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Dear Emsworth Business,

I hope you are safe and well after the last 3 months of strange, unprecedented times and that if you have not been able to open due to lockdown, you are now able to re-open and begin to pick up the pieces and welcome back local residents and visitors. I know some of the essential shops on the High Street have been able to continue trading throughout “lockdown” and this has really helped keep the community positive about the future of their High Street and of course, looked after.

I am sure you are aware that lockdown is slowly easing and there are more people coming into Emsworth to shop and there is also now an increasing number of visitors, particularly at week-ends.

In order to maintain safe distancing and protect everyone as part of the post COVID 19 recovery measures, Hampshire County Council and Havant Borough Council have carried out assessments of Emsworth, looking particularly at the width of pavements with regards to the 2 metre distancing. The following changes will be brought into effect by the end of the week and next week for the foreseeable future but will be reassessed as government guidelines change.

High Street: The south side from West Street to St Peters Square will have barriers in the carriageway to add width to footway for social distancing. The footway will also need to have less street displays in order for the 2 metre safe distance to be established

High Street: The lay-by outside The Crown and Costa will be closed off

St Peters Square: The west side of the Square with northbound traffic outside the church will be closed and two-way traffic will run on the east side with 5 parking bays suspended and barriers erected to allow social distancing on the pavement outside the shops such as Damar, Citrus flowers etc., There is an option to create 2 disabled parking spaces on the east side of the Square to replace the 2 lost from the lay-by outside the church once that side of the Square closes.

Other shops that often see queues outside such as The Old Pharmacy (High Street / Queen Street: will be asked if their customers can form an external queue in King Street to allow extra space on footway at corner outside pharmacy. Sitting on the wall outside will be discouraged.
In the North Street, shops will be asked to remove on-street displays, A boards etc. to maximise width of footway for queuing and social distancing

Guidance for these measures can be found
at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/hantscovidtravel>

In addition to these measures for traffic and safe distancing on pavements and walkways, there will be additional signage throughout the village about the new arrangements and also asking for “20 is Plenty” speed limit particularly around the High Street and South Street area

If you have any questions about these measures, please contact me on 07811 936487 or email lulu.bowerman@gmail.com

Kind regards

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