

Response from Mrs. Karen Walker, Headteacher, St. Andrew's School



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Dear Mr Gardner

LAVERSTOCK TO CITY CENTRE CYCLE FACILITIES

Thank you for your letter of 28 October.

St Andrew's is a primary school and it is unlikely that our pupils will make much use of the proposed cycle facilities going to and from school. There are concerns regarding parking outside the school when parents collect their young children in the afternoon as this would cover part of the cycleway at a time when students from the secondary schools would be leaving.

In the morning, parking outside school would reduce the road width and create a potential hazard to any students using the cycleway.

What would the situation be regarding parking over the cycleway? The problem would also arise for people attending St Andrew's church.

Whilst understanding the wish to create a cycleway, both from the point of view of health promotion and easing congestion, we are not convinced that parents and students will see the proposal as providing sufficient protection to them if they wish to use their cycles. Bearing in mind current practice, the driving public would require considerable training to make the system workable. If congestion from school traffic is reduced, more drivers en route to town will come through the village. They may not show the same care and regard for young children as the parents of the school students.

We hope further consideration will be given before the decision as to whether or not to proceed is made.

Yours sincerely

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