

Lacey Green Statutory Consultation
Online Responses

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Given the opportunity to drop children at 8-8.30 am at the village hall / smalldean lane and walk with volunteers to school I can see many parents willingly agreeing and also volunteering to help. However if the administration involved is prohibitive then a scheme like this would never get off the ground.

Until there is an alternative solution at the Naphill end of the village just adding yellow lines is not helping anyone and we'll be back again in a few year with further complaints from the other end of the village about the volume of cars parking and turning around in their driveways!!

Please also note that in the mornings the village hall car park is often at capacity and so cannot sustain further vehicles.

Further thought need to be taken about the parking situation. It will not be resolved by simply putting yellow lines on the road. Another solution needs to be sought.

We have tried to put a walking crocodile in place but there is such burocracy that parents have been unable to get it underway.

Both the pub and village hall car parks are regularly full at drop off, and particularly pick up times already so further capacity elsewhere needs to be created.

I live * houses away from the school and witness the traffic issues twice a day just like an ocean tide. In addition to the parking issues, a traffic slowing / calming measure needs to be introduced to reduce the risk of a fatal accident occurring with cars entering the village from Walters Ash at high speed when parked cars are present as well as children. This is more urgent than the parking issue.

All proposals (apart from the school keep clear markings) won't solve or alleviate the parking issues during school drop off and pick up.

It would be interesting to see if this goes ahead- interesting to perhaps the larger newspapers who I'm sure would be happy to come and photograph struggling parents with

small children exiting on a 60mph road. I believe it so utterly disgusting that this has already come so far without 1 single thought for the safety of our local children.

Speed cameras at both ends of the village desperately required.

Thank you for considering my comments. Restrictions are needed.

As a direct neighbour of the school (Virginia Cottage), I am first very disappointed that we were not included in the initial discussions regarding this matter. However, I do understand that there would be benefit of having some restrictions in place to help with traffic during school times.

I thoroughly oppose the double yellow line proposal and believe a 'no waiting during 8am-10am and 2pm-4pm Mon-Fri' would take into consideration the needs of us as the residents who do not have large driveways as well as meet the needs of traffic calming around the school.

Traffic speeds through the village. I would estimate as little as 10% stick to the speed limit, most do 40mph but some idiots go even faster. You will have evidence of this from the electronic speed reminders you use instead of police.

At this end of the Village cars are entering at 60+mph just where children are crossing at the end of the pavement outside Grymsdyke. Parked vehicles slow them down and I'm not aware of any accidents involving children. Inconvenient but it all gets through.

There will be little or no enforcement. Parents will drive by looking for a warden and park accordingly.

The only answer I see is a school bay on the East side of the road South of Grymsdyke . Straight road, good visibility with extended 40mph. Most drivers respond to kids moving around. Or buy a section of the field for a car park. Too much money? But at least it won't be wasted .

A radical decision is required soon. Too much dithering for far too long!

Dear Sir/Madam

You aim of improving safety and reducing hazardous parking from St John's primary school traffic is laudable. I do have concerns however, that your proposal will simply move the primary school traffic into other areas of the village where parking is still permitted.

This is a real concern for the location of our home: ***** (just off Maid Road) HP27 *** (Please note that on your maps FW51, FX50 and FY50, you have our house named as *****, which ceased to be its name in the early ****). Please find its position on this link:

As parking regulations are currently, we occasionally have cars (during primary school pick-up time) parked dangerously at the entrance/exit of Idle Corner. This is not a daily occurrence at present as parents try to park nearer to the location of the primary school.

However, by making the changes you propose, inevitably our home/Idle corner will become a favourite location for primary school parking. As a result, we will suffer the difficulties and hazards currently experienced by residents who live even nearer to the school. As stated at the start of my representation, your aim is a noble one. As it currently stands however, it will not succeed in its aims.

I would be most grateful if Idle Corner entrance/exit, could be added to your proposal, to have double yellow lines.

Yours sincerely

I have not previously been involved in any discussion about this problem, having only recently moved to the village. My suggestion would be to open a one-way system for cars, entering next to the school, going past the staff car park and the cricket pavilion, skirting round the edge of the recreation ground and exiting into Slad Lane. This would enable a safe drop-off / pick up point for all children, as they could go directly into the school. There could be gates to be opened only at the start and finish of the school day, to prevent traffic using the track at any other time.

I expect others have thought of this! My view is that this would prioritise the safety of children and all road users, without a significant impact on the recreation ground.

