

Dringhouses and Woodthorpe Ward Committee Meeting

20th March 2024

Agenda

- Selection of the Dringhouses and Woodthorpe Ward Planning Panel
- Rad safety in our community
- Have your say

Selection of the Dringhouses and Woodthorpe Ward Planning Panel

Road safety in our community

Context

- Recent consultation on a Transport Strategy for York
- 80% of respondents supported the creation of a 'Movement & Place Plan' to identify how best to balance the needs of streets as travel corridors and as places where people live, shop, go to school and enjoy their leisure
- 78% supported the ambition to reduce car dependency
- Strong support for encouraging more cycling and walking to school
- Known issues with road safety locally, particularly around schools

Known issues locally

- Irresponsible and illegal parking:
 - On double yellow lines
 - On Zig Zags
 - On junctions
 - On footpaths
- Speeding
- All of these behaviours put pedestrians and wheelers at risk
- Enforcement responsibilities sit with both the Council (yellow lines and parking across driveways) and the Police (obstruction of footpaths)
- Council Parking hotline 0800 138 1119
- Police non-emergency 101

Action taken

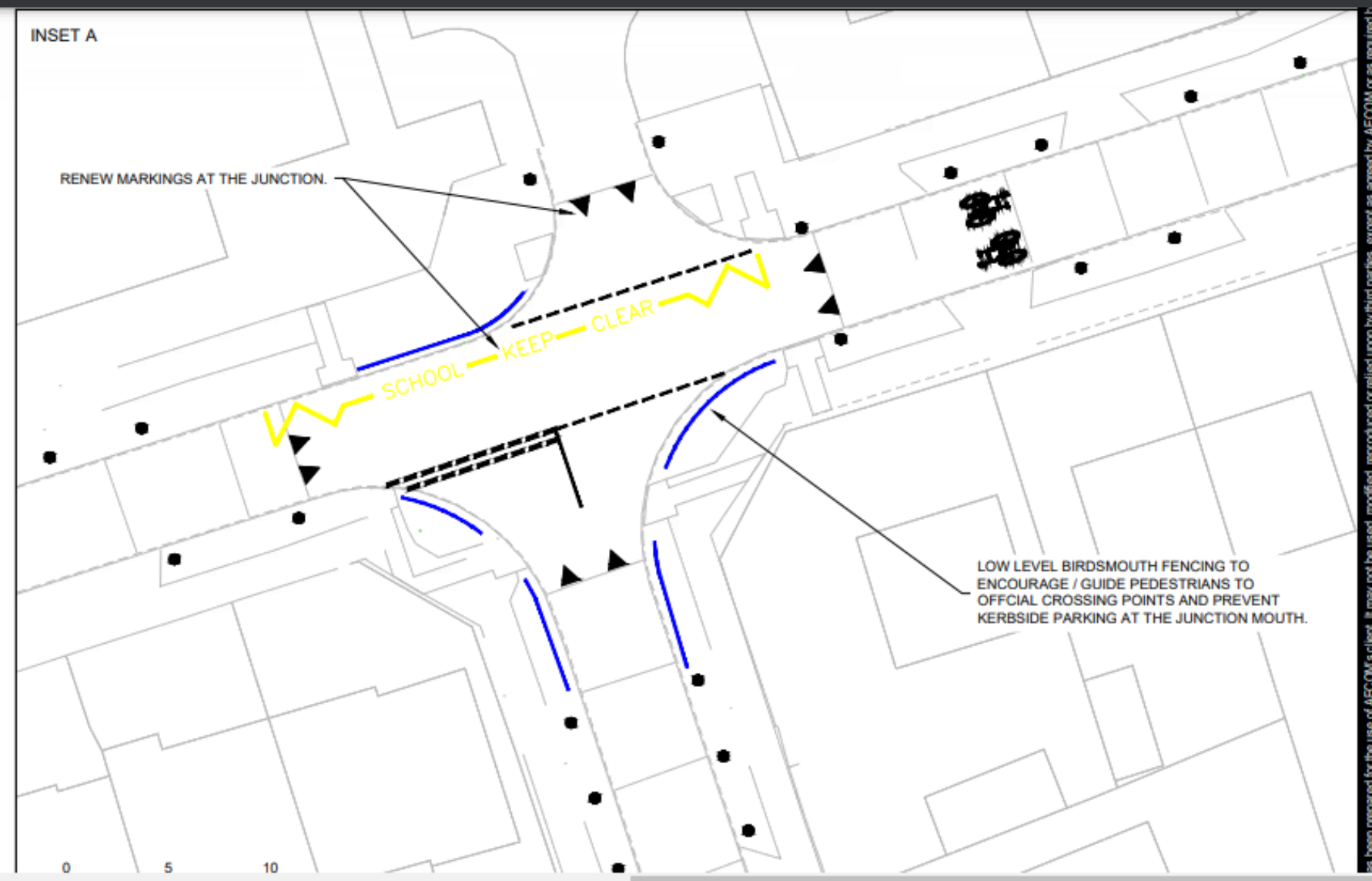
- Awareness raising, eg through periodic campaigns and use of 'visual props' and flyers
- Occasional enforcement visits
- Community Speedwatch
- But a hard core of motorists seem immune to these actions and continue to drive and park irresponsibly and dangerously



What's happening elsewhere

- Approval earlier this month to implement safety measures around Badger Hill School costing £116k
- Measures include bollards to prevent pavement parking, improved markings and signage, fencing and tree planting
- More ambitious scheme proposed for Carr Junior School begun in 2019, led by Sustrans. One-day 'trial' road layout in March 2020

Badger Hill scheme



Carr Junior one-day trial



What might work for us locally?

- Need to start by establishing what kind of environment we want to create around schools and other areas which are well-used by pedestrians and wheelers such as shops, GP surgeries and community venues. What does a safe and accessible place look and feel like?
- Can this vision be delivered just by encouraging 'behaviour change' or will it require physical interventions?

Discussion

- What does a safe and accessible place look and feel like?
- Can this vision be delivered just by ‘behaviour change’? If so, what might work?
- Will achieving the vision require physical interventions? If so, what could these measures be and where are they needed?

Have your say