
- Improve visibility and reduce collision risk
- Protect pedestrian and cyclist safety on a road without pavements
- Ensure uninterrupted access for emergency, boat and brewery deliveries, and service vehicles
- Prevent environmental damage from verge overrun

Assessment Against Protected Characteristics (Equality Act 2010)

Disability

Potential Impacts

- Some disabled residents or visitors who rely on parking close to destinations may have reduced ability to stop in the newly restricted area.
- The absence of footways means disabled pedestrians already face elevated risk; reducing obstructive parking **improves** safety by:
 - Increasing clear sightlines
 - Allowing more predictable vehicle movement

Assessment

Overall impact is considered **neutral to positive**.

While some individuals may need to park slightly further away, the improved safety and accessibility for wheelchair users, those with mobility impairments, and visually impaired pedestrians provides a **net benefit**.

Age (Older and Younger People)

Potential Impacts

- Older residents may need to walk a marginally greater distance to park.
- Families with young children benefit from improved visibility and safer passing points.

Assessment

Impact is **neutral to positive**.

The increased safety outweighs any minor inconvenience in parking distance.

Pregnancy and Maternity

Potential Impacts

- Some pregnant women or parents with prams may need to park slightly further away from their intended destination.
- Reduced verge parking and clearer sightlines improve pedestrian safety for those pushing prams or managing small children.

Assessment

Impact is **neutral to positive**.

Sex (Gender)

Potential Indirect Impacts

- Women are statistically more likely to be primary carers.
- Any increased walking distance could disproportionately affect women accompanying dependents.
- Conversely, safer road edges and fewer obstructions support safer journeys for those caring for children.

Assessment

Impact is **neutral**.

Race, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation, Gender Reassignment, Marriage & Civil Partnership

No evidence suggests any differential impact on these groups.

Impact assessed as **neutral**.

Additional Considerations

Carers (Not a protected characteristic but relevant to EqIA practice)

Carers may benefit from improved access for essential visits because:

- Emergency and service vehicles are less likely to be obstructed
- Clearer road edges mean easier drop-off/pick-up points

Impact: **positive**.

Rurality and Environmental Context

Dell Quay Road sits within a sensitive rural and conservation environment, with limited carriageway width and no footways. The site description confirms the narrow rural character and heritage sensitivity of the area.

Reducing verge damage and parking pressure protects the environment and maintains equal enjoyment of the area for all users.

Impact: **positive**.

Mitigation Measures

To ensure fairness and inclusivity, the following mitigations may be considered:

- Monitor whether Blue Badge holders experience reduced accessibility and adjust if needed.
- Continue to monitor road safety impacts post-implementation.

Overall Equality Impact Conclusion

The introduction of additional double yellow lines opposite Apuldrum House is assessed as having:

- **No negative disproportionate impact** on any protected group
- **Positive impacts** for disabled people, older people, children, and carers due to increased safety
- **Neutral impact** on all remaining protected characteristics.

The proposal supports inclusive access, improves safety for all road users, particularly vulnerable road users, and protects the rural and conservation environment of Dell Quay Road.

Supporting Evidence:

There is the opportunity to upload 5 documents

	Evidence	
Local Residents Support	Evidence to be obtained	draft petition prepared - approval required
Local Businesses Support	Evidence to be obtained	draft petition prepared – approval required
	Education Centre	Obtained
Newsletters	Further articles to be included	20th November 2025
Meetings held with local residents	Chair's Advisory Committee and parish meeting	Minute Number: 21 st May 2026 – XX..26 (X) (add link) 19th March 2026 – CA10.26 (3) (add Link) 8th January 2026 – 10.26 27th November 2025 – CA51.25(3) 2nd October 2025 CA37.25 (3)
Photos	Residents/ Education Centre to provide photos	obtained

