

## **Francis Baily School Streets - Public Meeting 21/02/24 @ 7pm**

### **Thatcham Town Council**

#### Discussion points from meeting

#### **Comments from residents within the scheme (Skillman Drive etc.):**

1. Initially compliance with the restrictions was very good, but since the repeat offenders are contravening the restrictions (probably compounded by winter weather).
2. The scheme has definitely been good for residents.
3. Compliance has reduced over time.
4. General consensus that ANPR would be welcomed.
5. Concern expressed about children walking and scooting in the middle of the road. Pedestrian zone signage gives the impression that there will be no vehicles. Signage mandated by regulations, but education to be considered going forward.
6. A concern was raised regarding medical deliveries, which we will give some thought to.
7. Question was asked about how many times we have patrolled in Skillman to look at the issues and compliance?
8. Would like to see parents fined from the start if cameras introduced (explained at the meeting that we have to introduce a grace period to encourage behavioural change).

#### **Comments on displaced traffic:**

9. A number of comments from Hurford Drive that it is felt that the situation has got worse since the introduction of the scheme.
10. Request for additional CEO presence and drop-ins to be carried out by Local Ward Member to observe the issues.
11. Request to be submitted to Community Police to patrol and involve School staff.

#### **Requests for alternative/additional proposals to be considered:**

12. Could a park and stride/walk be developed (answered at the meeting with regards Dunstan Green car park).
13. Are further options viable.
14. Could consideration be given to creating a parking bay on the verge area of Falmouth Way for parents to park in.
15. Could the gate be left open to allow access from Kennet Heath estate. Answered by School: Two incidents where unauthorised access was gained, and the Police had to be enforced and there is no way of checking and managing who is walking through. Therefore, not possible.
16. Request from the School to run some educational sessions for school children (WBC happy to do so).

#### **Other comments:**

17. General encouragement for all to formally respond to the consultation and the school kindly offered to assist with this.
18. General concern expressed about abuse from some repeat offenders, which would need to be directed to the Police.