

Paper Petition Details

Petition - Oppose the Introduction of Closure of Streets around Holy Family School

We residents of Shelley Close and roads near Holy Family school oppose the introduction of closure of streets around Holy Family school at the beginning and end of the school day. We feel it will only displace parking issues into Shelley Close and surrounding roads. The parking restrictions in Shelley Close and other roads are already ignored and we feel this issue will escalate.

This petition was received on 16th June, 2022.

This petition was passed to the Senior Transport Planning Officer on 20th June, 2022.

This petition was responded to by the Senior Transport Planning Officer on 7th July, 2022.

Final Results

Number of Signatures	27
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Council Response

As set out in my previous emails, the trial School Street means a restriction on all school traffic and through traffic, for approximately one hour at school drop-off and pick-up times. This is intended to discourage parents from driving to the school gates, and to encourage more children to walk/scoot/cycle to school, improving road safety for children and residents and air quality. Ultimately the intention is to discourage the majority of parents from driving the children to school at all.

This is one of the initiatives that underpins Slough Borough Council's vision for schools and young people; to promote active, safer travel; encourage school staff and pupils to commit to making their local environment cleaner and safer by reducing car use; and teach lessons about responsible travel that will remain with young people through adult life.

The Headteacher will be communicating with parents through her weekly newsletters, giving notice of the introduction of the School Street and encouraging parents not to drive at all or to park at least 10 minutes' walk away. There will also be incentives to encourage active travel and support from the Council to the school to manage any issues.

I have spoken to the manager of the Toby Carvery and subject to a few requests about where parents park, he happy for parents to park in the Toby car park and walk from there.

The Parking Manager has said that she will ask parking enforcement staff to pay particular attention to Shelley Close, especially in the first weeks of the trial School Street.

As you are aware the residents of Shelly Close did have an initial opportunity to respond

to the survey to which there was a link in the letter they received in early May.

Assuming that Members give approval for the scheme to go ahead, there will be an opportunity for residents of Shelley Close to feedback their views during the first 6 months of the trial period - the formal objection period which is part of any Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. The Transport Planning team will open up and publicise a new survey aimed at gleaning feedback from all residents in the area. These comments will inform the Council's decision to amend, remove or make the School Street permanent, in due course.