

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 17 SEPTEMBER 2020**

### **CHESTERTON – ALCHESTER ROAD AND ORCHARD RISE - PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

**Report by Interim Director of Community Operations**

#### **Recommendation**

1. The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to defer implementation of proposed waiting restrictions to allow further discussions with Chesterton Parish Council and the local member.

#### **Executive summary**

2. Waiting restrictions are reviewed when there are changes to the road layout or usage as a result of development and when requested by the local member or local councils due to concerns over parking obstructing traffic and/or being detrimental to road safety.

#### **Introduction**

3. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce waiting restrictions on Alchester Road and Orchard Rise at Chesterton to reduce the risk of obstructive parking as a result of the expansion of Chesterton Primary School.

#### **Background**

4. The above proposals as shown at Annex 1 have been put forward following discussions and site meetings with officers and representatives of Chesterton Parish Council.

#### **Consultation**

5. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 7 August and 28 August 2020. A public notice was placed in the Bicester Advertiser newspaper and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Chesterton Parish Council, Cherwell District Council and local County Councillor. Street notices were placed on site and letters sent to approximately 400 properties in the immediate vicinity, adjacent to the proposals.
6. Seventy-two responses were received. These are summarised in the table below:

Location	Object	Support	Concerns	No Objection /Opinion
Alchester Road	49 (68%)	14 (20%)	7 (9.5%)	2 (2.5%)
Orchard Rise	43 (60%)	15 (21%)	7 (9.5%)	7 (9.5%)

7. The responses are recorded at Annex 2. Copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors.

### **Response to objections and other representations**

8. Thames Valley Police did not object to the proposals but noted that their effectiveness would depend on local acceptance of the restrictions including from those taking pupils to and from school, noting that the police do not have capacity to carry out regular enforcement.
9. The Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service did not object.
10. Chesterton Primary School expressed some concerns, noting that the current parking problems in the road were not solely as a result of school parents etc., also expressing their frustration that the problems were primarily caused by a small minority of inconsiderate drivers. The extent of the proposals was also queried noting that they extended considerably beyond where school related parking currently is observed. The school, nevertheless, supported the measures if they would actually help reduce the problem but considered that regular enforcement would be required to achieve this.
11. The remaining responses were from members of the public. As can be seen from the table above, the overall balance of opinion is fairly strongly against the proposals in both Alchester Road and Orchard Rise. Grounds for objection and concern included the loss of parking for residents, their visitors and those having to bring/collect students by car, displacement of parking to locations where it could cause even more problems, queries on the actual effectiveness of the proposals (including taking account of the likely limited enforcement) and the visual intrusion that the lines would create within the conservation area.
12. In view of the above concerns and balance of opinion, it is recommended that further discussions with Chesterton Parish Council and the local member are carried out to identify if a less extensive scheme focussing on the immediate vicinity of the school on both Alchester Road and Orchard Rise would be generally acceptable.

### **How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives**

13. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic.

## **Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)**

14. Funding for the proposed measures has been provided by Oxfordshire County Council as part of the expansion of Chesterton Primary School

## **Equalities Implications**

15. No equalities implications have been identified in respect of the proposals

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Background papers:       Plans of proposed waiting restrictions  
                                      Consultation responses

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- Proposed No Waiting at Anytime
- Existing 'School Keep Clear' markings, to be made enforceable.

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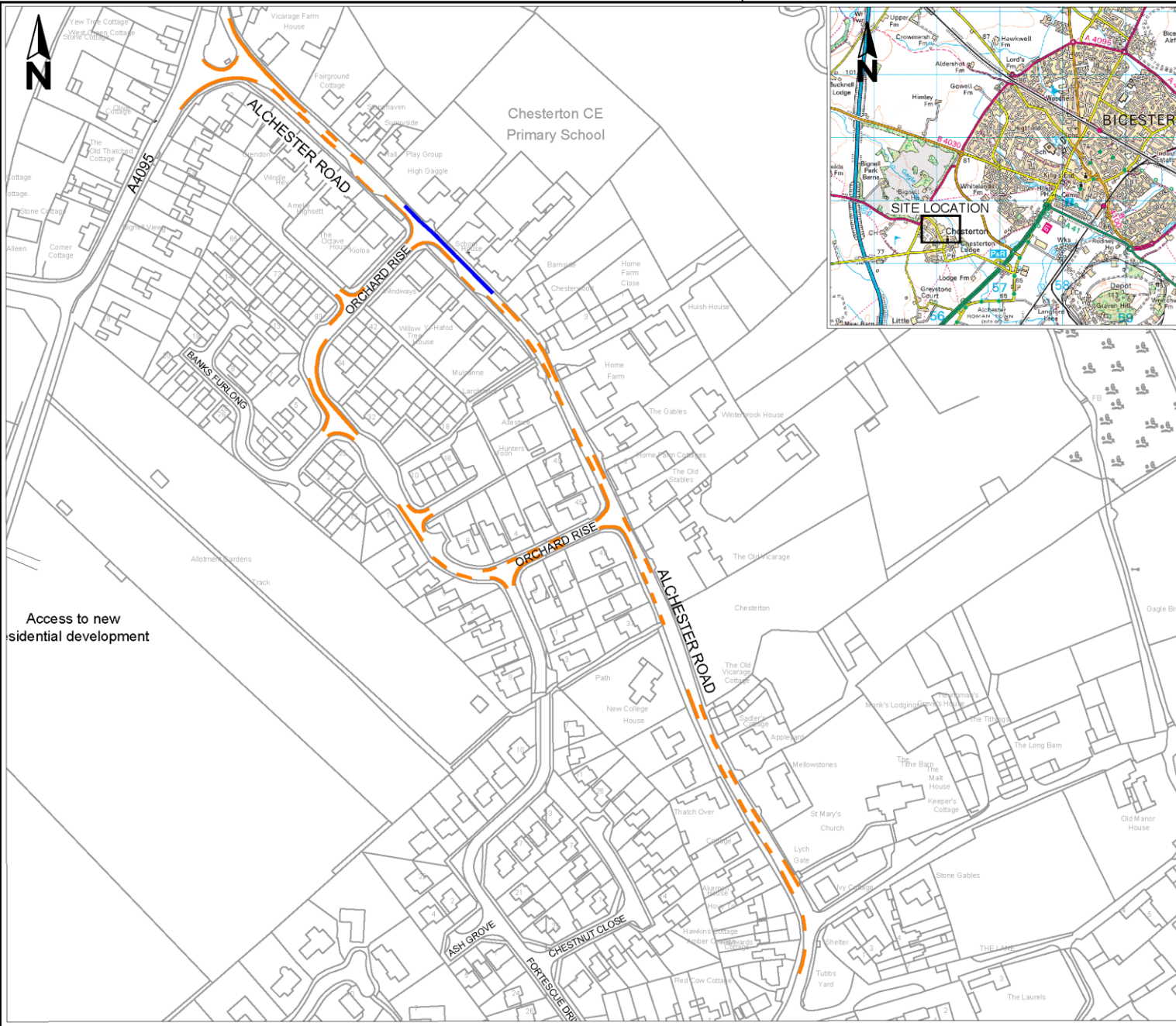
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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<p><b>No objection</b> – The complaints about school related parking are known to local Police in many locations who have attended here on many occasions. Inconsiderate short-term parking especially at or near schools is rife across most areas and Police do not have resources to meet expectations and demand. The school can engage with parents as well as the on-road measures in these circumstances where passive respect and compliance are key to this working where the area is remote from the town and not will not attract regular supervision which may be an expectation.</p> <p>Road safety is a key motivator for Police and some congestion and parking in these areas can be a positive factor in most situations.</p>
(2) Fire & Rescue Service	<p><b>No objection</b> – we have no adverse comments to make.</p>
(3) Local School, (Chesterton)	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b></p> <p>In principal, the school supports anything that helps to enforce safe and considerate parking in the village, particularly at the peak times for school drop-off and collection. It is frustrating for us that a small minority of drivers (not only school-related) cause issues. If these double yellow lines will achieve that, without inconveniencing our neighbours or over-restricting some safe parking locations, then we would be in support. Any restrictions need to be enforceable and supported by occasional police presence, as the school does not have the time or jurisdiction to monitor it ourselves - although we are always happy to remind our families of their responsibilities.</p> <p>From looking at the map, I would say that the restrictions seem to extend beyond the affected areas, but I assume this is to avoid moving the problem further 'down the road'.</p>