If you're not careful a serious accident will happen all because you can't be bothered to go and sort out the problem.

I am slightly worried that with so many restrictions along the main road, parents dropping children off will struggle to park at all. The school is essential to the village community and I worry that overly-stringent parking restrictions could discourage people from outside the village applying to the school. The school is already struggling to fill all of its places.

I really feel that the school needs to take responsibility and support actions to alleviate traffic. Perhaps staggered drop off and collection times? Or drop off only with teachers waiting outside in a designated drop off area. Or making it compulsory for parents to park at the village hall and then walk...

I have added all of my comments in the earlier section, that I feel should be considered.

Finally, some points for consideration:

- 1) Enforce the current speed limit through the village.
- 2) Regularly prosecute those parking dangerously and causing obstruction, particularly those parking on the blind bend leaving the village towards Naphill.
- 3) Regularly remind drivers, including professional coach drivers serving St John's school, that parking "the wrong way around" involves driving intentionally on the wrong

side of the road twice and that rear lights appear forward and vice versa, a particularly dangerous hazard in winter.

I would make the general point that providing 5 separate plans, with Main Road practically off the edge of the page on 3 of those, made studying the proposals unnecessarily difficult. Appreciate the "tile" system but a 1-pager here would have given more clarity.

A schools are busy at pick ups and drop offs. As a teacher I've experienced it in different areas, it's always the same. Locals need to accept it and avoid the road at school times if they don't like it!

Painting a few lines to move the problem will not help in the long run. It is great that the safety of everyone is being looked at but what is needed is a proper solution. Unfortunately a solution in this case needs funding and until that happens the problem will continue albeit in a slightly different guise.

Some schools have lolipop ladies / men, why can't St Johns have a council funded walking crocodile leader. Drop off at the village hall / pub to walk down to school.

Staffed drop of zone from 8:30 am, this works at many other schools with worse roads and school access. Unfortunately these options cost money! Funding will help.

i would suggest that some of the recent 'issues' reported which promoted the review have been due to the pandemic period and that time is given to see if softer measures can be reviewed. this school and road are unchanged for decades so this is not a new issue other than the failure of planning to provide more local family dwellings such that pupils do not have to come from such a large catchment area

The safety of children should be the biggest consideration!

Speed and enforcement more needs to be done

Thank you for acting on what has become a worrying safety issue.

Unfortunately it has become necessary for formal marking as repeated attempts to resolve the parking problem with discussion and offering other options has not altered practice.

The village has capacity to provide alternative parking for those currently using these unsafe areas.

The result will hopefully be safer parking practice and children walking a little more.

If parents would be more considerate and park properly this wouldn't be a problem. Parents could park in the village hall (off the main road) and walk their children to the school. Good for the environment and good for the child.

This issue is not about parents driving their children to school, which is an acceptable aspect of school life, it is about safety. Unfortunately, the lack of road markings encourages poor behaviour and dangerous parking, which impacts all those living around the school and using the road during peak times. This is primarily an issue associated with drop off, pick up and large school events. Understandably, residents living further into the village are worried about the new road markings and parking moving back into the village, however there is a genuine concern that the parking on the blind bend, exit from Slad Lane and National Speed limit will result in a fatality. There are regular small collisions due to driver frustration and for those pedestrians crossing the road to walk towards Naphill it is incredibly dangerous, due to reduced visibility.

Please see previous comments.

The current parking provision for school drop offs and pick ups is standard for a school in this type of rural location. A large number of parents need to drive to school and require parking close by. There is no need for the local council to be involved or for changes to be made.

Just stop trying to make money from parents with fines. Most parents park responsibly but those that don't are the ones that sit on your bumper because you are going the speed limit. The road is fine as it is and is totally passable. I do it daily and never have a problem. Maybe a sign saying "big vehicle approaching, you might not want to plough in and block everything up". NO YELLOW LINES

The solution is for the school to be for village kids +Speen. School is too popular creating too many kids coming from outside the area. End result is more car miles and more pollution. Let's get real about climate change.

Just worried about how the general availability of car parking is going to be for the rest of the ref.

Unfortunately more formal parking control measures have become necessary as drivers have lost sight of the danger they are placing other road users in. Highlighting the dangers and requests to park elsewhere has not changed anything.

If after consultation the proposed double yellow lines do go ahead. Can they please not cover driveways on Kiln Lane.
