

Annex N Strensall Ward

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Location: West End, West Pit Lane and Riverside Walk


Nature of problem and plan of Advertised Proposal


1. Parking in the streets around the school cause difficulty for residents to leave their homes and manoeuvre out of the village in all directions, especially on a morning.
2. Parking issues associated with collection of pupils from after school clubs at Robert Wilkinson School. Vehicles parked legitimately after 4pm on the No Stopping zig-zag markings, creating problem for pupils leaving the after school clubs with sight lines for pedestrians and drivers. Complaint received about a pupil crossing the road between parked cars on the zig-zags causing an emergency stop. Had the parked cars not been present, the pupil may still have crossed without looking but the driver would have seen the danger quicker.

The waiting restriction proposals were designed to prevent parking both sides of the carriageway close to the school and to protect the junction of Westpit Lane and Riverside Walk.

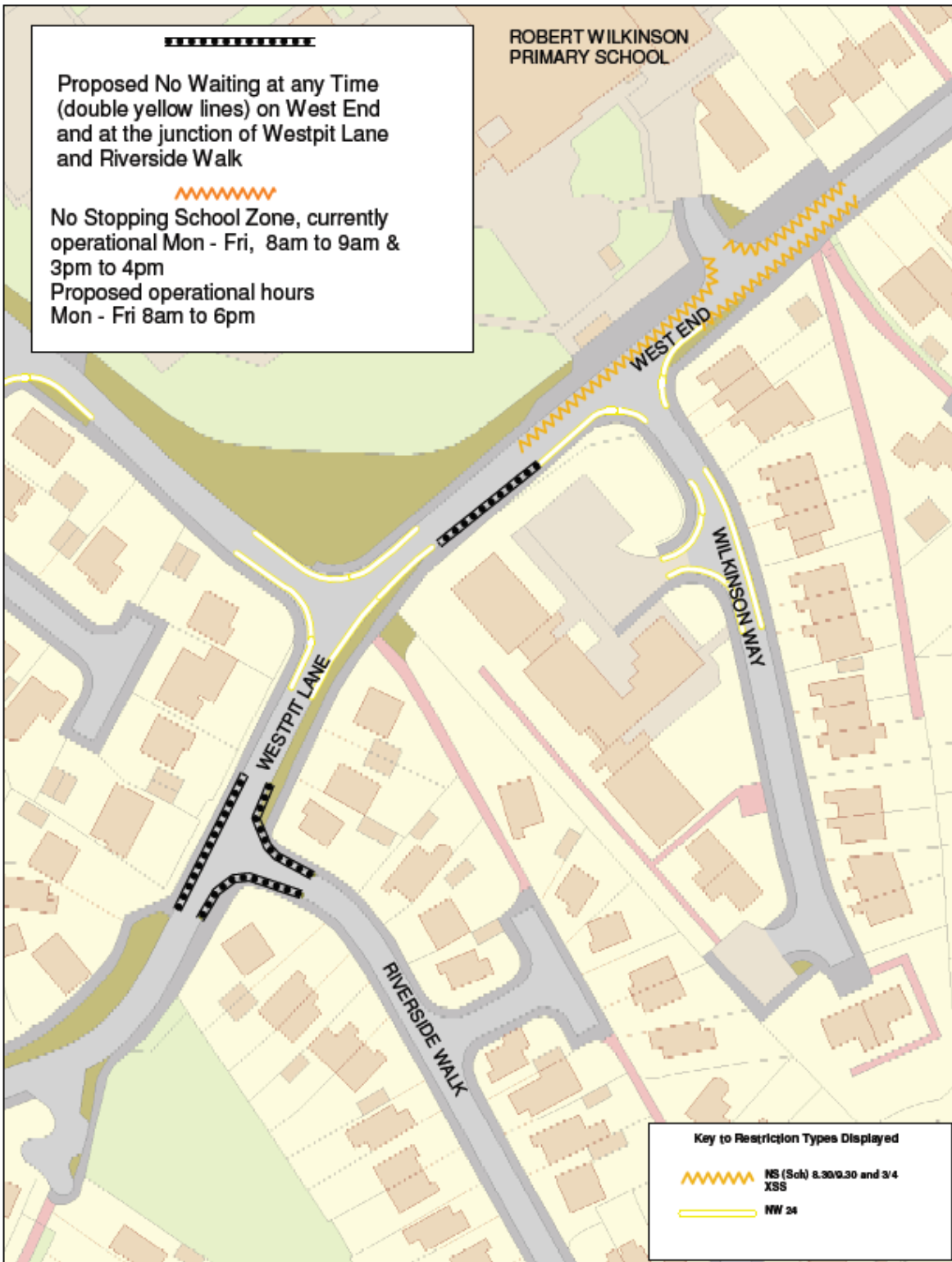
Although we contacted the school about their views on the no stopping restrictions, they were unable to respond at that time. Consequently we proposed an 8 am to 6 pm Mon – Fri operational time for the restrictions to keep zig-zags clear for pupils leaving the after school club and any after school activities. If the school did come back to us with other suggestions we would be able to consider their request and change to a lesser restriction.