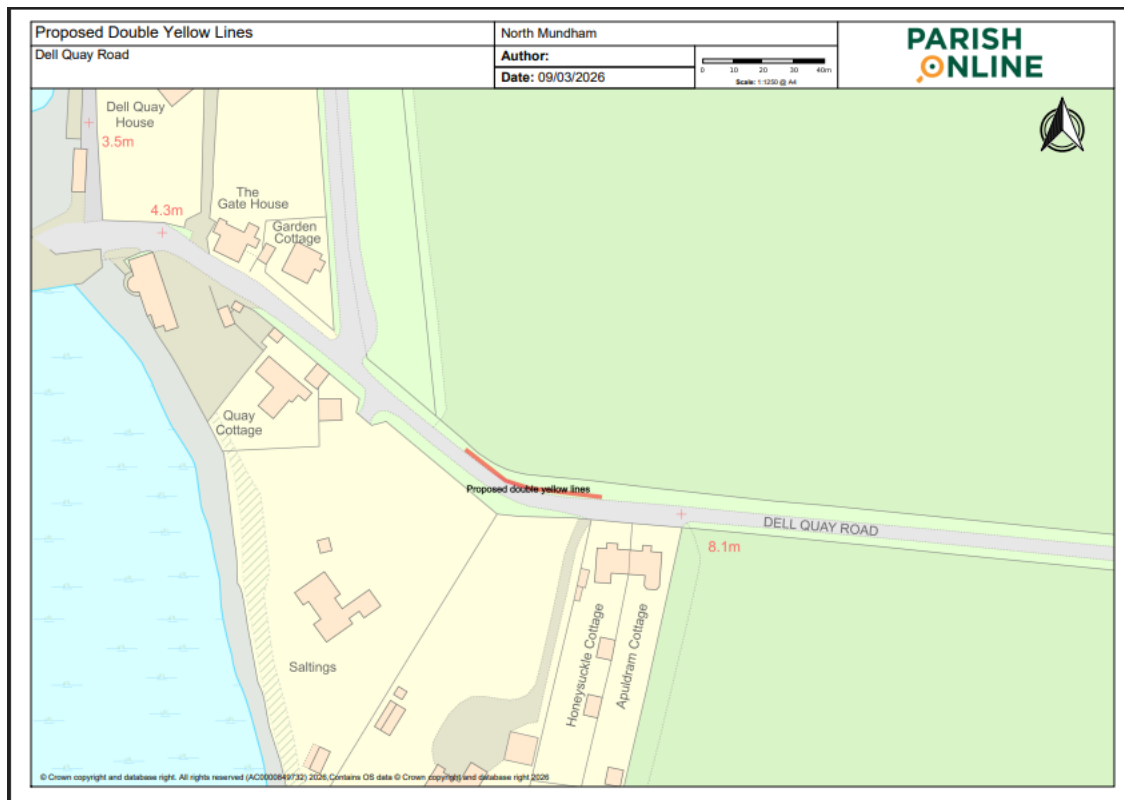


Proposed Petition's

RESIDENTS Petition

Petition to Support the Introduction of Double Yellow Lines Opposite Apuldram House, Dell Quay Road

We, the undersigned, support the proposal to introduce a short stretch of double yellow lines opposite Apuldram House on Dell Quay Road to improve safety, access, and the overall functioning of this narrow rural lane. Persistent parking at this pinch-point repeatedly obstructs two-way traffic, restricts visibility, and prevents emergency, service, and boat delivery vehicles from passing safely. Introducing limited double yellow lines at this location will protect pedestrians and cyclists on a road with no pavements, reduce verge damage, and ensure that Dell Quay Road remains safe and accessible for residents, visitors, and essential services alike.



Key Reasons for Support

- **To maintain safe two-way traffic flow** by preventing parked vehicles from obstructing an already narrow section of the road.
- **To protect emergency, service, and agricultural vehicle access**, ensuring that essential services are not delayed by blocked routes.
- **To improve pedestrian and cyclist safety**, particularly important on a road with no pavements and limited visibility.
- **To reduce verge damage**, preventing further erosion and protecting the local rural and conservation landscape.
- **To discourage unsafe parking by visitors**
- **To support the safe and inclusive use of Dell Quay Road** for residents, visitors, vulnerable road users, and the wider community.

