

To: Roy Thompson DCO

From: Andrew Butler CR

RE: Notes from meeting with MCC 8/4/21 re: plan to formalise car park at mornington.

Present on zoom call. Loreto Guinan (heritage), Christy Clarke (area engineer), Bernadine Carry (environment), David Keyes (environment engineer), Caroline Clarke (?), Roy Thompson, Andrew Butler.

Absent. Larry Whelan

L.G.

Context – increased pressure on coast and designated sites. Climate change & recreation.

C.Ce. & B.C. recapped previous meeting on site.

Plan to put car park within footprint of current informal area.

Use of bollards to prevent further access.

C.C. showed map of plan for formal car park.

We had not seen plans previous to meeting.

R.T on site meeting we agreed any formal car park should be within current footprint.

Much of parking to south, outside barrier is outside SAC and removal of sea buckthorn inside or outside designated site is a positive.

R.T. and A.B need to look at plan map on site to assess but proposal looks reasonable.

Volume of traffic will be greater than what will be provided, what is MCC plan to deal with this?

D.K. Highlighted parking plan as part of MCC Beach Management Plan, both temporary and longer term in Bettystown area. D.K. showed maps. During summer months (use of school grounds) about 400 spaces but hope to increase to 800-1000 in future.

Currently small area of parking on beach for disabled spaces. Hopeful to buy Burrows Hall for disabled parking in future.

No specific look at new car park at Mornington end other to current within footprint plan.

R.T. Acknowledge that the proposal looks extensive and should alleviate pressure from prevention of cars parking on beach.

- B. C. Vote on permanent stopping of vehicle parking on beach possible as soon as next week. Feeling is it will be carried. Large local support.
- R.T. NPWS welcomes removal of vehicles from the beach.
Does local support for no cars on beach look for alternative parking?
- B.C. About 400 submissions, even those on Golf links Road who get trapped by cars parking at their houses 10-15 days/yr are in favour of no cars on beach.
- L.G. Re Mornington – regularising rather than increasing car park to prevent erosion.
Local groups looking to do something to stop coastal erosion.
- R.T. Coastal erosion needs to be done at a higher level. E.g. of one house without permission with rock armour- just pushes the problem along the coast. Therefore needs to be a much larger scale approach with multiple L.A.s and NPWS EAU, managers etc.
- Caroline. From funding point, larger projects can get funding from E.U. Larry is on working group with all other councils with coasts to push this forward.
- A.B. New boat house owner made contact with NPWS re resolving the issue along with the site owner, he stated they had sent an email to MCC re a carpark.
- B.C. The email stated MCC should buy 20ha of SAC and build a car park.
- B.C. & D.K. MCC not interested in that proposal. Do NPWS propose they buy footprint?
- A.B. NPWS can't request MCC buy lands, but if they did buy the footprint it may resolve an issue.
- L.G. Re Mornington car park. What is next step? Bettystown boardwalk?
- R.T. Our interest is within designated sites and if proposal outside which benefits the site.
First find agreement on plan within footprint. Crucial part is blocking access passed the car park.
R.T. and A.B meet on site with maps to assess, meet MCC re any questions. Send info up to EAU and Regional MGMT.
NPWS supportive of proposal at Bettystown re repairing boardwalk.
- L.G. Will send on more detailed proposal re these works.
- C.C. Golf links Road to get yellow lines soon. This will put pressure on other parking sites including Mornington.
- R.T. We all recognise that as long as we are moving towards a solution that short term pains will be part of that.
Will ask Regional MGMT re any money towards the project.
How much would plan cost.
- C.C. Rough ball park 250k for both car parks, not including buying any property.

Next meeting after R.T and A.B meet on site and pass any questions about the plans by C.C for clarification. Following that will send proposal to Regional MGMT and EAU. When we have our answer can arrange a NPWS & MCC meeting.