

Agenda item 15: School Safe Environment Zone and impact of change in Ridgeway School finish times:

Content of email received from a concerned resident:

Please see my email below sent to the Ridgeway school today. The safety of the children needs addressing. There are 500 pupils approx at the juniors and approx 1500 at the Ridgeway. Both schools now finishing the same time has made the road safety very frightening. The cars leaving the over flow car park are always in a hurry, most likely to get to the ellendune to park for the infants school.

The drivers have no consideration for the pupils and the pupils do not know when to cross as traffic comes from both directions and in/out of the leisure center. Sadly no staff at the gate only by the front of school for bus pupils. Please consider double yellow on the road approaching the overflow and or a crossing for the Ridgeway school.

Hi there,

I have just collected my daughter in year 7 and I have concerns relating to the early finish at the Ridgeway that coincides with the junior school pick up.

The volume of traffic is so heavy that my daughter struggled to cross the road safely. The row of parked vehicles along the fence means that children have to step into the road to see the on coming traffic from the over flow carpark (and the Barnes coach leaving juniors school)

Ideally, double yellow lines along the fence would help or even better, a crossing, but I understand I need to raise my concerns around that with the council.

Will the school be providing staff at the gate to help students across the road?

I did see a member of staff at the front of the school but I notice that is only for bus pupils.