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<p>(4) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>Having read your proposals for numerous sets of double yellow lines, 38 in total, I really feel that not only would these be most unsightly in an ancient village but would not address the problem caused by inconsiderate parking at school times if Cherwell Council are not prepared to police it regularly.</p> <p>May I make a suggestion that could help to keep the traffic flowing, not only at peak times, when the children are being dropped off by parents, but during the day as well.</p> <p>Yellow lines yes, but continuous and down the one side only of Alchester Road from Top Green through to the Red Cow public house. This would also include the lay-by outside The Octave House and Highsett, opposite the Old Village Hall, which instead of being parked in it becomes a pull-in for up to three to four vehicles allowing oncoming traffic to pass safely and once clear they can continue their journey. My property is situated by o the lay-by and when empty the exact process of sheltering takes place and allows the traffic to flow well, it is only a problem when a vehicle or two is parked in the lay-by taking away its use for pulling into to allow other vehicles to pass in the opposite direction. This way it also helps the residents of OH and Highsett to pull out from their drives without having their vision blocked left and right by parked vehicles in the lay-by.</p> <p>Could I suggest that you hold a trial first by only putting the double yellow lines in the lay-by initially to see how this works out and, if successful, could save a lot of unsightly double yellow lines outside residents' driveways.</p>
<p>(5) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>As you can see from the proposed plans the drawings clearly indicate that the width of our driveway is not comparable to any others, it is significantly narrower, this means we are unable to park on our driveway and have no option but to park on Alchester Rd. Introducing Double Yellow Lines outside of our property will mean we will need to park elsewhere, where do you suggest we park ensuring our cars will be secure and safe? You could fund the lowering of the curb for us but we will still only be able to park one car and it is likely to encroach on the pavement.</p> <p>We accepted that when we purchased the property that we couldn't park on the driveway but we could park outside our house. Now you are proposing that not only can we not park in front of our house but any prospective purchasers</p>

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	<p>of our property can't park outside the house. Surely there has to be an alternative solution for householders who cannot park on their driveway? However, we would not have purchased the property if had double yellow lines outside the front of it. In our experience, taking action such as painting Double Yellow Lines outside the front of the property will have a negative effect on the value of our property.</p> <p>I am currently undergoing medical treatment and feel that if my wife or I needed quick access to our cars we could be delayed by getting to the car and wouldn't know if we would be arriving at the car for it to be in a driveable state.</p>
<p>(6) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>The restrictions would make it illegal to park in certain places but enforcing this is likely to be difficult. Some of the positions you do not propose to mark as illegal appear to me to encourage parking close to a road junction and may be dangerous.</p> <p>Real solutions to the problem could be a combination of a number of actions, for example:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parking on the school site could be made available for school staff who currently park on the road.</li> <li>2. Further use of staggered start and finish times (perhaps with a holding room for siblings who need to be dropped off earlier than their class start time).</li> <li>3. A shared minibus from a location (for example on Kingsmere) funded by parents who would not then need to use their car.</li> <li>4. Provision of 'safe walking' between Kingsmere and Chesterton</li> </ol> <p>I have heard a suggestion of a 'drop-off' lane which could be constructed at the entrance to the school. Parents could drop-off quickly and leave. At the moment they need to park, walk their children to the gate, and walk back to their car. Increasing the distance they need to walk will increase the time for which the cars are parked and therefore the number of cars parked at peak times. There would be room to construct a small car park for staff cars and a drop-off lane at the entrance which has been used by Building traffic and the front of the older school building.</p> <p>I would also point out that substantial parts of the village are designated as conservation areas and double yellow lines will seriously impact the visual nature of the village.</p>

