

# **ANNEX F**

## **CONSULTATION WITH DANESGATE SCHOOL AND YORK STEINER SCHOOL**

## **Danesgate School**

The Education Department, City of York Council have authorised us to place a 10 minute limited parking area on their land as outlined in the recommended proposal Annex H

They have declined to authorise a 20min limited parking area to provide a longer time limit because this is likely to be disruptive to the area and could lead to congestion.

Although highway rights have accrued across this area of land, we are unable to place any waiting or parking restriction upon it without the permission of the landowner. In this instance the landowner is Education, City of York Council.

## **YORK STEINER SCHOOL COMMENTS**

I am writing in response to the Consultation – Residents' Priority Parking Scheme (Danesmead Area).

York Steiner School has been located at its current address for 30 years, during this time we have continually tried to maintain good relations with all our neighbours. We are conscious that our catchment area is significantly wider than most city schools attracting children from all over York as well as towns further afield such as Malton, Selby and Harrogate.

A significant number of our local children and parents either walk or cycle to school as can be observed every day. We continue to encourage all our children to cycle with an organised whole school cycle every year. Those parents who do drive are reminded on a regular basis to be mindful of residents and to park considerately.

To assist in your consultation I thought it would be helpful for you to understand the general flow of parental traffic on a typical day, all times are approximate.

- 8.30am – 9.00am School starts for children aged 3yrs – 14yrs  
The younger children are brought into school by their parents and handed over to their teacher. This process can typically last 20 minutes
- 9.30am Parent & Child Groups are run every morning. These are for children aged 0 – 3yrs. Some parents walk others will drive
- 11.30am Parent & Child Groups finish (children aged 0 – 3yrs)
- 12.40pm Kindergarten finishes (children aged 3-6yrs). Parents enter school to collect their children from the classroom. This typically takes

longer than drop-off as the parent needs to be early in order to ensure they are ready when the lesson finishes. This is also an opportunity for parents to have a short conversation with their child's teacher.

- 12.45pm Year 1 finish on Tuesday & Thursday  
Year 2 finish on Tuesday, Parents enter school to collect their child from the teacher
- 1.30pm Wednesday Parent & Child Group (children aged 0-3)
- 3.30pm School finishes, parents of the lower classes enter school to collect their child from the teacher.

I would like to express concern that any significant restriction in local parking will have a sizeable detrimental impact on the school. Many parents have little option but to drive and any parking restriction will push the problem to alternative streets and result in more children having to walk next to and cross busy roads.

### **Additional information**

Steiner School they have confirmed they have:

- 240 Pupils on role
- Private Parking is for staff only, they are unable to allocate any space for the purpose of parent parking or drop-off
- Parents/carers drop off pupils on Danesmead Close and Fulford Cross in equal measures

They have specified the 10 minute allowance for drop-off is not sufficient time for their parent/carers to drop off and pick up. Further difficulties will ensue when parents attend a meeting in school as the proposal will leave parents with nowhere close by to park.

### **Officer comments**

The recommended option is to introduce a Resident Parking Area on Fulford Cross and Danesmead Estate to be operational between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. Steiner School opens at 8:30 for the children aged 3yrs to 14yrs. Consequently the morning drop off would not be affected by the proposal. However, the scheme would prevent parking nearby for the parent and child groups later in the morning and affect the parking amenity for the rest of the school day.