

BRADFORD ROAD, RUDLOE: PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**COMMENTS OF OBJECTION AND SUPPORT**

(37 letters - 29 objecting, 8 supporting)

Principle of Objection	Officer Comment	Comment reference
<p>Resident of Portal Avenue Whilst appreciating that on occasion cars have been inappropriately parked, if this proposal goes ahead, it would be to the detriment of safety to children walking to school via Portal Avenue.</p> <p>Parents already park inappropriately and in residents' parking areas. Closing the Bradford Road gate will result in increased use of Portal Avenue. Rather than restrict parking, a better solution would be a pedestrian crossing and/or a reduction in the speed limit.</p> <p><i>(Similar comments were made by 4 other residents)</i></p>	Parking for short periods in a residential area has a lesser impact on highway safety where vehicles speeds are lower, than where the parking takes place on Bradford Road.	A
<p>Resident of Box These proposals would increase even higher volume of traffic on an already congested route to the school on Westwood Road.</p> <p>They're also concerned about emergency vehicle access to the school if the road approaching the main entrance were blocked.</p> <p><i>(Similar comments were made by 1 other resident)</i></p>	See above comment A.	B
<p>Resident of Springfield Close Walks her child to school along Bradford Road and only feels safe when near the parked car outside the gate as they act as a buffer from the passing traffic, which has no cause to slow down apart from the parked cars.</p>	In a recent review of speed limits across Wiltshire, the speed limit on Bradford Road was recommended to be reduced from 60 mph national speed limit to 50 mph.	C
<p>Mrs Chard resident of Sawyers Crescent Is concern about the speed of passing traffic and believe the proposal will not achieve what is required, a reduction in speed.</p> <p>She also highlights that many parents walk their children from Katherine Park to the school and find crossing difficult due to the speed of vehicles and the blind bend.</p> <p><i>(Similar comments were made by 3 other residents)</i></p>	<p>In a recent review of speed limits across Wiltshire, the speed limit on Bradford Road was recommended to be reduced from 60 mph national speed limit to 50 mph.</p> <p>A new pedestrian crossing is shortly to be implemented between Skyenet Drive and Westwood Road. Implementation expected Autumn 2014.</p>	D
<p>Mrs Collard – Atworth There is currently no designated crossing and the parking helps to slow passing traffic. Parking here also restricts the amount of cars entering the Rudloe estate.</p> <p>It is a residential area and it would better to have speed restrictions and enhanced driver information and then the waiting situation would become much safer.</p>	See above comment D.	E

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<p>These correspondents made similar comments to those above in E</p> <p>Mrs Costell of Sumsions Drive, Mrs Dike of Burlington Place, Mrs Farroll of Sawyers Crescent, A resident of Bankwaters Road, A resident of Swan Road, Mr Pearce of Privet Way, A resident of Saunders Grove, A resident of Buckthorn Row</p>	<p>See above comment D.</p>	
<p>Mrs Allen – Executive Headteacher, Corsham Primary School</p> <p>Is concerned that Wiltshire Council is opting for parking restrictions rather than making the entrance safer by lowering the speed limit, extending the barrier and putting in a pedestrian crossing and warning lights.</p> <p>The gate on Bradford Road relieves pressure from the Broadwood Avenue entrance which is narrow due to residents vehicles. Coaches taking children on school trips are currently unable to access the school here and have no other choice than to park on Bradford Road.</p> <p>They have found that the parking on Bradford Road has had the effect of reducing the speed traffic travels along the road, making it safer for parents and children to cross and walk along.</p>	<p>The school was advised that after the investigation Bradford Road did not meet criteria set out in DfT Guidance for the provision of flashing amber warning lights.</p> <p>Also that the installation of a pedestrian barrier would actually increase the risk if vehicles continued to park on Bradford Road, as children would be encouraged to get into and out of vehicles on the live traffic side.</p>	<p>F</p>
<p>A resident of Stone Close, Corsham</p> <p>Suggests that with the imminent developments in the area the speed limit should be reduced, thus making it easier to cross the road.</p> <p>Also that the schools main entrance is insufficient at peak times, therefore the entrance on Bradford Road is a necessity for the school and housing estate.</p> <p><i>(Similar comments were made by 1 other residents)</i></p>	<p>In a recent review of speed limits across Wiltshire, the speed limit on Bradford Road was recommended to be reduced from 60 mph national speed limit to 50 mph.</p> <p>See above comment A.</p>	<p>G</p>
<p>Mr & Mrs Harpham residents of Freestone Way</p> <p>When crossing the road, the parked cars are useful in slowing passing traffic. Also the parking is only there for short periods and drivers using the road at that time of the day will be aware of drop off/pick up time and should moderate their speed accordingly. Acknowledges that cars are forced to the wrong side, but there is still space for two vehicles to pass.</p> <p>Speed is the issue and believes that 50mph limit is a residential area is unacceptable and the road causes a barrier between the school and the new housing estates to the south.</p>	<p>See above comment D.</p>	<p>H</p>
<p>Mr Hayday resident of Paul Street, Corsham</p> <p>The rationale for this scheme is flawed. To reduce danger there should be a speed restriction not a reduction in permissible parking.</p> <p>Parking here serves to reduce speed and due to the width of the road still allows two way traffic.</p> <p>The proposal will increase danger when car have cause to rejoin the main road as the oncoming traffic will have less cause to reduce their speed.</p>	<p>As mentioned above in comment G, the speed limit has recently been reduced to 50 mph and will continue to be monitored and enforced by the Police.</p> <p>The greater risk is of an incident caused by parked vehicles obstructing visibility of on-coming vehicles round the blind bend.</p>	<p>I</p>