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<p>(7) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>Firstly there is no doubting that there is disruption along the roads in Chesterton during term time for pick up &amp; drop off but is this any different to any other village school?</p> <p>Secondly and starting with a question on the proposal is was with the proposal to expand the school which was granted permission was there any consideration given to the traffic &amp; parking issues and was it addressed at the same time? More people equates to more cars and traffic. As a condition of the sign off was it not made clear arrangements needed to be made by the school &amp; education team in the county council for the increased traffic volumes and if not why not and if there was what the recommendations were? There's parking available at the community centre &amp; also at the large park &amp; ride a mere 1 mile away - surely buses could be laid on or a lollipop person introduced to provide a safe passage to school to avert the need for double yellow lines.</p> <p>Thirdly by the double yellow line proposal the problem will only move across the road on to the A4095. This road is extremely busy at the best of times. With potentially large numbers of children and parents crossing it's a recipe for disaster. At the moment there's 2 very low speed humps &amp; a temperamental 30 mph speed sign to control speed. It's surely an accident waiting to happen. Are we the residents on the A4095 not then going to experience the same issues as those on the proposed roads?</p> <p>Another very important point to raise is this is yet another example of looking at a problem &amp; not seeing the wider issue. That issue being the lack of safe infrastructure to &amp; from the village. The village is isolated by the lack of a decent footpath - if you want to convince me the grass footpath is fit for purpose I'd encourage you to walk it! No lighting, dog excrement littering it, extremely muddy outside of the summer months, narrow in places. At some point the county council has got to recognise the need for a proper footpath that's lit to serve the village. This would then potentially encourage other forms of transport &amp; build on the healthy town status Bicester supposedly prides itself on.</p> <p>I then come on to enforcement - double yellow lines are great but who enforces it? Do council budgets allow for a person to patrol up &amp; down for 1/2 hour twice a day issuing tickets? Can the relevant council afford to employ these people or will it be sub contracted out to a company who have to meet targets? What happens when a parent is late dropping off or picking up or it's raining / cold - you can see parents stopping by the keep clear sign in the middle of the road putting their hazard lights on waiting for the children to get in or out.</p> <p>My final point is this a village &amp; needs to continue to remain so. Parts of the village are under the conservation area, is</p>
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	<p>double yellow lines &amp; lots of signage a great look &amp; great advertisement or something more akin to a city centre.</p>
<p>(8) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I am a resident of Alchester Road Chesterton and I am writing to object to the proposal to have double yellow lines along the length of the road and the whole of Orchard Rise.</p> <p>Looking at the map of the proposal it would seem that I will not be able to have any visitors or anyone coming to my house and able to park outside - as far as I am concerned this would be mainly at the weekends and in the evenings. When our Parish Council talked some time ago about introducing parking restrictions along the road we were informed that it would be single yellow lines on one side of the road, thereby defining times when parking was not allowed - not a blanket restriction. None of our houses are large enough to have big drives to enable visitors to park on them - I do not see why I should live in a village and not be able to have visitors parking.</p> <p>This enforcement is far too restrictive and if it is a case of no lines or double yellow lines then I would opt for no lines. Why can there not be some sensible solution to the problems of the school parking which is why any of these restrictions are being asked for. I do not wish my property and my parking to be compromised in this way.</p> <p>I trust that as a resident of the road and very much affected by any changes my views will be taken into account.</p>
<p>(9) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>First of all may I express my total objection to this proposal.</p> <p>1. Both my children attended Chesterton Primary in the 1980's when most pupils were from within Chesterton and little traffic problems, a traditional village school. As the intake from further afield has been extended so have the traffic / parking problems, it now being more or less gridlock at school hours around the school. This in turn causes chaos for through traffic especially delivery and emergency services.</p> <p>The decision to further extend to school by another 40 places with no provision of dedicated parking/drop of area or</p>

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	<p>school bus services is incredulous and shows no appreciation of the current situation.</p> <p>2. Painting double yellow lines around the village will not solve this issue and just push the existing parking further down Alchester road and maybe beyond. This in turn will make progress difficult for non-school traffic as it would be a stop / start the whole length of Alchester Road as having to wait behind parked cars for oncoming traffic to clear.</p> <p>3. May I remind you that all of Alchester road and some of Bignell View is within the conservation area.</p> <p>4. To paint double yellow lines on Bignell View and down Alchester Road is not a 'fix' to the problem and will further the urbanisation of Chesterton into the Bicester conurbation destroying our rural village aspect.</p> <p>5. I appreciate the current financial restrictions ( although the funds were found for the new school building) but a drop off zone for parents and buses off Vendee Drive and a footpath to the school – just 0.34 miles would totally solve this issue and return the village to tranquil normality.</p>
<p>(10) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I understand why there is a perceived need to do so. HOWEVER, I believe that your proposal will cause some inconvenience to residents and introduce hazardous situations.</p> <p>Your plan to have them only in front of driveways makes no sense. My difficulty, and I am sure it is the same for other residents on Alchester Road, is that I cannot access my driveway if someone parks across the road from it and I am therefore obliged to park around the corner in Orchard Rise, which under your proposal will no longer be an option due to yellow lines being introduced there too. An alternative option is to stop further up the road, turn around and reverse into my drive, which is time consuming and clearly hazardous. Additionally, to leave my driveway can be risky if there is more than one vehicle parked opposite my entrance. At the current time this inconvenience is limited to school drop off and pick up times during the term only so is manageable, but with the introduction of double yellows I anticipate that this manoeuvre will become a more frequent and probably constant frustration and inconvenience.</p> <p>I would strongly advise that if you decide on double yellow lines they should be placed on both sides along the length of what is a narrow residential road, for the safety of residents, drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.</p>

