Paper Petition Details

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Lynch Hill School

We would like to object to the proposed no waiting rule that the Council is trying to introduce around Lynch Hill School. Many of the residents are working parents and grandparents who have no alternative but to drive their children to school. We appreciate that some residents may be inconvenienced at certain times of the day and would be willing to meet to try and resolve this but we think an outright ban is both impractical and a danger to our children.

To stop parking on these roads would force the cars out onto other roads and only result in moving the problem not resolving. Long Furlong Drive will bear the brunt of this also this is a main bus route and a busy road through the estate, servicing the trading estate and the Burnham train station. It would become very dangerous if used as the car park for Lynch Hill parents and be harder for children to cross safely.

Please see some alternatives listed below making:

- 1. Garrard Road one way
- 2. Parking only on one side
- 3. Re-opening the rear school entrance
- 4. Traffic Enforcement Officers to be present

We do appreciate that parking is a problem for some residents but please remember that this problem is for only half an hour in the afternoon and for 15 weeks of the year the school is closed. The school has been there as long as the houses and this problem has increased since the rear entrance to the school closed last year.

I do hope you will consider the residents points raised above when you decide on your recommendations. I would be happy to meet to discuss this further if at all possible.

This petition was received on 29th November 2010.

This petition was passed to the Assistant Director of Transport and Planning on 3rd December 2010.

This petition was responded to on 15th February 2011 by the Assistant Engineer.

Final Results	
Number of Signatures	34

Council Response

Thank you for your response on behalf of all of the petitioners to the formal consultation carried out between 3rd November 2010 to 25th November 2010 regarding the proposals to make amendments to the existing School 'Keep Clear' markings and introduce waiting and loading restrictions on Garrard Road.

After analysing the responses to the consultation, Slough Borough Council has decided to set aside your objections on road safety grounds and proceed with our proposals. Although we do understand the demands placed upon working parents/grandparents when picking up and dropping off their children to School, the existing situation with

regards to the inconsiderate parking of vehicles on Garrard Road around school pick up and drop off times is unsafe for both drivers and pedestrians. Our proposals aim to restrict parking directly outside of the school gates, around junctions and crossing points, and also on one side of the road in order to keep traffic moving and creating a safer environment for both pedestrians and vehicles. We are still allowing parking on the northern side of the road for parents who drive from further a field; however we would encourage parents/grandparents to adopt a more sustainable approach when transporting children to and from school. Of the 36 petitioners, 7 residents live within 500m of the school, 8 live within 1000m and 6 live within 2000m of the school, which is the furthest distance we would expect walking trips to be undertaken to and from schools.

Further to your suggestions, we are looking into the feasibility of creating a one way system on Garrard Road to further help create a safer environment outside of the school. You also requested that we allow parking on one side of the road which our proposals already state (I have attached a plan for your information). I have been liaising with the school with regard to re-opening their rear entrance/exit, however they have stated that for security reasons they will be keeping this closed for the foreseeable future. And finally, with regards to traffic enforcement officers, we can only deploy such officers if there are restrictions to enforce.

Slough Borough Council now has permission to proceed with the Traffic Regulation Order proposed over these dates. The extent of which is to extend the existing School 'Keep Clear' markings and introduce waiting and loading restrictions as per the attached plan.

We will now proceed with sealing the Traffic Regulation Order, with the works planned to be completed by the end of March 2011.

