

**LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH COUNCIL****Subject: Potential Church Road Traffic Regulation Order****Date:** 10/03/2022**Author:** Nick Baker**1. Report Summary**

- 1.1 219 responses were received to the informal consultation carried out by the parish council including 163 local residents and 46 school parents. Sixty percent agreed or strongly agreed with the proposed no traffic restrictions as set out in the consultation documents. 18% strongly disagreed. There was strong support from residents of Elm Close and Bishops Mead for those roads to be included in the regulation by the extension of the single yellow line.
- 1.2 This report recommends that the Parish Council carries out further consultation with the residents of Elm Close and Bishops Mead by means of a leaflet with opportunity to respond and that the Parish Council recommends to Wiltshire Council that an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order should be put in place covering the area originally proposed (and Elm Close and Bishops Mead subject to the results of the further consultation). This experimental order would last for up to 18 months and allow us to evaluate the impact of the traffic regulation order and whether it needed extending before making it permanent.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Traffic problems on Church Road related to journeys to the school have been a long standing issue in Laverstock. Key issues have been congestion, dangerous driving on pavements due to one side of the road being blocked by parked cars, pollution from idling vehicles and drives and access to nearby closes being blocked.
- 2.2 Since September 2020 a working party has been meeting where the schools, the parish council, Wiltshire Council and the police have met to look at the issue. We have looked at ways to promote alternative methods of travel as well as how traffic in the village can be better managed.
- 2.3 At the end of 2021 the Wiltshire Council Highways Engineer produced a set of plans for traffic restrictions based around a two hour no-waiting period from 2-4pm (when the issues are most severe) marked by single yellow lines from just before Bishops Mead to the junction with the Green. In addition there would be double yellow lines on the junctions with Elm Close and Bishops Mead and the entrance to the Bishopdown

Path. A public consultation was carried out using Microsoft Forms and was publicised on Social Media, through the Salisbury Journal and in the Parish Newsletter. The opportunity to write or email in was also provided and Ian McLennan also did some leafleting on a personal basis and gathered a few further written responses.

- 2.4 Copies of the drawings showing the exact details of the regulations and a spreadsheet showing all the responses to the survey can be found here. [Church Road Traffic](#)
- 2.5 Microsoft Forms is part of our new Office 365 is part of our new computer package and has proved a very effective way of carrying out a consultation. I am very happy to give some help to any officers or councillors who would like to learn how to use it.

### 3. Consultation Responses

NB three additional responses were received after this summary was produced.

#### 216 Responses, 162 of whom were local residents

##### 1. Please let us know why you are filling out this survey

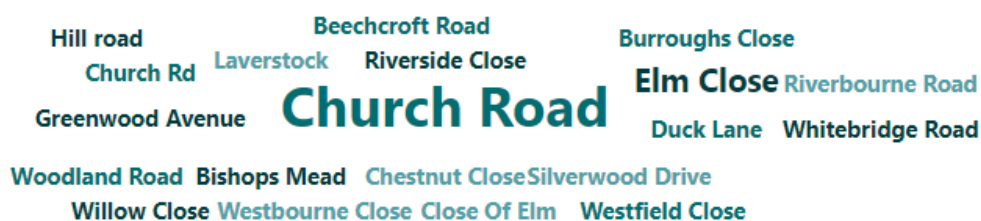
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<span style="color: blue;">●</span> A resident of Laverstock?	162
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> A parent of a Laverstock scho...	46
<span style="color: green;">●</span> A member of school staff	4
<span style="color: red;">●</span> Other	19



#### 38 People Responded from Church Road Itself

38 respondents (23%) answered **Church Road** for this question.



There was a clear majority agreeing with no waiting restrictions, but 18% strongly disagreed

3. Do you think that the proposed no loading and no waiting restriction (single yellow line) on Church Road from Bishop's Mead to The Green between 2pm and 4pm will make a worthwhile contribution to reducing the traffic problems in the area?

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Strongly agree	92
Agree	39
Not sure	21
Disagree	26
Strongly Disagree	40

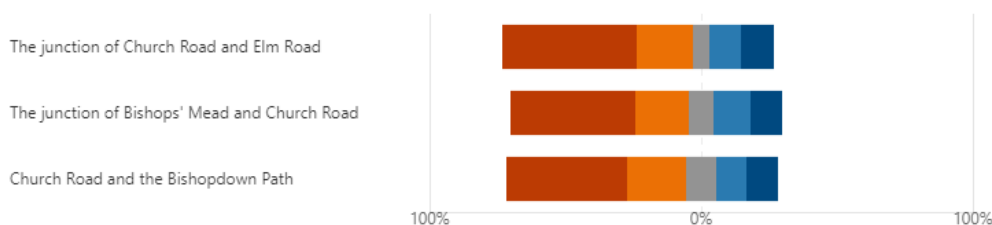


### There was strong support for double yellow lines on the junctions with Elm Road, Bishop's Mead and at the Entrance to the Bishopdown Path

Do you agree that the No Waiting at any time (double yellow lines) in the following areas will help reduce traffic problems.

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Strongly Agree Agree Not Sure Disagree Strongly Disagree

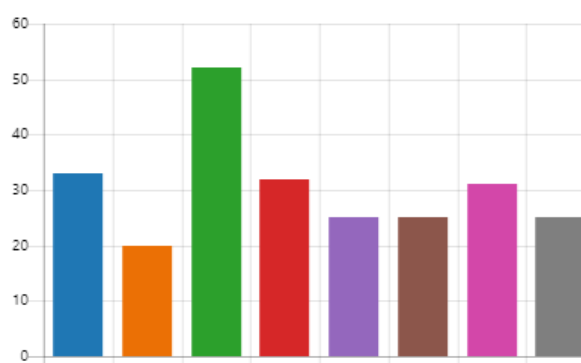


There was a small majority for not extending waiting restrictions further, but within that particularly strong support from the residents of two of the roads affected. In Elm Close where 19 out of 24 respondents favoured the whole close being covered and one more asked for the restrictions to come further down the close, but not all of the way. In Bishop's Mead 8 out of 11 respondents wanted the whole road to be covered and one wanted one side but not the other.

Which other areas would you like to see covered by no waiting and no loading restrictions between 2pm and 4pm

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The Green	33
Riverside Close	20
All of Elm Close	52
All of Woodland Way	32
Dalewood Rise	25
Silverwood Drive	25
All of Bishop's Mead	31
Other	25



There was reasonably strong support for the 2-4pm timing

Do you think 2-4pm is the right time restriction for no loading and no waiting?

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● Yes	124
● No	76
● Not Sure	18



What time restriction would you like to see used?

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*"to also cover the morning school drop-off times when the roads become imp..."*

#### 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That the parish council should carry out a further specific consultation in Elm Close and Bishops Mead about whether single yellow lines should be extended throughout the closes introducing the no waiting restriction from 2-4pm. This should include a simple reply slip or the option of replying by email and have a one week response period.
- 4.2 The Parish Council should write to Wiltshire Council requesting the traffic restrictions proposed by the Highways Engineer should be introduced for as an experimental traffic regulation order (ETRO) for a period of up to eighteen months. Subject to a clear majority of respondents in Elm Close and/or Bishops Mead responding positively to the survey the Parish Council should request that the ETRO should be extended to cover these roads.
- 4.3 The Parish Council and the other parties to the working group should monitor the impact of the ETRO and carry out a further consultation after a year of operation to review whether it should be retained, and if so whether there has been an impact on any roads beyond the area covered and if so whether it should be extended to cover them.