



The shingle bank consultation was discussed on 28/01/2025 at the Leysdown Parish Council public meeting. The focus was on parking on Shellness Road.

Between the council and residents who were present, there was an even split between banning parking altogether, or bringing in limitations on overnight parking.

The problems are as follows:

1. Safety concerns
2. Human waste
3. Lack of enforcement
4. Abuse of site (ie. Parking vehicles that are used as storage facilities)

Safety concerns

The National speed limit applies on Shellness road, raising grave concerns about safety. Children and other pedestrians emerge from between parked vehicles to access the park and football pitch that are opposites. Parked vehicles themselves are vulnerable, the parking bays immediately adjacent to the road. At least one collision has occurred between a fast moving car and a stationary vehicle.

Considering the speed of the road, no vehicles should be parked there at all. The speed limit would have to be reduced to keep both pedestrians and vehicles safe.

Human waste

Litter pickers and others frequently find human excrement in the site's vicinity. Campers are disposing of human waste, with others using the surrounding area as a toilet.

Charging for overnight parking may attract more responsible people, but there is no guarantee. So long as there are no toilet facilities, or means of disposing of chemical waste from campers, it is unlikely that this problem will go away.

Lack of enforcement

Residents at the public meeting made clear that people routinely abuse the parking bays. Campervans and trailers spread across disabled and other bays, preventing others from using the site. It was also noted that enforcement appears to be non-existent. (image attached below)

The council and residents would require assurances on how this problem could be mitigated. Would ANPR or CCTV help ensure that bays are used correctly? Would parking charges also mean wardens coming to the site more frequently, and be able to fine those abusing the bays?

Other issues

Some, it has been pointed out, are using the site to park vehicles for the expressed purpose of using them as storage facilities. This prevents others from using the site and should not be allowed. Overnight charges with number plate recognition would hopefully eliminate this issue.

Summary

The council and the public in attendance would welcome overnight charges along Shellness Road, if the issues above could be addressed. If not, the preference would be to ban overnight parking altogether.