

## Questionnaire from the Traffic Around Primary Schools Task and Finish Group

September 2017

**SCHOOL:** Greenway Academy

**ADDRESS:** Greenway

Horsham

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1. Do you have a school travel plan? And could we have a copy?

Not a current one – happy to revise, working with LA

2. Do you have any particular issues around parking outside your school in the morning? And in the evening?

The parking around the school has been exacerbated greatly by the recent new no parking lines on roads around the school. A large number of cars now park outside the school from early morning and are not removed until late at night. We believe these people are either commuters or work in the centre of Horsham. This means there is no parking for parents doing the school run at either end of the day. This also causes visual obstructions for children crossing the road as they have to do so through parked cars. On our last survey 73 pupils cross Greenway unaccompanied going to or from school.

The road is also a main bus route so has additional heavy regular traffic. The school receives a large number of complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking and driving around pick up times.

The school regularly sends out good conduct reminders to parents and has invested in parking/driving safety posters, designed by the children, which are prominently displayed outside the entrance of the school.

3. Are there problems with parking illegally outside the vicinity of your school?  
Car parking is legal outside the school during the day as there are no restrictions in place. Parents do park inconsiderately on the road out of frustration at key parts of the day.
4. What do you think would work well to resolve the issues?
  - a. The school has a large tract of land at the front of the school and would welcome a drop off/pick up parking through road option on that land.
  - b. We believe if it was road width we could organise matters in school to ensure a good flow of traffic at key times of the day. Some additional parking bays would also help provide additional parking for visitors and the attached nursery school. We can currently only provide 2 parking spaces for Greenway Nursery staff on site. An average of 2 Nursery staff cars therefore need to find alternative parking each day.
  - c. A pelican crossing situated on Greenway would also aid children/families who have to cross Greenway to go home.
  - d. Speed bumps

5. Can you tell us about the current situation regarding parking i.e. yellow lines, hatched boxes, are they visible, outside your school?

The road has been recently resurfaced, lines clearly marked and the flashing school sign has been fixed.

6. Do you have a walking bus?

The wrap round care provision on site has a walking bus to the infant school across the park.

7. What do you do at your school to try to prevent antisocial behaviour? i.e. teachers/teaching assistants/parents with high visibility jackets outside the school at the beginning and end of the school day

The school works with the children to ensure they have good road skills. The school keeps a record of children who go home without adults.

Focus for  
Safeguarding Council in school

The wrap round provision provides a walking bus.  
The school communicates regularly with parents about good conduct and school expectations

School staff are not trained to manage traffic on the road especially as this is a bus route.

8. What does your school do to involve children to encourage their parents to help with the problems? i.e. encouraging walking to school

Many of our children do walk to school, and go home via the park – which is poorly lit. The school works with children on road safety, and offer bikeability courses to older children. Healthy schools work encourages children to walk to school, however there is a key group of children who come from the wider Horsham and West Sussex area and this is always by car.

Children have designed banners about considerate parking which are displayed outside the school and have written to the parents about this matter.

9. Is speeding a problem near your school?

No – it's the volume at peak times and the impact of parking restrictions around the school which have made our problem considerably worse in the last 18 months.

10. Do you have a policy in place to encourage cycling? Also for students to wear helmets when cycling and remove headphones?

Bikeability courses run every year

Secure cycle provision in place

Children have to wear helmet if they want to cycle to school

11. Do you have a record of accidents, incidents and near misses, caused by drivers outside your school?

We have some records on this historically, but the record probably does not reflect the severity of the problem. Key problems are when parents makes very silly choices ie abandon car to pick child up, or argue with other commuters/parents over poor parking/aggressive attitudes and behaviours.

12. Is the parking at your school bad? (indicate as appropriate)

**Strongly Agree**

Agree

None

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

13. Do you have a lollipop person?

No...

14. What would encourage your children to walk to school or travel by bike?

Not being a bus route and less traffic and parked cars on Greenway and surrounding roads

15. Are road markings adequate/visible outside your school?  
Recently been replaced when road resurfaced

16. What time does the school day start and finish and what time do the school gates open and close (if different)?

Gates Open AM 8.35am Field entrance only

School Start Time AM 8.45am

School Finish Time PM 3.30pm

Gates Close PM 3.45pm Field entrance only

Unfortunately there are no gates or perimeter fencing on the front of the school.

17. In your opinion, what would be the one single solution to relieve the parking problems at your school?

Drop in road system within the school grounds

18. Have the schools consulted with parents on these problems?

We have parent voice and are happy to consult, if there is a high probability of a solution being offered.

If you have any further comments which might be useful for the Group, please enter them in the box below:

The recent changes instigated by WSSC to reduce traffic issues elsewhere close to the school site have made the problems around the school significantly worse. Whilst one understands the logic behind the decision making, it has greatly increased the risk of a death or serious accident for our pupils. The land available around the school would offer a good solution to the problem, but at a cost the school cannot bear.

The school looks forward to working on this with the WSSC, to find a solution in order to minimise the risks greatly to the children.

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire and assist with our review.