Annex S: Strensall Ward

S1 Location West End, Strensall (raised by one resident)

Nature of problem

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.

Background information

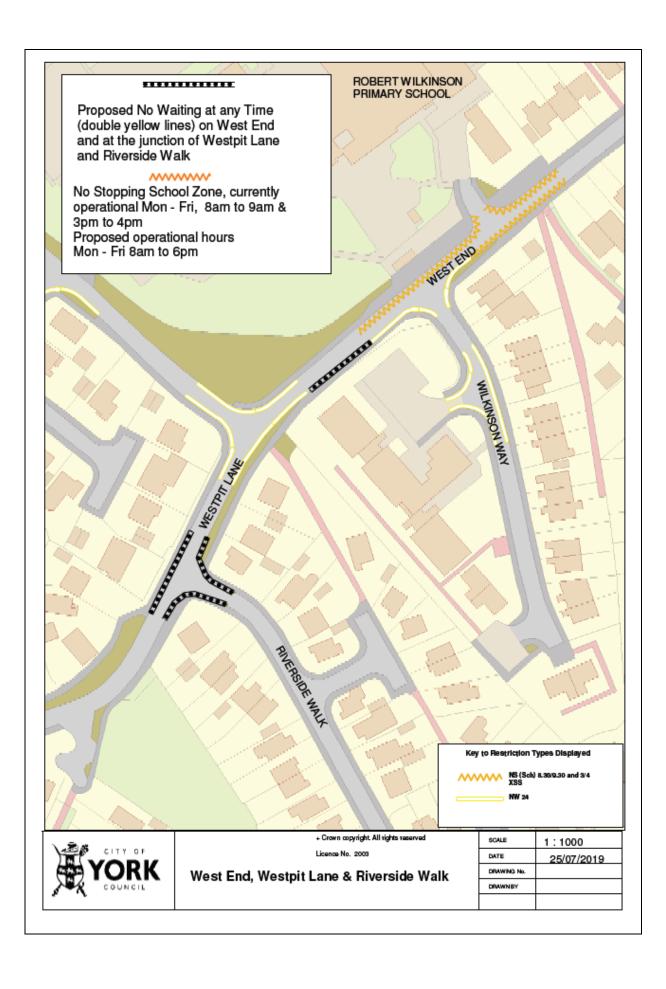
This is a large primary school (582 pupils) in a residential area. There are extensive restrictions in the area and it is difficult to place additional restrictions without detriment to the local residents. The carriageway width is not sufficient for vehicles to park both sides and allow others to pass. This can lead to unacceptable levels of congestion at school peak hours, especially on a morning.

Recommendation

To extend the times of operation of the zig-zag No Stopping Restrictions in line with the start and finish of opening hours to cover pupils leaving the after school clubs and children travelling to and from the nursery facilities during the middle of the school day.

To extend the double yellow lines on the south eastern side to prevent parking on both sides of the road to ease congestion and prevent parking obstructing footway.

(Plan on next page)



S2

Location Parking in and around West End Strensall at School Peak Hours (raised by two residents)

Nature of problem

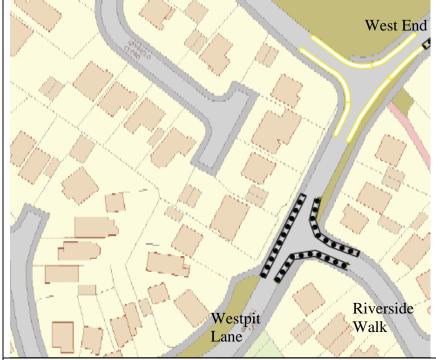
Parking in the streets around the school cause difficulty for residents to leave their homes and manoeuvre out of the village in all directions, especially on a morning.

Background information

This is a large primary school and many pupils are dropped off and collected. There are footpaths onto West End from Foss View and Riverside Walk which extends the school related parking into many residential areas. Away from school times the traffic flow is light. There are still a few issues related to long term parking, we believe associated with the school as these are alleviated outside school terms. Although we understand the frustration for local residents, extensive restrictions will only displace vehicles to other areas and create the same problems elsewhere.

It is thought the junction of Riverside Walk and West Pit Lane is one area where vehicles are parking too close to the junction as well as opposite causing difficulty of access and egress.

Recommendation: Junction Protection, as shown on plan below



Cost S1 & S2:

Signing Works £250 Lining Works, £80 Advertising + making £500;

Total: £830

Comments from Ward Councillors

Cllr P Doughty -

I agree it is difficult to place additional restrictions without potentially causing detriment to local residents and also agree congestion at school times is occurring. As a resident of this street, albeit at the other end, I have witnessed 'stand-offs' on occasions myself. I have no issue with increasing hours of operation of the current 'No Stopping School Zone' to the proposed new times but any extension to double yellow lines should be subject to results of consultation with properties directly affected and those nearby bearing in mind extra restrictions could also have an undesired effect of moving problems wider and to other streets. The local network of paths and alleys mean I regularly hear complaints from residents several streets away about inconsiderate and or potentially dangerous parking near junctions at school times.

I absolutely agree that there are some issues with long term parking probably associated with the school and the Council should be doing more to encourage the school to make extra on-site provision for its staff and visitors. This is no doubt exacerbated in that the school is amongst the largest primary schools in York and serving a wide catchment the size of a small town rather than a village which makes this all the more important.

I recently received communication from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner about problem parking near the school. In my response, I indicated strongly that I thought the Police had a part to play in co-operating with the City Council to help address issues and I would urge some partner working in this respect. Above all, I see little point in increasing further nominal restrictions without first *regularly* backing up current existing restrictions with *proper enforcement*. Officers argue that similar problems occur in the vicinity of other schools and I'm in no doubt they do but parking enforcement in our ward seems woefully lacking. This latter should be addressed.

Cllr T Fisher – No comments received

Parish Council The Parish Council agree in principle, to these amendments, subject to adequate enforcement.