

Appendix D - Maiden Erlegh School in Reading, UTC Reading and Alfred Sutton Primary School - Summary of Consultation Responses

Responses received through informal consultation, held by the Schools. Respondents were asked “Are you supportive of the proposal to introduce a trial School Street Scheme in Crescent Road?”

Response	Number of Respondents
Yes (support proposal)	84 (53.5%)
Maybe	37 (23.6%)
No (oppose proposal)	36 (22.9%)

Analysis of Maybe		
General concern raised	no.	Comment to address concern
Displacement of traffic on to neighbouring roads	17	The closure period is very minimal and is unlikely to have a major impact on neighbouring roads. In this particular location, there are a number of alternative routes that can be used surrounding this proposed School Street, therefore spreading any potential displacement over a larger area. This initiative is aimed at encouraging the school community to travel more sustainably. With this in mind, coupled with a number of complementary measures (Park and Stride sites, Bikeability, WOW etc), in theory there should be minimal displacement of school traffic on neighbouring roads. Parking surveys identified enough capacity at legitimate 2-hour free parking spaces for parents/carers who have no choice but to drive.
Displacement of parking into neighbouring roads	9	There is legal parking space on a number of neighbouring roads which can be used for short term parking without a need to inconvenience residents
Should extend restriction area	7	Increasing the extent of the closure will entail additional closure points, resulting in more marshals. The schools have already indicated difficulties with gaining support for potential marshals.
Residents will be subjected to further irresponsible and anti social parents driving and parking	7	The installation of a School Street and attendant publicity underlining the health, climate and societal benefits of not driving children to school and encourages parents to consider different arrangements to deliver children to school may help to encourage a more responsible attitude to parking and driving than has been shown by a minority of parents in the past.
Will make junctions on Crescent Road more dangerous	5	All junctions would remain as at present apart from being unable to enter or exit Crescent Road beyond Bulmershe Road during the closure periods. Through traffic which makes up the majority of vehicles on Crescent Road will be unlikely to drive to this point but divert from the area reducing the amount of traffic needing to use this junction.

Risk of drivers not adhering to restrictions	3	Trained marshals will be manning any closure point at all times during the closure period. During the initial phase of any School Street, PCSO's and parking enforcement officers would have a presence within the vicinity of the area. The before and after effects of the experimental scheme will be monitored.
Impact of traffic and safety of pedestrians at the top of Hamilton Road, which is currently used as a turning circle	3	The access to the schools at this point is not covered by the School Street scheme and needs to be addressed separately
School Streets should be monitored with cameras	2	LA's outside London are currently not permitted to enforce School Streets with cameras
How easy can residents obtain an exemption	1	Informal permit style stickers can be issued to residents, but access will be controlled by trained marshalls allowing access for residents during closure periods
Speeding traffic on Wokingham Road	1	This road is not included in the School Street scheme
The proposed Park & Stride sites are unspecified	1	Potential park and stride sites have been identified and will be included in publicity aimed at encouraging parents to consider alternative arrangements to deliver children to school.
Is there access for disabled children being driven to school?	1	Yes, access is available in the School Street for disabled children being driven to school.
Access to pick up child for parental responsibility difficult	1	Would need to discuss special arrangements with school.

Analysis of No		
General concern raised	no.	Comment to address concern
Displacement of traffic on to neighbouring roads	15	The closure period is very minimal and is unlikely to have a major impact on neighbouring roads. In this particular location, there are a number of alternative routes that can be used surrounding this proposed School Street, therefore spreading any potential displacement over a larger area. This initiative is aimed at encouraging the school community to travel more sustainably. With this in mind, coupled with a number of complementary measures (Park and Stride sites, Bikeability, WOW etc), in theory there should be minimal displacement of school traffic on neighbouring roads. Parking surveys identified a enough capacity at legitimate 2-hour free parking spaces for parents/carers who have no choice but to drive.
Displacement of parking into neighbouring roads	14	There is legal parking space on a number of neighbouring roads which can be used for short term parking without a need to inconvenience residents
Residents will be subjected to further irresponsible and anti-social parents driving and parking	14	The installation of a School Street and attendant publicity underlining the health, climate and societal benefits of not driving children to school and encourages parents to consider different arrangements to deliver children to school may help to encourage a more responsible attitude to parking and driving than has been shown by a minority of parents in the past.

Inconvenience to residents	6	The time of the School Street closure will be limited, and the area affected also limited. Residents will be able to access properties on the affected section of Crescent Road.
The problems are a result of allowing schools to be developed and the schools should take more responsibility for sorting the problems.	6	Schools have been provided in response to the needs of the residents of Reading and can only be located in a limited number of places due to the high density of development in the town. Schools do not have powers to control or manage traffic on the highway or dictate parking restrictions. The schools will manage the School Street closure on a daily basis by using properly trained marshalls in accordance with School Street legislation.
Should extend restriction area	5	Increasing the extent of the closure will entail additional closure points, resulting in more marshalls. The schools have already indicated difficulties with gaining support for potential marshalls.
Will make junctions on Crescent Road more dangerous	4	All junctions would remain as at present apart from being unable to enter or exit Crescent Road beyond Bulmershe Road during the closure periods. Through traffic which makes up the majority of vehicles on Crescent Road will be unlikely to drive to this point but divert from the area reducing the amount of traffic needing to use this junction.
Inconvenience to parents, nowhere to park to drop off and pick up, particularly in wet weather.	4	The School Street scheme prioritises the health and safety of schoolchildren and the benefits of such do require compromises from parents who will need to park elsewhere such as a park and stride location. Schoolchildren will still be healthier and safer being able to walk in the School Street regardless of wet weather.
No comment	3	
Impact of traffic and safety of pedestrians at the top of Hamilton Road, which is currently used as a turning circle	2	The access to the schools at this point is not covered by the School Street scheme and needs to be addressed separately
School Streets should be monitored with cameras	1	LA's outside London are currently not permitted to enforce School Streets with cameras
How do residents get in and out of house	1	Informal permits style stickers can be issued to residents but access will be controlled by trained marshalls allowing access for residents during closure periods
Speeding traffic on Wokingham Road	1	This road is not included in the School Street scheme
Make Crescent Road one way	1	The School Street scheme is considered to be the best way to ensure safety of schoolchildren outside schools and to encourage greater take up of active travel to school
Increase in pollution due to forcing drivers to take longer routes	1	Through traffic is likely to avoid the area entirely which will not increase pollution. Any encouragement to more active travel to schools will tend to decrease pollution through less use of cars.
Persecutes motorists	1	School Streets seek to prioritise the health and safety of children over unrestricted motor vehicle access to a short section of the highway for a limited period of time. There are numerous alternative routes for motorists to use.
Will encourage aggressive cyclists to speed through the School Street	1	Trained marshalls will be manning any closure point at all times during the closure period. During the initial phase of any School Street, PCSO's and parking enforcement officers would have a presence within the vicinity of the area.

increasing danger to schoolchildren.		
Parents need to take responsibility for children's safety get street wise	1	Society also needs to take responsibility for the health and safety of schoolchildren and for the protection of the environment, ignoring safety issues on roads outside schools is not compatible with that responsibility.
Access to school for child with walking difficulty	1	Would need to discuss special arrangements with school.