



## Springfield School Streets - Public Meeting Summary

 **Date:** 21/02/24 |  **Time:** 7:00 PM

 **Location:** Springfield Primary School Hall

Thank you to the **42 residents** who attended the meeting. Below is a summary of key discussion points. **Copies of the School Streets FAQs were available for attendees to take home.**

### Resident Comments & Concerns:

1. **Enforcement Challenges** – Concerns were raised about previous attempts to manage parking issues, including pavement parking and zig-zag violations, which have failed due to lack of enforcement. A question was asked about patrol frequency on Barton Road.
2. **ANPR Camera Enforcement** – A strong consensus emerged that ANPR cameras would be the most effective solution. Some residents suggested immediate fines; however, it was explained that a council-mandated grace period is required to encourage behavioural change.
3. **Visitor & Emergency Access** – Permit conditions were clarified. Signage is regulated and applies to all drivers unless they have a permit.
4. **Exit Restrictions** – The restriction applies only to **entry** during restricted times; vehicles can leave at any time.
5. **Permit Applications** – Further details will be shared once ANPR enforcement is confirmed.
6. **General Support for the Scheme** – Residents agreed that action is necessary due to **frequent near misses** caused by inconsiderate parking and unsafe driving.

### Concerns About Displaced Traffic:

1. **Impact on City Road** – Some worry traffic will shift to City Road, which is already busy at peak times. **Six roads are being monitored, including both Barton Road entrances and City Road.**
2. **Early Arrivals & Pavement Blocking** – A parent regularly parks on the pavement as early as 2 PM, blocking access. The resident was encouraged to report the vehicle's registration so that the school can address the issue and, if necessary, involve the police.
3. **Use of Pub Car Park** – There were concerns that parents may park at the pub, as some have been rude and aggressive to the landlady in the past. The pub is not required to allow parking and are within their rights to introduce a **'No Parking'** policy.

### Suggestions for Alternative or Additional Measures:

1. **Community Parking Scheme** – Discussions with **Littleheath School** are ongoing to explore a broader parking solution.
2. **Staggered Start Times** – The school currently offers a **10-minute drop-off window**. Extending this further would have staffing and financial implications. The school will engage with **Manor Primary** to understand how their system works.
3. **Wider 'School Zone' Approach** – While expanding the scheme to all local schools (e.g., Birch Copse) is a possibility, current staffing and budget constraints make this challenging in the short term.

4. **Future Public Meetings** – Further updates will be shared, and additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Thank you to all residents for your engagement and support in making the area safer for everyone.