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<p>(11) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>It will not make any difference, parents dropping children to school still will park unless you have a traffic police here to enforced. I believe it is a total waste of tax payers money.</p>
<p>(12) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>It was inevitable that the traffic round the school in Chesterton would increase as the school expanded, accommodating children from surrounding villages as well as Chesterton. At the time of the proposal to expand the school, concern over the increased traffic was raised by many residents of the village, though to no avail. The school's insistence that it would be able to encourage parents to walk to the school was clearly unfounded, given that a number of parents are from other villages and that parents will often be dropping children on their way to work.</p> <p>We do not see how the proposed parking restrictions will improve the situation that the Parish Council are currently concerned about for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Double yellow lines along the proposed routes, even though primarily across private drives, will certainly stretch beyond those driveways and will only serve to push the problem further down the village where cars can park without restriction causing the same problems for residents there. We would suggest that if you buy a house near a school, you should expect some inconvenience during term time.</li> <li>2. Cars involved in the school run will presumably be parked for longer periods of time the further they are from the school, as parents and children will have further to walk.</li> <li>3. The current problem exists for approximately 10 - 20 minutes at drop-off and pick-up times for 5 days a week during term time only, while the proposed parking restrictions will apply 24/7 throughout the year. This seems extreme to say the least.</li> <li>4. Parking on the road is essential for some residents who have a number of cars and they will be forced to park permanently on the few unrestricted areas along the road – inconvenient for them and for the other houses they park in front of.</li> </ol>

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5. Furthermore Alchester Road is in a Conservation Area and the presence of so many yellow lines would be unsightly and take away from the 'village' nature of the area. As the owners of 's property along Alchester Rd. that opens directly onto the pavement, we notice that there are no parking restrictions outside our house. Ironically, this of great concern to us:

a- It will be a convenient spot for permanent parking for those who need to park on the road, an eyesore for us, but, more importantly, representing a hazard for us and the owners of Winterbrook House, as we exit from our driveway. Not only can we not see down Alchester Road but also cars turning out of Orchard Rise would be obscured.

b- It causes difficulties for No. 45 opposite us as they exit their driveway.

c- It is close to the junction of Orchard Rise which is an additional hazard.

d- If cars are not permanently parked there, they certainly will be during the school run causing the same problems that the proposals are trying to mitigate.

Whilst realising the concerns of the PC about the current situation, the situation as it stands has at least acted as a deterrent to HGVs and does slow the traffic down in the area surrounding the school.

Were this scheme to go ahead, we would hope that our property would also have parking restrictions outside it past the junction of Orchard Rise.

To conclude, we feel very strongly that the introduction of double yellow lines as proposed is an over-reaction and we see no benefit in the proposal. It should be incumbent upon the school to encourage parents to behave responsibly and considerately when dropping off their children. Furthermore it would be of benefit to all if some way of allowing teachers to park within the boundaries of the school could be found.

As a further point therefore would it be possible to have signs limiting HGV traffic to 'access only' with signage for deliveries to Bruern Abbey School and the Red Cow being directed along the unnamed road behind the school?

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<p>(13) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I object very strongly to the parking restrictions in Alchester Road &amp; Orchard Rise, Chesterton for number of reasons many concerns safety. Living on Bignell View (A4095) we cannot help but anticipate that the above traffic problems will be transferred to this area we already have a very high volume of FAST traffic &amp; have had a number of occurrences where vehicles drive on the footpath to avoid waiting for oncoming vehicles also people parking on the footpath causing the situation for pedestrians to have go out on the road to pass it !!! It also a concern that it would affect the access to the drives for the houses on Bignell View &amp; also emergency vehicles !!!!!</p> <p>I do feel that this situation should have been managed prior to the extension to the school &amp; that they should be responsible for the policing of this matter.</p>
<p>(14) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I 'object', to the proposal on the grounds of cost to ratepayers also inconvenience to residents:</p> <p>The proposed restrictions are covered in the Highway Code without the need for Double Yellow Lines. The onus should be on the School, at no cost to ratepayers, to educate the parents by drawing their attention to "Rules 239; 241; 243 and 244 of The Highway Code, at the beginning of each term.</p> <p>The school is only in use approximately 27 4 days a year of which the school drop off and pick up times at the very maximum, total only 2 hours a day. At the most that is approximately 7% of time when the restrictions are needed, supposedly for the benefit of the residents. This means for the other 93% of time the residents are being unnecessarily penalised.</p> <p>The yellow lines though they are placed at the various restricted places covered by the Highway Code, will cover a greater area than required. It will no doubt require signs being placed on the pavement. The pavement on the east side of Alchester Road is already narrow in places making it difficult for wheelchair users, more obstructions would increase their difficulties. The pavement on the west side of Alchester Road does not continue along its full length and though wider is more difficult for wheelchair users because, of where the pavement is dropped at driveway entrances</p>

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	<p>they are not on the same plane as the main pavement, again any more obstructions would only compound the problem.</p> <p>The yellow lines may be effective for a short period of time, but once it is realised, they are not being policed, will become ineffective.</p>
<p>(15) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) – <b>No opinion</b></p> <p>We write to raise concerns over the proposed parking restrictions (double yellow lines) in Alchester Road. We do not believe that this proposal has been thought through properly, and object to double yellow lines on both sides of the road.</p> <p>For instance, to the right of our entrance there will be an unlined space where people would be able to park. This is right opposite another unlined space on the other side of the road. If, therefore, people park both sides of the road in the unlined spaces, there will be no room for cars to pass through, let alone fire engines, as Alchester Road is not a very wide road anyway. There are many places all along Alchester Road where this would be the case.</p> <p>We agree with double yellow lines on one side of the road in certain places, but think your proposals are too extreme.</p>
<p>(16) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) – <b>Object</b></p> <p>I feel that they would be unsightly in, what is largely, a Conservation Area and that the restrictions would be ignored. Obviously there is a problem with parking but I do not think the restrictions are the answer. My suggestion is that a semi-circular drive could be created at the front of the school within the existing front garden which would enable parents to drive through one way and drop their children quickly without parking and walking to the school. Also, if the start and finish times are staggered (as I believe they already are) this would be a great help.</p> <p>There is a large number of vehicles already parking on the village roads, sometimes because residents have no available parking. Often they are unhappy with other residents leaving their many vehicles parked for weeks on end without moving them in front of their homes and therefore prefer to see their own vehicle than someone else's. These vehicles take up places for visitor parking. Is it possible to restrict long term parking?</p>

