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14th November 2017

Dear Philip

Comments on Proposed Kipling Avenue/Tennyson Avenue One Way System -

I am writing to express my **objection** to the above scheme. My comments and thoughts on the scheme are outlined below.

The existing problems are:

- Too many cars getting jammed in bottleneck areas, and being unable to pass each other without mounting the pavement/reversing dangerously.
- Cars parking in dangerous places/on corners/crossing points
- Cars blocking residents driveways
- Drivers getting angry and driving off at speed
- No designated crossing places for children.
- Congested pavements on southern side of Kipling Avenue at peak school times – frequently pedestrians will spill over into the road.

I have looked at the proposals and I suspect the outcomes of the proposed one way system will be:

- **Traffic flow will improve which will encourage more cars to drive by the school entrance.** Cars are more likely to drive past the gates to drop off, temporarily block the road whilst they let older children 'jump' out or using the closed school gates as a drop down zone resulting in increased in traffic movement immediately outside the school gates.
- **The number of cars on Kipling Avenue and Masefield Avenue will increase.** These are the busiest roads for pedestrians and the proposals will make this more dangerous for pedestrians.
- **The junction of Masefield/Kipling Avenue will become more dangerous due to an increase in the number of cars using it.** This can already be significantly congested due to inconsiderate parking/Aylesford traffic.
- **Cars will travel faster along Kipling Avenue.**
- **Large vehicles will struggle to turn into the school entrance.** I suspect the new pedestrian build out will prevent larger vehicles (coaches, lorries, etc) from turning into the school gates from the east. Turning circles do not appear to have been considered at this junction.

Proposed Alternative Proposal

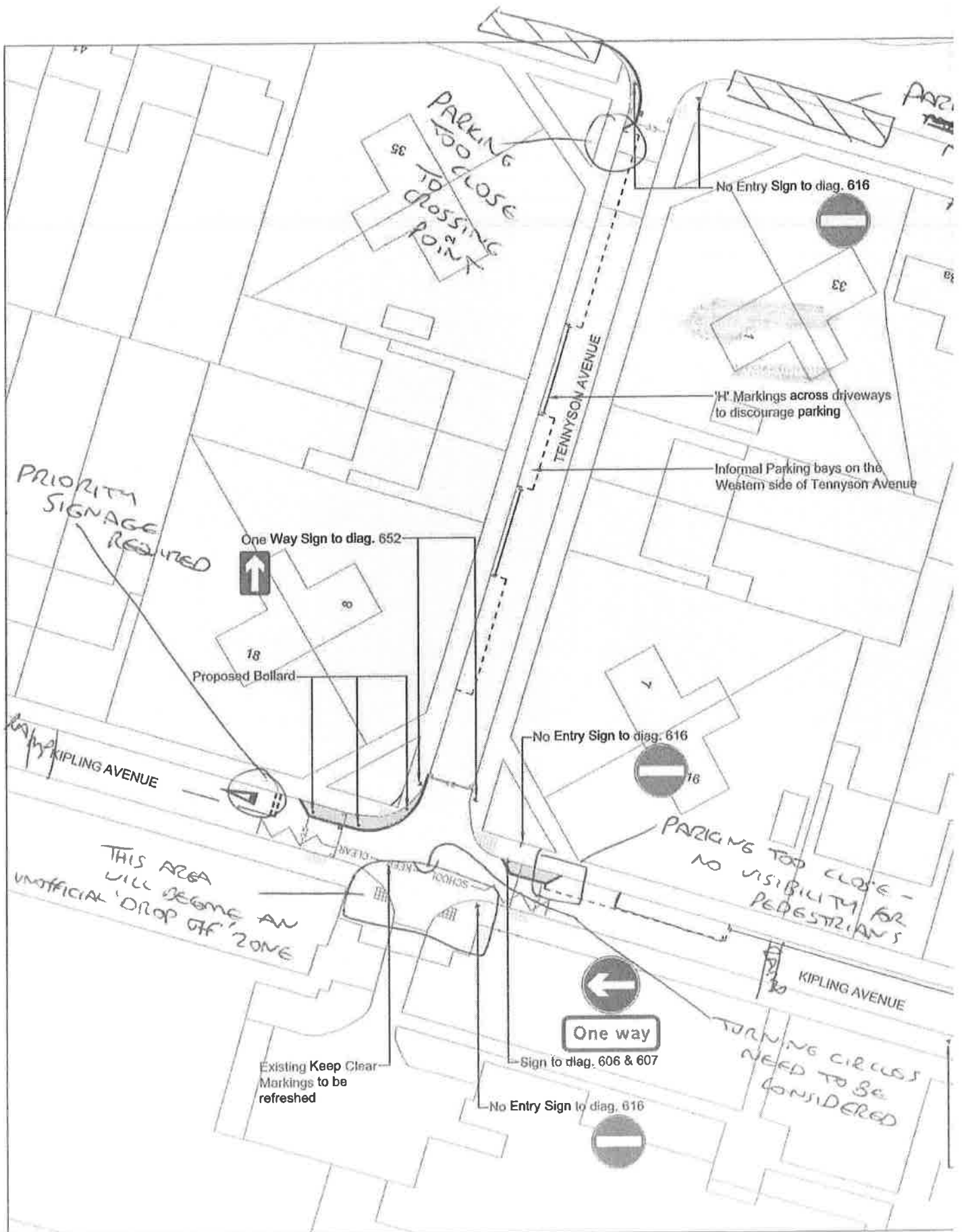
The current problems seem to lie with inconsiderate parking, lack of passing places and cars parking and blocking junctions resulting in traffic unable to pass, not with the direction of travel. If the parking issues are resolved, cars will be able to pass and pedestrians can cross safely with improved visibility.

