

Agenda Item 8.1

School Safety Zones (SSEZ) Year 4 Progress

Site visit with SBC Ward Cllrs and Officer, and WPC Chair and Clerk.

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Subject: SSEZ ETRO VO 1

Dear Cllrs & Parish Council

Thank you for meeting with me on Inverary Road to review the proposed School Safe Environment Zone (SSEZ) for Wroughton Juniors and The Ridgeway School.

So as not miss the required action this sentence has been copied from the bottom and added here – As agreed on site can we please ask that you confirm on receipt of this email that you support Traffic Management & Road Safety progressing the SSEZ as experiment traffic regulation order is installed/progressed during the planned resurfacing works.

As discussed on site –The SSEZ for these schools was originally started in 2021 and carried over to 2022 and then 2023. In the summer of 2023 a scheme was agreed and went out to consultation. A number of representations was received. This resulting in the original proposal being postponed and a new SSEZ experimental scheme being drafted. The original scheme including the extension of footway which we did implement whilst the remaining SSEZ was being re designed.

We discussed owner ship of the bridle way and the need of placing in interventions to allow a safe passage for pedestrians – having undertaken some extensive discussions and investigations the findings are as follows – Wroughton Juniors Site has now been let to Grove Learning Trust as an academy. Please see attached copy of the lease. The tenants have the right to use the “access way” to get to and from the school. This access way (coloured yellow on lease plan) is excluded from the Property so the academy therefore has no responsibility for maintaining it. The land, including the bridleway, remain the responsibility of the Council. (SBC Properties)

The lease provides for a right for Wroughton Junior to use with or without vehicles but not to park on the bridleway. There is also the ability to seek that the school make good any damages as a result of their use, though it would be difficult to identify damages to one specific school as it is being used by Wroughton Junior, the Ridgeway & local residents.

We would recommend that the Parish Council and Ward Councillors make contact with the Property Data Manager to discuss a way forward and to consider installing the scheme that we have previously discussed – installing shin posts and restricting the width to eliminate the space to park and create a safe space for pedestrians to walk, With Wroughton jrs opening the additional pedestrian gate which funnels peds out into moving traffic , we would support a scheme being considered and will provide road safety comments on a design should one be progressed.

Next Steps

The next steps is to introduce the remaining parts of the SSEZ and as discussed with you on site we would propose taking forward the attached a an experimental SSEZ . This will see new parking restrictions being introduced around the junctions, on and around the school entrances a and where

it is deemed a necessity to assist with promoting better parking behaviours and keeping these areas free of obstruction, to allow clear visibility and the free flow of traffic. The proposed restrictions will be implemented as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) for a temporary period of up to 18 months, with formal consultation starting once the physical works have been undertaken, in accordance with the statutory requirements on Local Authorities when introducing any Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO). Representations may be made for or against an Experimental TRO during the initial 6 months of the order being in place. Around the 5 month stage Officers will look at any representations received and these will be shared with you, this may include any recommendations for modifications or around the future of the ETRO should it be removed at the end of the 18 months or made permanent.

From previous discussions with the Ward Councillors and Parish we were asked to coordinate any lining works with the planned resurfacing scheme. We would like to honour this and with your support we will be looking to undertake the SSEZ lining works during the resurfacing works which are currently scheduled for the 29 & 30 July 2024.

A letter will go out from our team to those residents that are directly affected and you will be provided with relevant copies of the public notices.

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Kind Regards

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