Name	Address (Street + Postcode)	Signature	Date

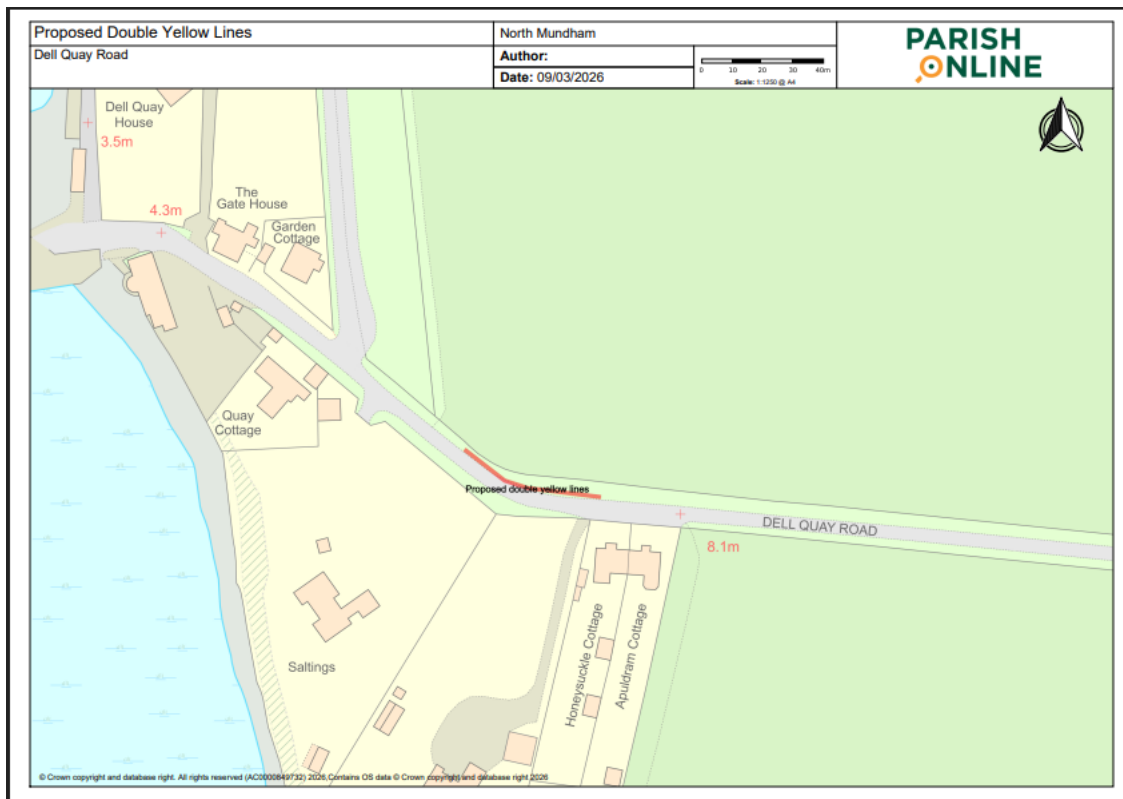
For the safety, accessibility, and protection of our community and environment, we respectfully request that West Sussex County Council implement the proposed double yellow lines opposite Apuldram House. This targeted measure will bring long-term benefits to all road users and help preserve the character and safety of Dell Quay Road for years to come.

Petition prepared and information obtained by Apuldram Parish Meeting

BUSINESS Petition

Petition to Support the Introduction of Double Yellow Lines Opposite Apuldram House, Dell Quay Road

Our business supports the proposal to introduce a short stretch of double yellow lines opposite Apuldram House on Dell Quay Road. The current parking obstruction affects traffic flow, vehicle access, customer safety, and the overall operation of this narrow rural route. This proposal will help maintain safe access for deliveries, emergency vehicles, local workers, and visitors, benefiting the wider business and tourism community.



Key Reasons for Support

- access for deliveries
- safety for customers
- ability of service vehicles to reach premises
- visitor flow and tourism

Business Name	Address (Street + Postcode)	Contact Name & Job Title	Signature

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