The plans should aim to reduce the number of cars and encourage them to park safely, not encourage their easy passage along the existing roads. This should be achieved by



- Improving parking along Shakespeare Avenue with the removal of the grass verges and by providing official parking bays so that cars are encouraged to park away from the school and away from junctions to improve visibility.
- Marking out official parking bays on all surrounding roads.
- Preventing parking on all grass verges/corners in the immediate area, not just on the corners immediately outside the school gates
- The existing speed ramps should be improved and others added and a 10mph speed limit introduced to ensure that the improve traffic flow does not result in an increase speed.
- Existing white lines on all corners should be upgraded to double yellow lines
- The proposed crossing points immediately outside the school are poorly designed. These should be reconsidered. The proximity of proposed parking bays means that the will not be sufficient visibility to cross safely.
- Additional formalised crossing points should be provided on Masefield Avenue and Kipling Avenue which give pedestrians priority. Parking should be restricted around these features so that there is good visibility.

The planned one way system appears to be poorly conceived. If following this consultation, a one-way system is still considered to be the solution, then I believe that the one-way system should be reversed and installed as a secondary measure after the above measures have taken place. Tennyson Avenue should be one way in a southern direction with a choice outside the school whether to turn west or east. This direction of flow will mean

- that not all traffic has to pass down the eastern section Kipling Avenue which is busiest for pedestrians. Some cars will turn west giving options to park along Kipling and Byron Avenue;
 - cars cannot easily just pull into the closed school gates and treat this as a drop down zone; and
 - large vehicles will be able to drive straight into the school gates and will be able to turnaround inside the school as they currently do.
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- Additional signs will be required to the west of the school entrance where a new give way is proposed to indicate priority at this junction for traffic.
 - Turning circles should be considered for large vehicles travelling along the whole route at all junctions as a result of the build outs.
 - The impact of Aylesford traffic/pedestrians along Masefield Avenue should be considered as a result of the one way system which can be severely congested at the end of the school day.
 - Improvements are required at the Masefield/Kipling junction which will be busier.



NOTES

-  Proposed Tactile Paving
-  Proposed Bulkd-out

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I **strongly object** to the plans for a one way system (regardless of direction) and wish to see alternative plans put forward which prioritise safety for pedestrians rather than traffic flow and concentrate on parking issues which is the underlying cause of the problem.

I have attached an annotated plan to help show the issues discussed in this letter.