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<p>A resident of Long Ground, Corsham Raises similar comments to those above in E and also highlighted that they had raised the need for a pedestrian crossing and a lower speed limit at Area Board but was disappointed with the response, and feels that there should be a more joined up approach to strategic planning.</p>	<p>A new pedestrian crossing is shortly to be implemented between Skynet Drive and Westwood Road.</p>	J
<p>A parent of a child attending the school Believes that the parking provides some protection to the pedestrians using this entrance and that a better solution would be to install warning signs and reduce the speed limit at school times.</p> <p>Believes that no build-up of traffic or blind spot is caused by parking there and that a far more dangerous issue is the positioning of bus stop on the bend heading towards Bradford on Avon, as causes vehicles passing a waiting bus onto the wrong side of the road and potentially into oncoming traffic.</p> <p><i>(Similar comments were made by 1 other resident)</i></p>	<p>The use of warning signs and lights were investigated prior to this scheme being investigated. Bradford Road did not meet the strict requirements for such signage.</p> <p>Also see above comment I.</p>	K
<p>A parent of a child attending the school Made similar comments to those above in E, also that the Council should prioritise children's safety by introducing a school safety zone on Bradford Road, reducing the speed to 20mph and school times.</p>	<p>See above comment I.</p>	L

Comments of Support	
<p>Box Parish Council Fully supports the proposals, but would also like to see markings on the pavements as well to prevent any vehicles stopping even temporarily.</p>	
<p>Corsham Town Council Supports the proposed scheme with no amendments.</p>	
<p>Resident of Rudloe A resident using this road at varying times of the day he agrees with the proposal, and would like to see it increased to the Leafy Lane junction.</p> <p>He comments that since the gate has been opened he has witnessed some awful driving and thoughtless actions by parents including unloading children from the off-side of vehicles into live traffic.</p>	
<p>A resident of Springfield Close Is of the opinion that this cannot happen soon enough due to constant dangers caused by parents parking on this stretch of road. He requests that when the lines are in that they be enforced and the school to remove the ill conceived entrance.</p>	
<p>A resident of Academy Drive, Corsham Is in favour of the plans as considers that anything that improves safety is a good thing.</p>	
<p>A resident of Bradford Road Fully supports the proposals in order to prevent the major accident that is waiting to happen and that there is more than enough alternative off-road parking available.</p>	

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<p>Springfield and Clift Close Residents Association Were critical of the entrance on Bradford Road being opening without any additional safety measures in place. There have been some non injury accidents and a serious injury accident as a direct result of the parking by this entrance. The proposals will reduce the accident risk significantly.</p>	
<p>A resident of Springfield Close Considers the school entrance on Bradford Road to be a significant risk to highway safety and has campaigned since its opening for it to be permanently shut.</p>	