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	<p>With the larger vehicles parking close to my drive exit it is impossible to see any approaching vehicles and exiting is very dangerous. I try not to leave during peak times but sometimes it's inevitable. When a vehicle parks opposite my drive it is also very tricky to pull out; the yellow lines would not change this situation.</p> <p>The other problem is the teaching staff and assistants as their vehicles are parked all day. Perhaps more parking could be made available for staff on the school site.</p>
<p>(17) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) – <b>Object</b></p> <p>I am in agreement that during these times many parents who drive, park in inappropriate places causing unnecessary danger by parking on corners and blocking access routes. As a resident in Orchard Rise I do not believe that the proposed restrictions are the solution though. As a resident who is not fortunate enough to have a driveway I am dependent on parking on the road outside my house, along with my other neighbours. Returning from work at school pick up times I am unable to find parking to access my house and collect my own child from school. I am forced to park on grass verges just to carry items to my house. It is an ongoing problem.</p> <p>The proposed restrictions will protect residents with driveways but at a time when the school is expanding and more parents will be driving to the village these restrictions will just cause further problems for the many residents of Orchard Rise without driveways.</p> <p>As the school moves towards single year groups the amount of traffic will only increase over the coming years. I believe we need to look for long term solutions to help everyone access the school including paths and cycle tracks into the village, a school bus from Bicester, or parking at the community centre or another car park and walking?</p> <p>If the proposed restrictions go ahead to protect those with driveways I would appreciate if you could also factor in protection for residents in Orchard Rise without them. Maybe resident's parking or similar? These restrictions will only cause further congestion in other parts of the village I imagine so this also needs to be considered.</p>
<p>(18) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) – <b>No opinion</b></p>

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	<p>We would like to welcome restrictions being made to alleviate the parking along Alchester Rd, however, struggle to understand how some of what has been proposed will actually help. Problems will increase as the school I believe will no longer have any parking provision yet will have an increased number of staff and parents parking and dropping off. We have regularly had staff, and parent helpers' vehicles parked opposite our 2nd driveway, next to Hunters Moon, from 7.30am-5pm.</p> <p>We live in Allestree, our house is situated opposite the substation. We are fortunate enough to have 2 drive ways, currently have 3/ 4 cars, however both drives have persistently had (up until recently) problems with and access/exiting due to parking on the opposite side (east). As we have a natural good view (a large front window) of the road more so perhaps than others, we frequently witness irresponsible parking, oversized vehicles and speed driving. As you approach our house from the school the road slightly kinks and the grass verges and driveways are substantially narrower and shorter than those along from the junction and along past the school. When the east side of the road is full of cars the Home Farm drive area serves as a stopping/ passing place for cars, coaches, school buses and the very large delivery vehicles that frequently pass by. These frequently climb the kerbs to get through, quite often at times when children are walking along to school. We are sure the coach drivers have confirmed this with you as they too often nod and throw their arms up in frustration!</p> <p>As you probably observed on your visit, most parking along Alchester Rd takes place on the east side of the road. Therefore, it seems pointless to us to put parking restrictions on the side of our driveways, the west side. For us, the problems lie more so when cars are parked on the east side of the road, as with having narrower verges, that's where we have difficulties in accessing and exiting our drives, and when reversing is near to impossible. In all, it appears that half the east side of the road has been proposed to be covered in double yellow lines, as a result, this, we feel will push people more so to park opposite our driveways and the problems that we have been experiencing will stay the same and no doubt get worse.</p>
<p>(19) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>When proposals were put forward to extend Chesterton Primary School, residents pointed out the problems that already exist with additional vehicles in Alchester Road and Orchard Rise during school drop off and pick up times. It is not necessarily that the vehicles block drive ways but that their owners park them in such a way that Alchester Road becomes a single track road. At that time we could not see the reason for extending Chesterton Primary School when the majority of the children attending it came from Bicester, mainly Kingsmere, and St. Edburg's Primary school had been re-located to the new school building on the Kingsmere estate and we understood it had good availability.</p>



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We were told during the time of the consultation on the planning for the new extension that calculations had been made and that there was sufficient parking within the village to accommodate the school staff and the parents who would drive to the village to bring their children to the school. At no time were we told that the proposals would entail an order being made for double yellow lines to be installed throughout Alchester Road and Orchard Rise. One side of Alchester Road is a conservation area. The proposed double yellow lines across the accesses to properties will inconvenience residents more than the additional traffic trying to access Chesterton Primary School as it will prevent us or visitors to our properties being able to park in Alchester Road at any time.

Unfortunately as there is no public transport serving Chesterton all children who do not live in the village will have to be brought to school in private vehicles, apart from the few who use the school bus.

Should the worse scenario happen and there is not enough opposition to the proposed prohibition of waiting order, who will actually monitor vehicles being parked on the double yellow lines, the Police will not do it and therefore you will have wrecked the village for no reason other than ticking a box to say that you have carried out an exercise to prevent vehicles being parked across accesses to properties.

The A 4095 runs through the village and there are no parking restrictions on that road. Should the parents who drive to the village school and residents who will no longer be able to park outside their properties park on the A 4095? I am sure that would quickly cause problems due to the large number of vehicles that use the road every day.

