

OBJECTIONS

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1	<p>Cllr Trevor Carbin comments that he has discussed the proposals with the majority of School Lane residents. There is strong opposition to the proposal as it stands.</p> <p>School Lane is a narrow cul-de-sac with three schools. Although usually quiet and peaceful it gets very hectic at the morning and afternoon school times, with smaller peaks at the pre-school, where children arrive and leave at different times.</p> <p>There is no objection to the principle of advisory crossing places, nor to the existence of parking restrictions at school times only.</p> <p>Permanent restrictions would create problems of displacement and of unnecessary inconvenience to residents. This in turn might generate on-going parking problems which the council would be called on to resolve.</p> <p>Solutions which would be in tune with the wishes of residents are to retain the crossing points with restrictions marked by single yellow lines and timing plates, with times of operation to coincide with the morning and afternoon school times; or retain the crossing points without parking restrictions, but with signage asking drivers to keep the area clear.</p>		<p>Staverton Primary School is expanding and making progress with promoting “Park and Stride” areas to school. This includes the use of the Staverton Club car park, the car park off Cottles Barton, as well as maintaining the use of the school car park. This should help ease congestion along School Lane at peak times.</p> <p>It is accepted that the crossing points should be retained and to apply time restricted no waiting rather than no waiting at any time. This should free the areas for residents to park when required outside of school start and finish times.</p> <p>It is not possible for the restrictions to apply to term times only as the Traffic Signs Manual, Chapter 5, prevents restrictions identifying times of the year. Term times regularly change for schools and so this could be confusing for drivers and unenforceable.</p> <p>The compromise for residents would be to prohibit parking “Monday - Friday 8.30 am - 9.30 am and 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm”. This would allow residents to park during the day, at evenings and weekends.</p>
2	<p>We are concerned that no waiting restrictions outside Nos. 75 and 76 will cause more parking congestion outside the other properties.</p> <p>The problems peak at 8:40 – 9 am and 2:45 to 3:10 pm on school days. Outside No. 74 much of the parking congestion is caused by parents accessing the Emmaus School.</p> <p>Parents often block our driveway. We are concerned that the no waiting</p>		<p>Please see comments above to Ref. 1.</p> <p>In addition to the waiting restrictions, it is proposed to mark white bar markings across the driveways of the properties along School Lane to deter inconsiderate parking across driveways.</p>

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	<p>restriction will increase this problem.</p> <p>We are also concerned that these no waiting restrictions will apply all the time, whereas the problem only occurs around school start and end times, in term time. Outside of these times there is no particular problem.</p> <p>Could the option of a peak time only restriction be considered, so that the restriction is not applied when it is not necessary?</p>		
3	<p>We understand the need for this proposal as at school times the parking is very congested and chaotic. What we do not understand, or agree with, is the need for no parking at any time, why is this necessary?</p> <p>We think this proposal is very unfair to residents and their visitors who would like to park their vehicles close to their houses. Some people are elderly and visitors disabled. May we suggest restrictions to apply only during school hours and term times.</p> <p>Secondly why is there no proposal for yellow lines at the junction of School Lane with the B3105. Cars are always parked on this junction (at school times) outside the Emmaus School.</p> <p>In conclusion whilst we agree there is a need for no parking during school hours, we strongly object to no waiting at any time restrictions. There is not a problem at any other time other than at 8.45 am and 3.00 pm during term time.</p>		<p>See comments to Ref.1.</p> <p>There are no proposals for waiting restrictions at the junction of School Lane and the B3105 because the Highway Code states vehicles should not park within 10 metres of a junction.</p> <p>There are no proposals at this time to implement waiting restrictions on the junction of the B3105. However, this will be highlighted to the local Community Police Officer who can identify if a further need for waiting restrictions is required. This will be dealt with at a later date.</p>
4	<p>The restriction will impede on the freedom of residents and their visitors to park their vehicles close to their houses at times convenient to the residents.</p> <p>The current expansion of the school is a problem that has been created not by residents and to penalise them even further is totally unacceptable. May residents recognise the current problem and selectively avoid, where possible,</p>		<p>See comments to Ref. 1 and 2.</p>

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	<p>driving up and down School Lane at school times, to ease the problem.</p> <p>Proposed scheme will “clog up” School Lane even further at other pressure points and will create more problems and danger elsewhere in School Lane.</p> <p>We recognise the dropping off/parking is a problem, and has been reasonably self regulated in the past, it seems unnecessary to make a formal arrangement of such draconian magnitude (i.e. 24 hrs a day, 365 days a year) when the difficulty only exists at school times only.</p> <p>If the Council consider a restriction to be really necessary for the safety of the children then this should be applicable at school times and not a blanket ban on parking. We wish to find a solution that is acceptable to all parties, whilst inconveniencing people as little as possible, and whilst maintaining the safety of all users of School Lane.</p>		
5	<p>We would like to object to proposals for parking restrictions in School Lane.</p> <p>We are elderly and need parking available by the house. This proposal bans parking totally and is unnecessary because parking is not an issue most of the time, except at school times and in term time.</p> <p>This proposal is unacceptable as it affects the residents of School Lane adversely.</p>		See comments to Ref. 1
6	<p>Objecting to proposals for “no waiting at any time” restrictions in our village lane.</p> <p>The problems are caused by traffic during school drop off and pick up.</p> <p>It seems very unjust to penalise the residents for the issues caused by a school that was built long after the houses and most of the residents were here.</p>		<p>See comments to Ref. 1</p> <p>It is noted that No. 85 School Lane does not have a driveway; therefore, the restrictions will end at the boundary of Nos. 84 and 85 School Lane.</p>