(A plan of both proposals is on the next page.)




Proposed No Waiting at any Time (double yellow lines) on West End and at the junction of Westpit Lane and Riverside Walk


No Stopping School Zone, currently operational Mon - Fri, 8am to 9am & 3pm to 4pm
Proposed operational hours Mon - Fri 8am to 6pm

ROBERT WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Key to Restriction Types Displayed

	NS (Sch) 8.30/9.30 and 3/4 XSS
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West End, Westpit Lane & Riverside Walk

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Representation from Robert Wilkinson Primary School in support of the proposed waiting restriction and a request regarding the times of operation of the No Stopping School Zone:

We are fully supportive of the new road marking etc. This will help greatly with a clear visible space at peak times of the school day will help our near neighbours greatly too.

At Robert Wilkinson, we do feel that there may be some knock on issues around the blanket 8am till 6pm zone that will affect our neighbourhood and may cause more distress than intended. I can see that parents at these off peak hours will end up parking further away and potentially create issues further down the road.

The effects of upset parents at the start of a day are incalculable in the way our pupils start the day.

We feel that it is important that we need to accommodate our early breakfast club parents who drop off their children before 8:15 and our late collectors of pupils who collect after half past 4.

So we propose for the good of safety and for our nearby residents that the no stopping at any time zone outside school should be from 8:15 to 4:30. Or 8.15 - 9.30 and then 2.15 - 4.30pm. We have many parents who for various reasons need to drop off and pick up children during the school day

I hope you can consider this and feel it is appropriate.

Officer analysis - No Stopping on School zig-zags

The school have asked we allow parents to wait on the zig-zags for drop off and pick up using before and after school clubs.

The problem reported to us was about parking on the zig-zags outside school hours obstructing sight lines for crossing the road and more importantly obstructing sight lines for drivers to see children stepping out into the road.

The times of operation of No Stopping Zones outside schools are traditionally set by the schools. To comply with the school request would not resolve the issues witnessed by a local resident. The school report the ability to park on the zig-zags to drop off and pick up pupils outside school peak hours is beneficial both for the parents and the nearby residents who are more likely to be at home before and after the school day.

Representation of objection and one of support from residents reference the proposed waiting restrictions:

Support: A resident of Riverside Walk; *I feel these are a good idea and have spoken with my neighbours. We are concerned however that the yellow lines may push the cars further down the street to block our driveways and would like to request that we have white no parking lines placed on the road outside of our properties adjacent to the dropped kerbs to maintain access to our driveways during the busy school times.*

Objection: A resident of Leyfield Close is concerned about issues already associated with school peak hours:

- Leaving motors running with windows open and loud music playing
- Leyfield Close already an unofficial car park with double parking and obstruction of drives
- Concerns expressed about emergency access during school peak hours
- There are often spaces in the school park – but staff park on the public highway
- Parents can be very rude when asked to move or show some consideration

Requests H bar markings across driveways.

If more restrictions are placed this will only move the problem elsewhere. Can we not contact parents directly and request them to show consideration? A few random visits by enforcement officers issuing tickets would be helpful.

Officer Analysis

If the restrictions are to be implemented we will arrange for the H bar markings for residents on Riverside Walk as requested and for any resident on Leyfield Close who requests one.

We realise vehicles will be displaced into other areas by the proposed restrictions. The key is to disperse vehicles into areas where they do not create road safety issues for other users and for children walking or cycling to school.

Robert Wilkinson is a large primary school (660+ pupils) with a wide catchment area which does create a high vehicle attendance at peak hours. Figures approximately 4 years ago showed 40% of pupils were brought to school by motor vehicle. The school has participated in the Travel2School initiative to try and reduce this number.

Options:

1. Implement restrictions as advertised for both issues and shown on plan.
This is not the recommended option as the School have requested

a lesser restriction for the No Stopping zig-zag marking.

2. Implement:

(i) The proposed no waiting restrictions as advertised

(ii) A lesser restriction than advertised for the No Stopping Entrance Marking to operate 8.15 – 9.30 am and 2.15 – 4.30pm

This is the recommended option because;

(i) The No Waiting restrictions will allow better access in the junction area and better traffic flows with less obstruction occurring.

(ii) We are complying with the school request to place a lesser restriction and give more flexibility to parents who need school access outside peak hours.

Ward Councillor Comments:

Councillor Doughty & Councillor Fisher

We have given due consideration to the representations made by residents and the school and we feel that the recommendations in Option 2 are the ones we would support, subject to the following conditions:

- a) That letters be sent to all residents of Riverside Walk, Leyfield Close and Wilkinson Way to offer an H bar marking across their drives if they want one
- b) That Enforcement Officers visit the area periodically to make sure that the restrictions are being complied with
- c) That the effectiveness of the proposals be reviewed after 1 year to establish if any further measures are needed