I would therefore like to strongly object to the proposed Oxfordshire County Council (Chesterton Parish) (Prohibition of Waiting) order 20\*\* on the basis that:-

1. Residents of Chesterton have to rely on cars for transport as there is no public transport serving the village. In view of the lack of public transport owners of most of the properties have more than one car and due to the age of the houses in Alchester Road there is not always sufficient off road parking available within the property boundary therefore residents have to, on occasions, park in Alchester Road. Double yellow lines across driveways will also prevent residents from receiving visitors to their properties as they will not be able to park outside the house they are visiting.
2. It will greatly impact on the visual appearance of a rural village, firstly with the double yellow lines and secondly with the large number of signs that will have to be erected on very narrow pavements to accompany the double yellow lines.
3. It will not stop the parents of children who attend Chesterton Primary School parking in Alchester Road or Orchard

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	<p>Rise. As the school extension is now being built, it is obvious that there will be an increase in the number of vehicles being driven by parents to the village. The parents of the children will have to park somewhere and the information in the proposed order (Exemptions from Waiting Restrictions 5 (2) indicates that they are free to park on the double yellow lines if they are waiting to enable a person to board or alight from the vehicle, which is what the parents of the school children will be doing.</p>
<p>(20) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I object to the proposal for yellow lining in the rest of the village for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The parents of schoolchildren will still have to park somewhere. This harebrained proposal will only push the problem out to other areas of the village and achieve nothing.</li> <li>b. It offers no alternative/solution to the core issue of where parents can park when dropping the children off - a perfectly reasonable requirement.</li> <li>c. It is a sledgehammer to crack a walnut - a massive overkill. I have never seen vehicles parked over hanging our entrance or any other entrance in the village, or part too close to junctions or in any other unacceptable place - in nearly 7 years of living here.</li> <li>d. If the above were to be an issue, the school run cars or any part therefore 10 -15 minutes or so twice a day so it's hardly a showstopper. It's certainly not worth a 24hrs a day prohibition on parking (which will have far more impact on the residents who have to live here 24/7 (and their visitors)).</li> <li>e. Wholesale yellow lining as proposed is a crude, blunt instrument. More constructive and appropriate proposals would include having things for children like a 'walking bus' <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-andchildren/schools/schools-transport/set-up-a-walking-bus">https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-andchildren/schools/schools-transport/set-up-a-walking-bus</a> , a 'bike bus' <a href="http://www.cycling.scot/mediaLibrary/other/English/5539.pdf">http://www.cycling.scot/mediaLibrary/other/English/5539.pdf</a>, staggered drop-off times, other measures to encourage cycling to school etc.</li> <li>f. The historic rural character of Chesterton will be ruined by ugly yellow lines that make it look like a car choked town centre.</li> <li>g. The residents of Chesterton need to be able to go about their business and park on the public road as well. Therefore, this proposal would be a huge own goal.</li> <li>h. It is already an offence to park overhanging a dropped kerb - so there would be no benefit in using yellow lining in each dropped kerb. Enforcing existing dropped kerbs is more than adequate.</li> <li>i. A major yellow lining project would be an expensive waste of tax payers' money.</li> <li>j. Lining is excessive e.g. The driveway entrance for Chesterwood/Barnside (2 homes south of the school on Alchester</li> </ul>

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	<p>Road) is 6.18m wide (and the dropped curb slightly less at 5.52m) and yet the plan shows that the yellow lining would be substantially longer at some 12m long. It can't be justifiable to yellow line twice the width of an entrance. A car is typically around 1.8m in width so the entrance is already wide enough for 3 cars at once to pass through - people do not need such a wide track of road to be yellow-lined- thereby losing another 1.5 car spaces of public road parking.</p> <p>In my view, Chesterton village is hugely enhanced by having a charming village school in its midst, and by the vibrant presence of children going to/fro each day. It is not for people who purchased properties on or near Alchester Road to drive these families (and their vehicles) away. These households purchase their properties with full cognition that they were nearby to a popular school and would therefore be affected by parking at peak times. It is not acceptable for these households do no deflect this inconvenience to the households on Orchard rise and the rest of the village. Let me be clear, when we purchased our own home, we knew it was near the village school and reflected this into our purchase decision. It has been slightly inconvenient at times, of course, but we were in full knowledge of the potential impact we chose to live here. I do not feel it is right to 'pass the buck' on this inconvenience to other households who do not expect to have the main road in the village yellow lined, with consequent build-up of parking on the doorstep.</p> <p>We would like to live in a world where there were no cars parked near our house/driveway, no other cars/congestion on the roads etc. but life is not like that. It cannot be for some people to insist upon no parking in certain areas of the public road and then assert control of 'their' section of road - particularly when it is for their own convenience i.e. selfish NIMBYism. This proposal is fed by militant NIMBYs with their own agenda and should be dismissed without further ado.</p> <p><i>*additional documentation supplied</i></p>
<p>(21) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>This to me is over the top and will impact us as residents. Having lived in this village for 16 years I moved in knowing the school was there and so would the traffic twice a day.</p> <p>To be putting double yellow lines on Alchester Road is ridiculous and will penalise my family and friends who want to visit and will be the same for all residents in Alchester Road and Orchard Rise. At the present time we are a 3 car family and there is not always enough room on our drive so we park opposite. My daughter's boyfriend visits and has to park on the road, we are not the only households that have 3 or more cars. I would like it noted that the majority of cars park in the village are residents. I have only noticed one person that parks on Alchester Road and then cycles out of the village.</p>

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	<p>By taking away the parked cars this will increase the speed of cars on Alchester Road which could cause accidents at the moment this slows the traffic due to having to give way to on-coming traffic.</p> <p>Since COVID19 and lockdown a lot more residents walk or cycle into Bicester including my teenage daughter. Instead of taking the cheaper option of putting in double yellows please look at safe walking and cycling tracks into Bicester from our village, especially now that the secondary school bus is no longer supporting year 7 and they are expected to walk and cycle along the roads in and out of the village which in the winter months is unacceptable. Placing double yellow lines on corners and places that are unsafe to park would be acceptable.</p>
<p>(22) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I am very concerned about the proposal for double yellow lines around the school. This will push parked cars into other roads in the village. We live on the A4095 and it would be very dangerous if parents are forced to park on such a horrendously busy road. What about the residents of houses on Orchard Rise and Alchester Road? Where are they supposed to park their cars if they do not fit in their driveway? What happens when those residents have friends visiting? - they will be forced to park on alternative roads too. It is very busy at school drop off and pick up time, but that is the nature of living close to a school. It's only for a short time during each weekday so I think it should be tolerated. I urge you to re-think this proposal and come up with a better solution</p>
<p>(23) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>Cars will park elsewhere in the village. It will simply displace the problem. The school has children whose parents don't live in the village. How are they expected to get to school?</p> <p>As the cars move to park elsewhere, more parking restrictions will be brought in. The cars will move elsewhere to park. More parking restrictions. And so on and so on. Where will it stop? Until the whole village is covered? This isn't Bicester.</p>

