

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

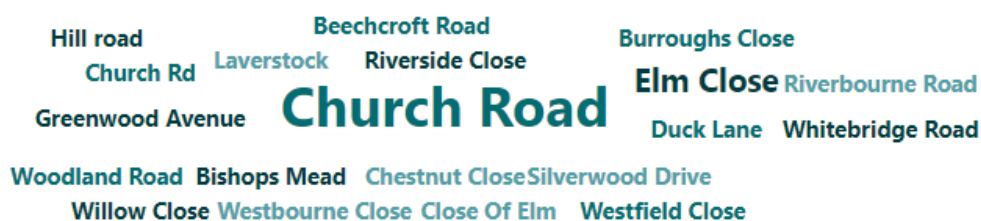
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● A resident of Laverstock?	162
● A parent of a Laverstock scho...	46
● A member of school staff	4
● Other	19



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

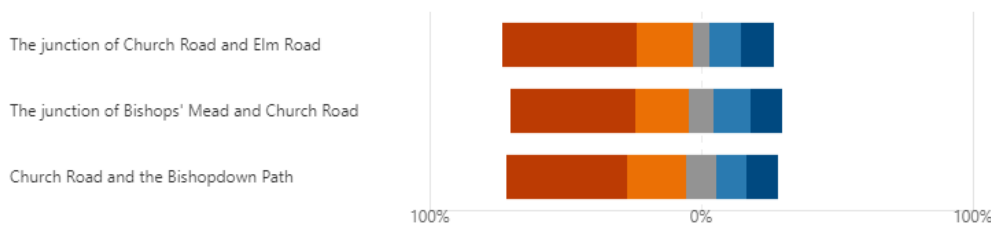


There was strong support for double yellow lines on the junctions with Elm Road, Bishop's Mead and at the Entrance to the Bishopdown Path

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

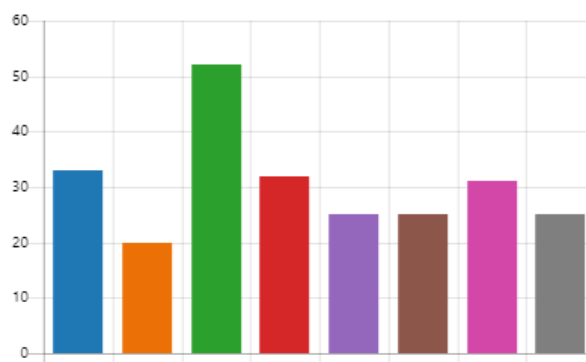


There was a small majority for not extending waiting restrictions further, but within that particularly strong support from the residents of two of the roads affected. In Elm Close where 19 out of 24 respondents favoured the whole close being covered and one more asked for the restrictions to come further 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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Insights

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Responses

Latest Responses

"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.

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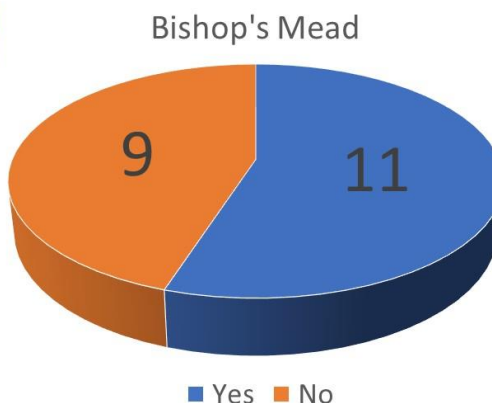
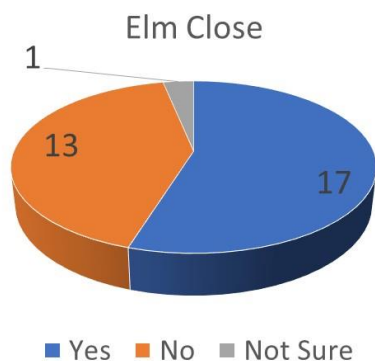
1.1 Further consultation has been carried out with the residents of Elm Close and Bishop's Mead following strong support from the respondents to the initial survey for the traffic regulations to be extended to these roads. There was a much smaller majority for extending the regulations following the survey and this report recommends a partial extension to Elm Close and a "watch and wait" approach to Bishop's Mead with no immediate extension of the regulations.

