

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HIGHWAYS FORUM FOR OADBY & WIGSTON

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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

SCHOOL BOLLARDS LAUNDE SCHOOL

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

1. This report gives a further update on the issues raised by Councillor Anne Bond.
2. The issue being raised is for the installation of bollards on New Street outside Launde School to stop poor parking habits during school pick up and drop off times.
3. While Launde School have been proactive in developing a school travel plan which encourages all school pick up and drop offs to occur on Uplands Road, congestion and poor parking habits do occur on the B582 New Street as a result of school activity.
4. Due to the presence of a main school entry that continues to attract a demand for parking, the request to install bollards either wooden or more decorative bollards such as 'Billy & Belinda' bollards as have been requested directly by the school, it is unlikely that such an intervention would fully address the poor parking habits.
5. Measures would be required on a significant length of footway on either side of the road in order to prevent parking. This would attract a significant cost of either £120 per wooden bollard or £450 per decorative bollard.
6. To be effective, bollards would have to be placed every 1.2 metres
7. The anticipated length of footway on New Street where bollards would be required to prevent parking is in the vicinity of 240 metres. This accounts for both sides of the road.
8. An estimated cost for wooden bollards to be installed would be £24,000.
9. In assessing this option, the County Council's view is that this is an expensive option that is unlikely to address the issue and more likely to simply transfer the parking on to the neighbouring streets of The Yews and Stoughton Road or over existing access ways and driveways on New Street.
10. In addition, our view is that parking is still likely to occur on New Street even with bollards installed, as parents opt to stop close to the school gates, put on their hazard warning lights while children disembark on the carriageway.

11. Our assessment is that Enforcement and Education can be more effective in reducing poor and illegal parking practices.
12. No consultation has taken place over the placement of bollards

Conclusion

13. It is the view of Highways officers that bollards on New Street would be expensive and are unlikely to address the issue and that continuing education and enforcement of poor parking practices are likely to be more effective.
14. The current 'school keep clear' zig zag markings and No Waiting At Any Time (double yellow lines) on New Street continues to keep an area of the school frontage clear of parked vehicles so that road safety for the pupils is increased.
15. The County Council's School Travel Plan Team continues to work with the school offering support to reduce the number of car trips made to the school by parents and so seeking to improve safety for the school journey.
16. It is recommended that the community continues to work with the school to proactively educate parents on parking appropriately at school drop off and collection time.

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Background Papers

None.