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<p>(24) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>The proposals severely limit parking options for parents dropping off and collecting children from Chesterton school and the Playgroup. It provides no alternative options. Parents in Bicester and surrounding villages have no option other than to drive. I rarely see driveways blocked and the majority park sensibly. Double yellow lines near junctions would improve safety, but the rest are unnecessary.</p> <p>I feel that safety would be compromised with this proposal as you'd have the same number of cars seeking spaces, but with nowhere to go leading to stress and poor judgement.</p> <p>I live in the village and walk to playgroup (20 mins at child pace), but there are always occasions when driving is required.</p>
<p>(25) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>This is not fixing the problem in any way at all. It is just moving the problem parking to another area. Double yellow lines are very inconvenient for residents. In fact a lot of parking on Alchester road is residential parking. There is no parking on Bignell view so residents from here park on Alchester road and there are houses on Alchester road with multiple cars so this doesn't only affect the school but these individuals too. We also wouldn't have anywhere for guests to park when we have them over which would be very inconvenient.</p> <p>A better solution if you have to have parking restrictions would be either restrictions at certain times when parking is a problem or residents only parking.</p> <p>However, it would be better to actually tackle the problem and reduce the number of cars driving to the village. Cycle lanes, pavements, a funded school bus from Kingsmere, Wendlebury, Weston-on-the-Green and Middleton Stoney, as well as encouraging school staff to park elsewhere too.</p>
<p>(26) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p>

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	<p>I live in Orchard Rise and park my car in the residents parking area provided between no 18 and 16. It seems to me that if yellow lines are introduced then people will park in this area instead.</p> <p>As well as being very annoying for residents who may wish to leave or return home during these times, the much increased movement of cars in this small area is very dangerous. Especially as it involves a lot of small children on foot.</p> <p>Increased parking here had already begun to happen before the new school classrooms were started.</p>
<p>(27) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>Double yellow lines would make the village feel more urbanised; the proximity to Bicester is increasing, and it is gradually losing its rural feel. It is unlikely that they will be enforceable, although I acknowledge it might make parents aware of where they park. I support an extension of the school zone zig-zag lines, because they are near a junction. It must be balanced with the fact that the school run is usually over within 30/45 minutes twice a day. Education about parking issues and road safety to parents via the school would be better than daubing double yellow lines in our village.</p>
<p>(28) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I strongly object to the proposed double yellow lines.</p> <p>1 - this is a beautiful village, we do not want it looking ugly with lines and signs everywhere.</p> <p>2 - where are the parents proposed to park? You extend the school and surely knew more cars will be used. This should have been a vital issue that should have been raised at the point of planning. Chesterton is inaccessible so surely making it accessible by foot would encourage more to cycle?</p> <p>3 - By putting in yellow lines you're not resolving the issue, you are just encouraging parents to park further up the road in front of somebody else's driveway!</p>

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	<p>I hope there is another way this can be resolved without ruining our village.</p>
<p>(29) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I am a resident of Chesterton and live along Alchester road where the proposed lines are suggested to be drawn, I strongly object to this proposal. Not only will the lines be an eyesore and extremely inconvenient when we have family and friends visiting, it must be obvious to most that Chesterton School survives because children travel to get there. There are not enough children in the village for the school or indeed the playgroup to remain viable. There is no transport to the school; there are no paths to walk to school; parents drop off on their way to work; putting these lines in will simply force parents to park further away from school and push the issues further down the village. A car park needs to be provided or communication with the school for staggered arrival times; a walking bus from the community centre car park or provide a school bus. A simple solution would be to provide a safe path from Kingsmere across to the school seeing as that is part of the catchment area. Also, education of the residents that have complained about the catchment and lack of parking and transport is necessary. Wider paths, traffic calming measures, a 20mph speed limit through the village or even a lollipop person may be an advantage but clearly these have been overlooked because double yellow lines are a cheap way of appeasing a few residents while alienating most others! I understand the parking at school pick up and drop off times may be irritating but it does come part and parcel of buying a house near a school.</p>
<p>(30) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>These proposals fall within the conservation area of the village (Alchester Road) and are therefore completely inappropriate for the location. Conservation areas are supposed to be protected from urbanisation and unsightly double yellow lines and additional street signs fall under this description.</p> <p>Although I understand the reasons for preventing inconsiderate parking, by putting double yellow lines around the school, those wishing to park will simply be dispersed to other areas of the village where they will become even more of a nuisance whilst staying longer to walking their children a little further to the school. Areas such as Tubbs Lane and Manor Farm Lane will become new drop off points (and turning points) so residents that have so far been relatively unaffected by the school traffic will then have to deal with a new and irritating disturbance. It will also result in</p>

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	<p>vehicles being parked on grass verges which border the highway and are currently privately maintained as part of the garden of these residents.</p> <p>The council should be focusing on sustainable travel solutions, not those that encourage increased vehicle movements in a rural setting.</p>
<p>(31) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>We live in Old Vicarage Cottage, Alchester Rd, Chesterton. As you can see from the proposed plans the drawings clearly indicate that the width of our driveway is not comparable to any others, it is significantly narrower, this means we are unable to park on our driveway and have no option but to park on Alchester Rd. Introducing Double Yellow Lines outside of our property will mean we will need to park elsewhere, where do you suggest we park where our cars will be secure and safe? You could fund the lowering of the curb for us but we will still only be able to park one car and it is likely to encroach on the pavement. You could purchase a metre of land from The Old Vicarage, which would enable us to widen the driveway and allow us to park on the driveway. We accepted that when we purchased the property that we couldn't park on the driveway but we could park outside our house. Now you are proposing that not only can we not park in front of our house but any prospective purchasers of our property can't park outside the house. Surely there has to be an alternative solution for householders who cannot park on their driveway. I am currently undergoing Cancer Treatment and feel that if my wife or I needed quick access to our cars we could be delayed by getting to the car and wouldn't know if we would be arriving at the car for it to be in a driveable state.</p>
<p>(32) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>To prevent the parking of vehicles near a school will simply mean that people will park somewhere else the problem will be moved to another location in the village. I would suggest that Alchester road could be made one way. Alleviating the traffic issues for the whole of the village while still allowing people to get to the school. By making it one way and reducing the speed to 20mph this will reduce their risk of accidents. One way traffic will be easier to cross and the congestion issues will be made easier.</p>
<p>(33) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b></p>



