

**Debbie Andre's response to questions raised at SC Meeting  
16/09/2024 by Joanne Payne, YRA representative**

**Traffic calming measures for Yaverland Rd:**

Q. Why is the existing Vehicular Activated Sign (VAS) /Speed Indicator Device (SID) by Yaverland carpark not operational?

A. This has been raised with our Powered Apparatus team to investigate and repair.

Q. Could we request pedestrian crossing at the Café (zebra crossing/traffic lights/ or road narrowing's)?

A. This will be placed on the Highways Safety & Improvement Register.

Q. Huge majority of residents putting forward a request for a permanent/fixed Speed Camera - this would definitely stop the speed of some cars who must be doing 80-90mph

A. This would be a matter for H&IW Police.

A meeting is being arranged for a police presentation and opportunity for volunteers to come forward. I'll let you have the details when it's arranged.

Q. Could there be an additional raised section between the middle of the carpark and the Sailing club end (sleeping policeman type resource) as this would stop the cars gaining any speed in the area?

A. Mark Downer, Parking Services Manager will need to jointly discuss the proposal further with Highways, to ascertain if it is an improvement we can pursue. Of course, we would need to consider it against other current commitments and priority works, as well as securing the necessary funding.

I think this is possible subject to funding. I have asked for an estimate of costs and a site visit to look at the options.

Q. When is the grass area going to be locked with the barrier as with wet weather it is an open invitation to 'donut' of a nighttime until the early hours.

A. Unless anybody objects, I will ask the Parking Supervisors to keep the overspill gate closed through the week and only open at weekends. If the weather is due to be wet at the weekend, we can keep it closed.

**Anti-social behaviour/ nuisance driving:**

Q. Close Yaverland parking lot at night - could we have the barriers put across at the Yaverland kiosk end of the carpark at night? It would prevent the 'racers' congregating in there before their loops of Sandown at speed - and also the screeching in the carpark - it would also prevent theft at Yaverland Sailing club at night

A. Again, I can discuss it with Mark. However, my view this may not be practical as someone would have to be responsible for its closing and opening, at a cost. We also have to be mindful that the car park is appropriately used at various times throughout the night and day by the public such as, anglers, wild swimmers, dog walking, boat owners etc. There are also plenty of other car parks, open spaces, streets (including Culver Way) where such drivers could still choose to congregate, therefore it is likely this will only migrate the issue to elsewhere within the vicinity. Therefore, by resolving one issue we may inadvertently create another.

Q. Install CCTV cameras in Yaverland carpark to deter offenders

A. The main barrier to this is the significant expense to cover the purchase, installation/connection and the ongoing management of new CCTV assets.

Ultimately the anti-social behaviour/ nuisance driving is a matter for the police to consider and would be one worth raising via the Community Safety Partnership, to ascertain if it is a hotspot that needs addressing.

I've been in touch again with the Community Safety Partnership who are working closely with the police on this.

### **Parking issues Yaverland Close**

Q. Could the council increase the junction visibility by lengthening the double yellow lines to prevent cars parking so close to the junction itself on Yaverland Close"

A. Increasing DYL length in Yaverland Close would not increase junction visibility onto Meadow Way. The issue raised was about vehicles passing when one is turning in and one trying to turn out. Reviewing the junction could be added to the HSIR.

I have requested a review of this junction.