



Ladygrove Primary:

## School Safety Scheme

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## 1.0 Introduction

Telford and Wrekin are investing in a Borough wide scheme to improve and promote School Safety. Through discussions with local Ward Members, residents and representatives of the school, Ladygrove Primary School has been identified as a school which would benefit from measures to address concerns raised by the school, parents and residents.

Telford and Wrekin initially consulted the school and found the main concerns to be:

- Inconsiderate school-time parking
- Pedestrians walking and crossing on Concorde
- The walking route along Old Office Road

The following measures were proposed:

- Extension of footway and crossing point (south west of school)
- Zebra crossing on Concorde
- Parking restrictions

During an informal public consultation, local residents were asked whether they supported each option, the overall recommendation provided, and if they had any additional comments/feedback to provide.

This consultation period commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 for a two week period; letters were issued to residents who were to be directly impacted by any element of the scheme and large consultation signs were placed on site to inform all other residents where to view the details of the consultation and provide comments.

In conjunction with this public consultation, an additional statutory consultation was carried out for the parking restrictions and statutory notices were issued for the zebra crossing and road hump. This element of consultation commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> July for a three week period to conform to government guidance. These consultations allowed all local stakeholders the opportunity to formally object to the proposed measures. To ensure all objections were fairly represented, any objections which were received through the public consultation will also be processed as an official objection in the statutory consultation.

A summary of both the informal and statutory consultations, alongside Telford and Wrekin's recommendations of next steps have been provided in this document.



## 2.0 Responses - Public Consultation

There was a total of 39 responses to the public consultation. The scheme options were supported as follows:

Option	For	Against
1 – Extension of footway and crossing point (south west of school)	20 (51%)	19 (49%)
2 – Zebra crossing on Concorde	29 (74%)	10 (26%)
3 – Parking restrictions	21 (54%)	18 (46%)
4 – Overall recommendation provided	21 (54%)	18 (46%)

There were some comments provided to support the responses given. These are listed below, along with Telford and Wrekin Council responses.

Comment	Number of responses	Telford and Wrekin Response
Parking restriction proposals will cause migration of parking issues to other roads in the area	19	The level of parking migration is an unknown and will be identified during post-scheme monitoring. The initial proposal has identified the key areas of safety concerns and designed to minimise residential disruption but maximise pedestrian safety.
Open up Old Office Road and introduce a one-way system (during peak school times)	10	The option of permanently opening the road had previously been considered but not supported.
Additional parking to be provided in school grounds	9	This is not within the remit of Highways and Network Management team, and therefore feasible within this scheme, however the request will be forwarded on to the appropriate team for future consideration.
No consultation with residents	7	Previous resident enquiries and information provided by the local councillors provided the base for developing this scheme but this online questionnaire forms consultation on this scheme.
Additional crossing on Dawley Road	3	This would require additional traffic calming on Dawley Road to implement and exceeds the budget available for this scheme. The request has been put forward for future funding and may be delivered when funding becomes available.
Walking Route between Concorde and Ladygrove Primary	3	While site observations did show a number of vehicles and pedestrians along Old Office Road, it was noted that vehicles were travelling slowly and in general not blocking driveways. Post scheme monitoring will be carried out to determine if any additional measures, such as parking restrictions, will be required.
Road humps impacts residents at all times of day and will cause congestion	4	The priority give way system will encourage a steady flow of traffic at peak times and looks to mitigate speeding concerns during periods of low traffic volumes, and also improves the safe walking route to the school
Parking restrictions require enforcement	2	Enforcement of restrictions is expected to take place if implemented.



Vegetation requires trimming to improve visibility	1	This will be passed to the appropriate team for action where required.
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### 3.0 Responses - Statutory Consultation

A number of responses and formal objections have been received through the statutory consultations for all three measures which was held alongside the public consultation. The responses have been summarised in the table below.

Measure	Number of responses	Number of formal objections
Parking Restrictions	6	0
Road Hump	2	1
Zebra Crossing	2	0

While no formal objection was raised against the parking restriction proposal through the statutory consultation process, there were a number of comments received and can be summarised as follows:

- Residents, particularly those on Old Office Road, face daily issues with inconsiderate school parking, restricted property access and occasional verbal abuse.
- Removal of parking spaces directly outside the school may cause more vehicles to park elsewhere, in particular on the north section of Old Office Road.
- Walking route from Concorde and pathways in the woodlands needs improving.

There was one formal objection to the road hump proposal regarding the discomfort of passengers over the hump. The road hump has been designed to minimise discomfort by passengers if the vehicles travel over the hump at a reasonable speed, this therefore acts as a traffic calming measure which will mitigate speeding concerns raised.

No formal objections were raised against the zebra crossing.

No objection has been raised by the emergency services on any of the proposed measures.



## 4.0 Recommendations

While the individual proposals and overall scheme recommendation was supported, due to the slim margins involved and additional comments received, the recommendation of Telford and Wrekin is to proceed with the installation of all three measures, with significant post-scheme monitoring to be carried out.

Although the parking restrictions raised a number of concerns, the primary reason for the installation of these restrictions is aid visibility at the junctions and help to promote road safety, particularly for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians. Further to this, it is expected that the restrictions will improve traffic flow at peak times. Concerns raised by residents regarding the migration of parking is understood, however the full extent of this is difficult to understand before the restrictions are installed. It is also recommended that Enforcement and Road Safety Education is utilised to encourage active travel to and from school; this will reduce the number of cars in the area, ensure compliance to the new measure, and look to reduce the perceived potential issues. In addition to this, post scheme monitoring will be carried out and will focus on addressing and implementing any additional restrictions or measures at the earliest possible time, should this be required.

Concerns raised over the road hump have been carefully considered, however it is thought that the benefit it will bring to improving the walking route into the area outweighs these concerns. Due to a formal objection being logged against this proposal, we will follow the required correct procedure in conjunction with the appropriate cabinet member. Should the objection be upheld through this procedure, the road hump and footway extension will not be installed.

Finally, with regards to the requests to open up the no through road of Old Office Road, it is felt this is a reasonable solution to some of the congestion issues faced by residents and school traffic. Due to the narrow carriageway of Old Office Road, and anticipated conflicting traffic flows, it is likely that a one-way system would be required. In doing so, it is possible the walking route along Old Office Road would be improved for all road users and the safety risks to pedestrians reduced as they will not encounter vehicles travelling in both directions. This could be complemented by additional parking restrictions which will prevent vehicles waiting on the road and further enhance the safety for pedestrians.

Due to the limited funds available for this scheme, the potential opening up Old Office Road could not be funded within this scheme if all other options are delivered. As such, and given the limited time constraints available to install this scheme in the summer holidays to minimise disruption to residents and the school, it is recommended that re-opening Old Office Road to one way traffic should be considered as a future scheme. To ensure this request is fairly considered, it is proposed that formal consultation with local residents on this request is carried out following the introduction and evaluation of the first three measures.