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**Q2 (<p>Please tell us, in the box below, the reason for your support or objection.</p>)**

this layby is vital to resting points for all users like HGV / PSV before joining the motorway, just because some minor ASB has occurred, deal with the issue, not close vital areas needed for some. The layby is a valuable facility for ALL road users at ALL times of the day and night and should not be surrendered to the occasional ASB of a minority which should be controlled using existing legislation, not by penalising everyone else.

Lorry drivers must have safe places to stop for rest and refreshment. To block lay-bys makes driving more difficult and accidents due to fatigue more likely.

No facility should ever be removed and this lay-by provides a safe harbour without the risk of doors being caught by passing vehicles. If the issue is about pedestrians then that is not a lay-by problem and the lay-by should not become the solution.

The reasons behind the closure for anti social behaviour should be managed by greater police presence. Lay By's are important and should be kept open. I'm assuming that this order would have nothing to do with the proposed lorry park at this junction which surely would cause more. If you closed every road or layby that had ever been subjected to anti social behaviour, we wouldn't have any roads left to use .

This layby is in a good position for drivers to rest ,being close to both M26 and M20. Get a grip. The layby was closed due to the anti-social behaviour coming from motorcycles that frequented the Oakdene Cafe. As far as I am aware, this has closed for good, being replaced with warehouses.

The "Anti Social Behavior" was caused by visitors to the Oakdene Cafe.

The Cafe no longer exists - it's being redeveloped with it's own parking.

Removing the TRO would allow the layby to be used for it's original intended use

Need lorry parking

There is a dire shortage of parking for LGV's in Kent, for both 45 minutes breaks, and daily rest periods. The closure of any facilities only goes to increase the problem. There is a national HGV shortage, and lack of parking is one of the reasons drivers no longer wish to continue working in the industry. KCC need to assist in keeping parking areas open.

Why don't you deal with the problem of a few antisocial individuals head on.

Instead of removing a facility that benefits many.

This sounds like a cowardly cop out way of dealing with a few, who spoil it for the majority

I drive past this location every weekday evening. Anti social behaviour has been dealt with quite effectively by Kent Police. This is now about KCC wishing to remove the ability to park HGVs in what is a non residential area. I object on the basis that the reason for issuing prohibition is not the. This layby has been in continuous use for decades and in that time it has been a great asset to cycling clubs etc to safely meet and prepare to head off into the Kent countryside.

The closure of the asset will lead to these groups meeting in other less suitable locations endangering their wellbeing.

I should like to object to this and furthermore complain about the existing closure. It is profoundly short sighted to remove a really useful facility for parking/resting - surely the answer is to deal with the inappropriate behaviour by a few rather than stop everyone from using the lay by. There is a bit of a trend to close lay by's around the country which leads to more inappropriate lorry parking.

As a resident I have regularly seen the motor bikers gatherings ( which are a bit of a safety issue but otherwise fairly harmless) but now the cafe has closed I would assume this would be less of an issue. Whoever wasted the public money erecting dozens of bollards to block the access to the lay

Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Consultation

We are instructed by Moto Hospitality Limited (Moto), which has an option over land to the west of the layby on the A20 London Road.

Moto have submitted a planning application (local authority reference: 21/02648/OA) to construct a Motorway Truck Stop (the Development) on part of the land, which requires access from the A20 London Road. The layby subject to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) forms part of the highway from which access is required to the Development. We have attached a copy of the proposed site layout plan as submitted to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.

As evidenced in the attached document, it is clear that the common boundary between the highway and the Development is required as part of the access to the Development, and therefore will be subject to relevant Highway Orders once planning permission is granted to enable access to the Development to be constructed. In undertaking the relevant highways works to enable access to the Development, some of the existing layby will be removed and replaced with a roundabout. The remainder of the land will be utilised for an upgrade to the existing A20 carriageway or restored to highway verge.

It appears that Kent County Council's (KCC) primary objective in closing the layby is to prevent anti-social behaviour in the local area which results from the congregation of vehicles in this location. Moto understand that this is mainly motorbikes, and their congregation was mainly associated with the use of the building on the east side of the A20 known as the Oakdene Café. That Café has now shut and the site redeveloped for business/light industrial use. The reason for the TRO being promoted is quoted on the KCC website and is as follows:

Kent Police have no specific observations to make regarding this layby closing restriction proposal, however in general terms we would expect the following:

- The application meets the necessary criteria
- The introduction or removal of Parking restrictions complies in all respect with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016
- The introduction of such measures will not leave the Police with the task of carrying out constant enforcement issues
- The safety of other road users is not compromised by the introduction of these measures

Civil Parking Enforcement will require Local Authority to ensure resources are available to enforce these proposals.

Use of this layby by motorcyclists in particular has become not only anti social but dangerous. We have on more than one occasion been forced to take evasive action as quadbikes/motorcycles have been driven at high speed and without due care and attention for other road users.

We use this road everyday and there's always something going on late at night

Having driven past this area when motorbikes have used it as a meeting place / racetrack it would be good to have these restrictions.

I support the restriction of anti-social behaviour.

Feel it is appropriate to keep bug trucks out of the lay-bys which are in a community.

Wrotham Parish Council has been campaigning on behalf of local resident's for the closure of this layby for decades.