



## Scrutiny Topic Registration Form

**\* Proposed topic:** City of York Council scrutinises the physical access to schools across the city with specific reference to the school's travel plans, the speed of traffic, illegal parking, effectiveness of crossings and surface of roads and pavements.

**\* Councillor registering the topic** Councillor James Alexander

**Submitted due to an unresolved 'Cllr Call for Action' enquiry**

Please complete this section as thoroughly as you can. The information provided will help Scrutiny Officers and Scrutiny Members to assess the following key elements to the success of any scrutiny review:

**How** a review should best be undertaken given the subject

**Who** needs to be involved

**What** should be looked at

**By when** it should be achieved; and

**Why we are doing it?**

Please describe how the proposed topic fits with 3 of the eligibility criteria attached.

	Yes ?	Policy Development & Review	Service Improvement & Delivery	Accountability of Executive Decisions
Public Interest (ie. in terms of both proposals being in the public interest and resident perceptions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under Performance / Service Dissatisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In keeping with corporate priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Level of Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Service Efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
National/local/regional significance e.g. A central government priority area, concerns joint working arrangements at a local 'York' or wider regional context	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**\* Set out briefly the purpose of any scrutiny review of your proposed topic. What do you think it should achieve?**

## Annex A

Many parents are contacting me regarding the speed of traffic near schools in Holgate, illegal parking near schools causing obstructions and children having to walk in the road and almost be hit by motorists. Sometimes the motorists who are illegally parking are other parents on the school run. Parental reports also include poor signage near schools, poor road surface and so on. While speaking to other elected members it became clear that this was not just a catalogue of problems in Holgate.

The review should lead to a course of action that permits free and safe travel to and from schools.

**\* Please explain briefly what you think any scrutiny review of your proposed topic should cover.**

- Look more closely at school's travel plans with perhaps recommendations for changes
- Look at priority of road & footpath resurfacing & maintenance & possible improvements
- Perhaps introduce bollards at certain entrances
- Possibly introduce speed limits near schools etc.
- Parking near schools, illegal parking near schools
- Increased traffic signage near schools
- Teachers supervising outside schools as children arrive

I would like the scrutiny committee to look at a few schools of differing sizes across the authority. Some of these should be rural & some urban.

**\* Please indicate which other Councils, partners or external services could, in your opinion, participate in the review, saying why.**

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| -Schools   | -Parents       | -children |
| -Residents | -Motorists     | -Cyclists |
| -Highways  | -City Strategy | -Members  |

**\* Explain briefly how, in your opinion, such a review might be most efficiently undertaken?**

It is my impression that this should be looked at by an existing scrutiny committee. A sample of schools should be looked at across the city (including ones in Holgate that I have specific information about). The members should analyse the ease and problems of physical access to the school based on the criteria outlined in the above section, which indicates why I believe this topic is important.

Estimate the timescale for completion.

- 1-3 months
- 3-6 months
- 6-9 months

**Support documents or other useful information** None

Date submitted: Friday, 28th November, 2008, 12.29 pm; submitted by: Councillor James Alexander