Yours sincerely




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16th November 2017

Dear Mr Salter,

Objection to the Proposed One Way System for Kipling Avenue & Tennyson Avenue

I am writing to you to formally object to the above proposal. As a parent of Newburgh Primary School who walks the school run up to three times a day, I am strongly in agreement that action is needed to make the area safer, but I feel that the proposal being made does not go far enough and will have limited impact on the current problems, potentially also creating additional problems and dangers to both drivers and pedestrians.

My concerns are as follows:

- 1) The proposed direction of the one way system pushes traffic towards the school entrance rather than away from it. People often appear to be keen to drop their children as near to the school entrance as possible and by sending them in this direction, there is a strong chance the school entrance will become a drop off lay-by. I would suggest the proposed build out on Kipling Avenue to the left of the school entrance as you look it should be moved to the other side of the road to try and deter this.
- 2) Sending traffic in the proposed direction will also mean that drivers are exiting Tennyson Avenue at what is effectively a 'blind' junction due to school run parking on Shakespeare Avenue. Frequently cars are parked on Shakespeare Avenue right up to this junction, making it very difficult for cars exiting Tennyson Avenue to see safely to pull out. There needs to be more consideration of the layout of this junction if the proposal goes ahead.
- 3) The proposal includes a built out area to help with safe pedestrian crossing outside the main school entrance, but does not provide anything like this further up Kipling Avenue. This is particularly important for the very young children accessing the infant playground via the gate further up

- 4) With a one-way system in place, I am concerned that cars will travel faster still down Kipling Avenue, safe in the knowledge no-one will be coming towards them. The proposed layout of parking bays all along one side of the road will not help this and I think additional measures need to be considered to reduce this risk (extra speed humps, staggered parking on alternate sides of the road etc).
- 5) I would also like to see consideration given to the width of any dropped kerb crossing points. Even if people do not park across them, it only takes an MPV or 4x4 sized vehicle parked on either side of them to make it impossible for pedestrians to see clearly to cross. Perhaps consideration should be given to making these points wider to improve visibility?
- 6) The proposal does not make any allowance for improving traffic flow and the safety of pedestrians in Masefield Avenue, a road which is equally as well used, if not more used than Tennyson Avenue. This road sees traffic from both Newburgh and Aylesford schools, as well as being very busy with children riding bikes to and from Aylesford (often at speed and weaving between pavement and road) and traffic entering and exiting Longfellow Avenue which is also often used for school run parking.
Again there are no safe pedestrian crossing points on this road in the proposal and no formal arrangements for parking on this road. Masefield Avenue itself is also very popular for parking and it often leads to cars mounting the pavement to park which then in turn stops the road being wide enough for two-way traffic. If the proposal intends to send all traffic down this road to access Kipling Avenue, then I think further consideration needs to be given to layout of this road.
- 7) Finally, I also think consideration needs to be given to parking arrangements on Shakespeare Avenue. If the one way system deters people from driving closer to school and makes parking more difficult, people will invariably revert to parking on Shakespeare Avenue. Again as it stands, this road cannot support two-way traffic if cars are parked on both sides.

I feel very strongly that whilst potentially offering improvements in safety, the one-way system and extra bollards and build outs on Kipling Avenue and Tennyson Avenue are not enough. What is most likely to happen is that they will push the problems, and therefore also the safety concerns, to adjacent areas and roads, meaning that cars and pedestrians coming to Newburgh and Aylesford school will still be at significant risk.

I would welcome your comments on the above objections and would be more than happy to discuss any of the above points and my experiences of the area with you.

Yours sincerely





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AVENUE, WARWICK) (ONE WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017 | Warwickshire Road
Safety Engineering**

10 November 2017 at 12:48

To: philipsalter@warwickshire.gov.uk

Dear Mr Salter,
Re: Proposed one way traffic flow on Kipling Avenue.

I seriously think you need to consider installing a pedestrian crossing point on Masefield Avenue. This road is horrendously congested and a nightmare to cross with children at the best of times (particularly worse during afternoon school finish times when all the children from Aylesford school are leaving school at the same time). It's really hard trying to cross the road to head towards Stratford Road. If this is to be the only route in to the estate then the constant flow of traffic will make it far harder to cross than it currently is. All the school coaches/delivery lorries nearly always come down Tennyson Avenue to access the school/turn around point, so sending them down Masefield & along Kipling Ave is going to make it even worse.

Regards

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