2. Background

2.1 At last month's meeting the Parish Council considered [Report 22.045](#) and agreed to recommend to Wiltshire Council the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for Church Road. See that report for details. The order will be experimental allowing monitoring of the impact before a permanent decision is taken

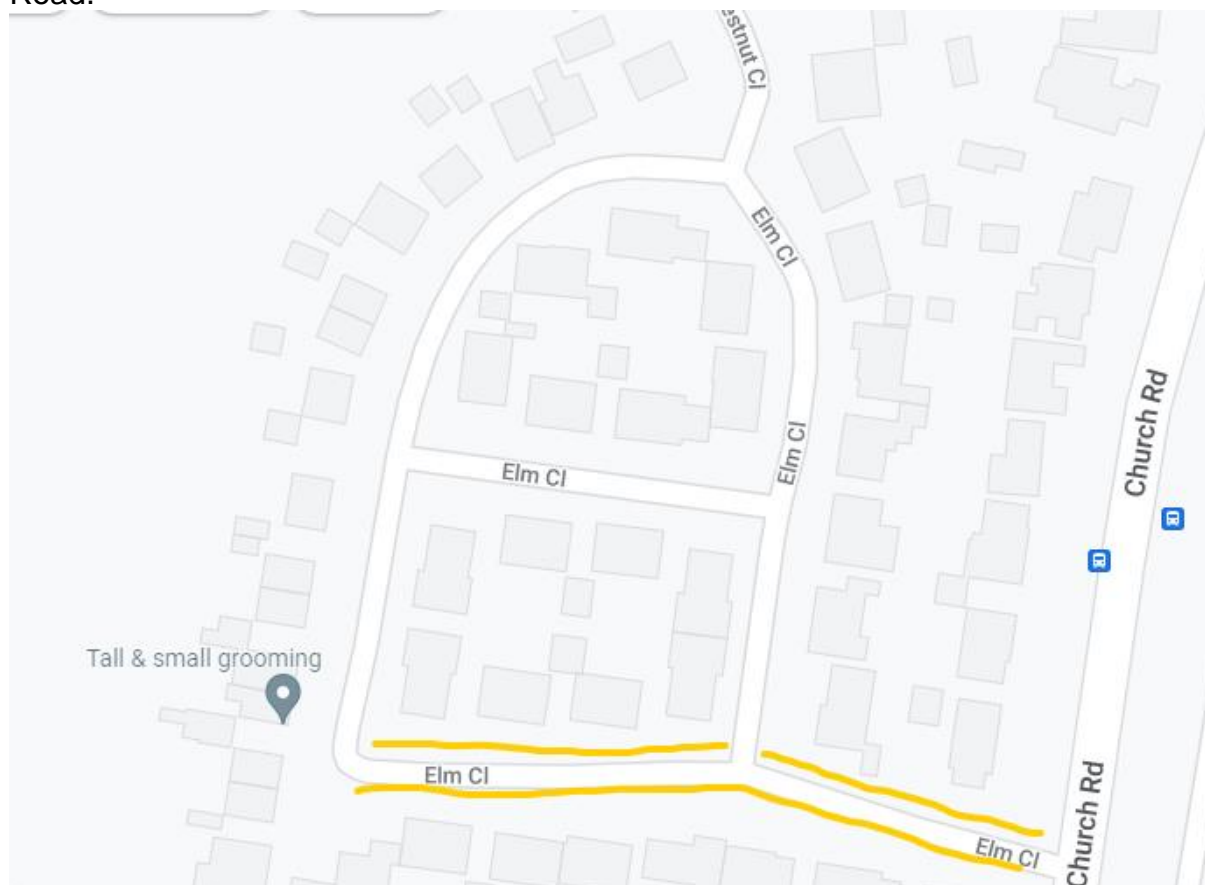
2.2 The consultation which was carried out in the run up to that meeting showed strong support from residents in Elm Close and Bishop's Mead who had completed the survey for the regulations to be extended to those roads. The Parish Council therefore agreed to put a short additional survey through every letterbox on these roads to ensure that they had been consulted and had the opportunity to contribute.

3. Consultation Responses and Further Discussions



Should the Single Yellow lines preventing parking and loading/waiting from 2-4pm be extended to these roads?

- 3.2 There is stronger support in Elm Close for an extension of the traffic regulations, and most houses have large drives and so residents are less likely to experience issues with their own cars. The Wiltshire Council Highway's Engineer has suggested that a first step could be to extend the single yellow line along the length of Elm Close visible from Church Road.



- 3.3 Although there was a small majority in favour of extending the regulations to Bishop's Mead, several residents have spoken strongly about the problems they would experience. Houses in this road often have smaller drives and residents sometimes rely on having a car on the pavement and are concerned the regulation could be a source of inconvenience.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That Wiltshire Highways are requested to extend the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to Elm Close, either in full or in the area suggested by the highways engineer.
- 4.2 That no request should be made in relation to Bishop's Mead, but that the impact of the experimental regulation on this road be carefully monitored, and further consultation carried out if necessary to see whether a clearer consensus has emerged after the effects of the regulation have become clear.