

STOCKBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

(TRAFFIC SAFETY WORKING GROUP)

MEETING INVITATION to RESIDENTS of OLD LONDON ROAD

SUBJECT

Highway safety Issues relating to Stockbridge School and Old London Road

VENUE Stockbridge Primary School DATE Tuesday 12th November

TIME 1900

Dear Resident of Old London Road

Emma Jefferies (Head of Stockbridge Primary and Pre-School) has approached Stockbridge Parish Council to seek support in establishing improvements to the way traffic is managed in the vicinity of the School, in particular in the morning drop off period and the afternoon. We also want to use this opportunity to address some of the long standing traffic issues that Old London Road has had to endure in recent years.

A number of improvements related to the key crossing points have already been agreed in principle by the School, The Parish and The County. These will be explained at the meeting. One further proposal is that Old London Road should become one way North bound starting at the school vehicle gate and ending before Little Dean Farm.

One piece of data that is relevant to the debate is the large increase in the number of pupils (and traffic) in recent years, as this has fundamentally changed the situation. i.e In 2011 there were 62 pupils. As of September there are 178. As very few families live in Stockbridge, most pupils are brought by car. The current estimate is 90 vehicles in the morning peak. As everyone is aware, parking at the East end of Stockbridge is difficult and requires parents to cross either the A30 or by the White Hart. Also, parking on OLR with vehicles trying to pass each other has become a major problem in its own right.

This meeting is specific to the needs of the School and Residents of OLR. It is NOT intended to be a wider debate on parking in Stockbridge as a whole, because this is too wide a ranging issue, whereas the concerns related to the School and OLR are now urgent.

It is important that we hear your views, so we would invite you to attend the proposed meeting or reply below.

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