

# ANNEX H

14<sup>th</sup> September, 2007  
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For the attention of: Mr. Jonathan Pickles

## **RE: RUFFORTH SCHOOL SAFETY PROPOSALS**

Dear Jon,

I set down below my views in regard to the Rufforth School Safety Proposals.

Following various meetings and public consultations, it is obvious from the responses we have received that Rufforth residents, particularly those directly adjacent to the temporary traffic calming chicanes outside the school, are against the noise and road nuisance that they are presently causing. However, it is the City Council's policy to have some form of traffic calming measures outside schools, and I agree, and I could not support removing the chicanes without alternative forms of traffic calming measures in place.

Various measures, such as speed cameras have been muted, although with these not being available at present, it is likely that increased and improved signage is a possibility, together with extending the outer limits of the 30mph section at the east end of the village will help calm the present speed of traffic outside the school.

Also discussed has been the possibility of replacing the existing zebra crossing with a pelican crossing, but research has shown that pelican crossings can be dangerous in positions where people are not using them regularly as drivers become used to the lights being on green and when changed to red, do not notice, thus making them more dangerous than zebra crossings.

I do believe that we need to look at all these issues before the chicanes can be removed or re-sited. It is obvious that the present chicanes suffer from regular abuse and cause nuisance to the adjacent residents and it would in my opinion be right to remove these, but not until a suitable traffic calming scheme is in place as I could not have it on my conscience for a child to be knocked down and injured, or worse, in order that the chicanes could be removed.

Cllr. B. Hudson.