



NOTICE OF MEETING

TRAFFIC, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY PANEL

FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2014 AT 5.30PM

CONFERENCE ROOM A - SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC OFFICES, PORTSMOUTH

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence.

2 Declarations of Members' Interests

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2014 will follow.

4 Review of Road Safety Around Schools. (Pages 1 - 2)

The panel will receive evidence from:

- Councillor Ken Ellcome, the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation.
- Steve Smith, Governor at Moorings Way Infant School.
- Peter Laggan, Business Director, Milton Cross Academy.
- John Lomas, Assistant Head, Springfield School.

The panel will also consider written views from Iain Gilmour, Head Teacher, Isambard Brunel Junior School.

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Agenda Item 4

ROAD SAFETY OUTSIDE ISAMBARD BRUNEL JUNIOR SCHOOL

Main issues

- cars waiting on “school keep clear” lines to collect and/or drop off children
- delivery vans doing the same
- school meals caterers doing the same
- quantity of traffic at start/end of school day – the school is bordered by a one way street and two residential roads

School solutions so far

1. Promoting “Park and Stride” through assemblies and distribution of council-produced map
2. Headteacher speaking to drivers on zig-zags/double yellow lines whenever possible
3. Bikeability and introduction of school bike permit to promote safe cycling
4. School Travel Plan to encourage alternative transport

Impact of school solutions

1. Limited impact so far – those who walk tend to always walk and those who drive tend to always drive. The issue is exacerbated by those parents who drop children off early in order to get to work and the increasing number of children coming to school from addresses in Southsea due to shortage of junior places there.
2. Good impact – very rarely is the same driver spoken to twice but it does depend on the headteacher’s availability. Other parents support this approach.
3. Some impact – number of cyclists has increased although issues of storing bikes is tricky
4. Some impact particularly in conjunction with Park and Stride

Council solutions

1. Occasional traffic warden patrols and ticketing of offending cars
2. Removal of some safety barriers bordering “school keep clear” lines to give more places to cross
3. Offer of training by Hampshire Constabulary to train key staff in enforcement (taking photographs of cars to send to council)

Impact of council solutions

1. Good impact but limited resources mean that patrols are infrequent
2. Good impact – school was concerned this would create more problems with cars stopping on zig-zag lines but this has not been the case and there are indeed more places for children to cross safely
3. Headteacher was on sick-leave was training was due to take place so no impact due to circumstances beyond anyone’s control

Suggestions for further work

1. **Training programme by Hampshire Constabulary so that headteachers and/or site managers can photograph offending drivers**
2. **Increase patrols by other agencies other than traffic wardens such as PCSOs and community wardens particularly at start and end of school day**
3. **Continue to actively promote “Park and Stride” with a wider publicity campaign**
4. **Insist that school caterers as council agents park legally**

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