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	<p>No. 85 School Lane is the only house without a driveway.</p> <p>If you enforce the proposal, residents will not be able to park outside their own properties. This is not at all fair, especially for the elderly and those with young children.</p> <p>It would be far more sensible to have residents parking only / permits or simply leave it as it is.</p> <p>If the proposal is to go ahead, at least ensure that the restriction stops at the No. 84/85 divide, as No. 85 is the only house without a driveway.</p>		
7	<p>Headteacher of Emmaus Primary School commented as follows:</p> <p>Regarding the proposed parking restrictions in School Lane, Emmaus School is concerned that these restrictions will exacerbate the current congestion and parking problems from the junction of School Lane with the main road down to Nestlings Playgroup and will, therefore, compromise the safety of parents and children.</p> <p>It is also a matter of concern that Staverton School's Park and Stride scheme may also indirectly exacerbate the existing problems. I have ascertained from the Headteacher of Staverton School that there will be nothing to prevent their parents parking in School Lane instead of using the Park and Stride scheme, especially in bad weather. This in turn will make it even more difficult for parents to park while dropping off and collecting their children from Emmaus School and Nestlings.</p> <p>I am extremely concerned about the lack of communication. I was only made aware of the Park and Stride Scheme yesterday by the Headteacher of Staverton School and I found out about the consultation about the</p>		<p>It is accepted that Emmaus Primary School should have been included in initial research into the Feasibility Study Carried out by Wiltshire Council to improve walking and cycling to school.</p> <p>The waiting restrictions were advertised for a period of three weeks in May 2013 and notices were posted on site as well as notification on the Wiltshire Council Website and the Local Newspaper.</p> <p>The waiting restrictions proposed outside the Nursery are for a length of approximately 20 metres either side of the road, it is estimated that this will reduce the car parking along School Lane by a total maximum of four car lengths. It should be noted that part of the waiting restrictions are across the driveways of Nos. 75 and 76 School Lane, where drivers should not park anyway.</p> <p>There are no proposals at this time to implement waiting restrictions on the junction of the B3105. However, this will be highlighted to the local Community Police Officer who can identify if a further need for waiting restrictions is required. This will be dealt with at a later date.</p>

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	<p>proposed parking restrictions through my research on the internet yesterday, only to find that the closing date had passed. If these ill-thought out changes are implemented there may well be a negative impact on two businesses in School Lane and the safety of adults and children compromised.</p>		
8	<p>Nestlings Pre School commented as follows:</p> <p>Whilst the paved verge and coloured surface would be a beneficial to the Pre-School, in terms of child safety, improved access and increased visibility, we feel that the '10 metre waiting restriction' would be bad for our business, endanger parent and child safety and is an excessive measure for the reasons outlined below.</p> <p>Given the measures detailed in the Taking Action on School Journeys initial feasibility study, to move school traffic away from School Lane and restrict the Staverton School parent on-street parking close to the school gates with the use of waiting restrictions, a further restriction outside the Pre-School will dramatically limit the parking available to our parents – who, I would note, are not subject to any restriction imposed through the development of Staverton School. Please remember that Nestlings Pre-School is wholly independent of Staverton School and therefore any restrictions contained or associated with the grant of planning permission for the Staverton School development have no legal standing or ability to restrict the functioning of the Pre-School.</p> <p>Any imposition of these measures will cause unnecessary problems to Nestlings Pre-School at peak times, especially if you take into consideration the fact that we have very similar start (9 am) and end (3 pm) times of the school day to the neighbouring Emmaus School. The Emmaus School like us do not have designated parking and will</p>		<p>It is accepted that Nestlings Pre-School should have been included in initial research into the Feasibility Study Carried out by Wiltshire Council to improve walking and cycling to school.</p> <p>The waiting restrictions proposed outside the Nursery are for a length of approximately 20 metres either side of the road, it is estimated that this will reduce the car parking along School Lane by a total maximum of four car lengths. It should be noted that part of the waiting restrictions are across the driveways of Nos. 75 and 76 School Lane, where drivers should not park anyway, therefore the parking is only likely to be reduced by two spaces.</p> <p>Whilst it is accepted that this does reduce parking directly outside the nursery, the purpose of the waiting restrictions is to increase the safety of children crossing the road to access the nursery as they will no longer need to cross in between parked cars, where very small children cannot be seen by passing vehicles.</p> <p>There are no proposals at this time to implement waiting restrictions on the junction of the B3105. However, this will be highlighted to the local Community Police Officer who can identify if a further need for waiting restrictions is required. This will be dealt with at a later date.</p>

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	<p>not be able to utilise existing village car parks and both schools parking would be limited to a short stretch of School Lane, close to the junction of the increasingly heavily trafficked B3105/New Terrace – this will cause additional road safety issues for both parents, children and road users, with parents parking on the blind corner.</p> <p>We also consider Wiltshire Council’s and the Staverton School’s failure to engage or consult Nestling’s Pre-School about this matter until the present correspondence to be wholly unsatisfactory.</p> <p>Please therefore accept this message as a statement of objection to the present ‘waiting restriction’ proposal when making your final recommendations.</p>		