

## Notes from Parents Forum – Travel Plan Meeting

30<sup>th</sup> January 2014 – 9.00am

Present: N Berry  
T Hamblett – South Glos  
A Hale - South Glos  
L Boon - Sodbury Town Council  
M Lodge - Parent Link representative  
H Potts - Parent Governor  
Parents and carers of children at St John's Mead

- Representatives from the Local Authority and the Sodbury Town Council introduced themselves to the parents/carers.
- The discrepancies with the 'No Stopping' markings and the zigzags outside the School were discussed. It was confirmed that any changes required to the lines as a result of the discrepancies, will be made when the improvements/alterations are made to the junction at the bottom of Hounds Road and the introduction of the 20mph limit within the Town and will be funded using monies provided by the Waitrose development.

The timescales any alterations/improvements to the road markings and the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) were not known as there are alterations required elsewhere within the area and all changes will be contained within the same order. Consequently, any objections will cause a delay.

Once the lines and markings are compliant with the TRO then the Camera Enforcement Team will be able to issue penalty notices to anyone parked or stopped on the yellow road markings. A parent asked whether they could be issued with a penalty notice if they were stopped in a car whilst using a 'yellow disability badge'. **Action: T Hamblett agreed to look into this matter on her behalf, whilst the parent will also check the regulations provided with the issue of the 'blue badge'.**

- The proposed 20mph scheme was discussed and the associated traffic calming measures. This included the use of raised tables at the end of Hounds Road, the centre of the village and at the junction of the Wickwar Road.

It was confirmed that width of the path will not be changed and the hazards of the bollard positioned at the end of Hounds Road on the path were discussed. This included the difficulties encountered by mobility scooters and prams/buggies.

T Hamblett confirmed that plans are being drawn up for the traffic calming and 20mph speed limit and there will be a public exhibition of the proposals.

**Action: T Hamblett advised she would provide the dates to Mrs Berry as to when the plans are going to be finalised and put on display. This would enable the School to notify the parents/carers.**

- A Hale requested three items to be communicated to parents/carers.

These are: Road safety concerns and encouraging parents and carers to keep their children close to them when travelling along the roads and pathways, encouraging the use of the School Crossing Patrol officer and making use of the training provided by the Local Authority for schools and finally, asking parents not to park by the elderly residents housing in Woodmans Close as this is restricting access. **Action: N Berry agreed to add these items to the next newsletter to parents and carers.**

A Hale reiterated the use of a park and stride scheme using the Waitrose car park.

In response to the issue of parking in Woodmans Close, N Berry advised the use of the Three Strikes scheme that is in operation and how this could be extended to include this road. **It was agreed to make the residents of Woodmans Close aware of this scheme.**

- The Three Strikes Scheme was discussed and how this was a scheme put in place by schools and the number of roads included in the scheme can be decided by the school. **Action: N Berry will discuss this matter further with the PCSO's.**
- Parking issues with the High Street were discussed along with cars driving along the pavements. L Boon was aware of the hazards on the High Street/Broad Street and will ensure that the issues and solutions were considered. It was also felt that the co operation between the Police, the Local Authority and the Town Council should be 'seamless'. It was agreed that issues with parking and hazards on the High Street should be referred to the Town Council and also where necessary to the Police if it refers to Road Traffic Offences.

- N Berry asked whether signage could be used at the either end of Hounds Road to indicate the location of the school. T Hamblett reiterated that there are already signs in place and any additional signs would result in 'sign clutter'.

H Potts asked whether the speed survey had taken place and what the results were. T Hamblett listed data both north bound and southbound during the day and during a period of time 8am – 9am.

It was suggested that the introduction of the 20mph limit and the traffic calming would have an impact on the speed at which motorists travel northbound and southbound.

- N Berry finished the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and also to point out that whilst the school do not want to stop people from parking close to the school, we wanted people to park responsibly and respectfully. **Action: T Hamblett will update the school with the various points raised during the meeting.**

Meeting closed at 10.00am.