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	<p>We live at New College House. It's proposed to have double yellow lines outside our gates and The Rectory. This is totally pointless and does not address the real problem. People do not park directly outside anyone's gate ... the problem is people parking opposite access to gates. There are already 4/5 cars parking permanently opposite our access. There is only ever one side of the road to drive on at this part (directly outside our gates) which causes a number of existing problems. - Access to and from our home is always difficult, and sometimes dangerous. - It is often necessary to drive past our home to the other end of Alchester Road to turn and drive back on the near side, as it's the only way to get our car through the gates. -Traffic has to pause to allow oncoming vehicles to pass on the single stretch of this road. - Large vehicles (lorries, buses and HGVs) frequently mount the grass verge outside our property just to pass this stretch of the road, causing damage which we have to try to repair on a regular basis. Putting double yellow lines directly outside the entrance of homes is pointless and does not address the issues of safety and access. The proposed restrictions will send more cars down the Alchester Road (parking along the frontage of The Vicarage) exacerbating the problems here further and increasing the length of the single lane / one car width stretch of road. We feel strongly that this is not a good solution.</p>
<p>(34) Local Resident, (chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I live n Orchard Rise and and have access via the back entrance to my home is from the dead end parking area on orchard rise by putting yellow lines else wear in the road the dead end will become the only place to park thus limiting me who lives there from parking even now at pick up times parking is a problem so i see with restricted parking else wear this problem will become worse.I object to this as a resident this seems unfair to myself and to all of the residents who park down this section of the road.</p>
<p>(35) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I am a resident of Chesterton and live along Alchester road where the proposed lines are suggested to be drawn, I strongly object to this proposal. Not only will the lines be an eyesore and extremely inconvenient when we have family and friends visiting, it must be obvious to most that Chesterton School survives because children travel to get there. There are not enough children in the village for the school or indeed the playgroup to remain viable. There is no transport to the school; there are no paths to walk to school; parents drop off on their way to work; putting these lines in will simply force parents to park further away from school and push the issues further down the village. A car park needs to be provided or communication with the school for staggered arrival times; a walking bus from the community</p>

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	<p>centre car park or provide a school bus. A simple solution would be to provide a safe path from Kingsmere across to the school seeing as that is part of the catchment area. Also, education of the residents that have complained about the catchment and lack of parking and transport is necessary. Wider paths, traffic calming measures, a 20mph speed limit through the village or even a lollipop person may be an advantage but clearly these have been overlooked because double yellow lines are a cheap way of appeasing a few residents while alienating most others! I understand the parking at school pick up and drop off times may be irritating but it does come part and parcel of buying a house near a school.</p>
<p>(36) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I live on Home Farm Close and must park on Alchester Road as our house does not have parking. For the sake of an hour's disruption I don't feel that these double yellow lines will help, rather limit where we ourselves can park. With a young child having to walk much further down Alchester Road would be very inconvenient.</p> <p>Furthermore people do need to drop their children off at school, especially those who live outside the village so double yellow lines will merely shift the problem elsewhere in the village. I feel a more nuanced solution is required, perhaps a designated drop off spot at either end of Alchester Road and a walking bus perhaps to get those children to school.</p> <p>Lastly double yellow lines are unsightly. This is a quiet, countryside village that needs to retain its character. This is not Bicester, it is not a place that will have huge parking problems all day every day.</p>
<p>(37) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>Many children attend the school and playgroup from outside the village, they need somewhere to stop to drop off their children at the settings mentioned above. The issue of a large amount of cars parking along alchester road and orchard rise is only for a small period of the morning and afternoon. As a villager myself and many others, we no to take a different route through the village to avoid traffic and to not add to the congestion. By adding double yellow lines this could have an adverse effect on people coming to our school and risk its future!</p>
<p>(38) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p>

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	<p>1- the yellow lines and associated signage will be unsightly in a conservation area and village location.</p> <p>2- this will cause residents and parents to park in other areas of the village, thereby just moving the problem.</p> <p>3- parking/crossing on the very busy A4095, which this may cause, would be very dangerous &amp; cause traffic issues/congestion in the surrounding areas.</p> <p>4- this is not solving the issue at all. People (both residents and parents) have no choice but to drive to the village. There are no safe cycle/walking routes into the village. There is no bus service for residents and most children are not eligible for the free bus service, which should be made free (or low cost) for all children. A free or low cost bus for school children would hugely reduce the amount of traffic on the road, reducing CO2 emissions, congestion and improving parking issues around the school.</p> <p>5- The only issue we have with the road is the speed some individuals drive past the parked cars, making it dangerous for children crossing the road. A reduced speed limit at school times would be beneficial.</p> <p>6- Residents need the ability to have visitors to park outside their homes.</p>
<p>(39) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I live on Home Farm Close and due to lack of parking need to park on Alchester Road. I have a very young child so I would be concerned if we were forced to park further away.</p> <p>The school is a primary school and although many may not live in the village they are all part of the village community. They need to be dropped off safely by their parents. Where are they expected to park? This remains a problem if the lines are in place.</p> <p>If the reason is to stop drives being blocked - well people should not be blocking drives anyway. Perhaps signs as a reminder rather than yellow lines.</p> <p>Chesterton is a beautiful village and I also think the yellow lines will be unsightly and spoil the look of the village.</p> <p>Finally, the problem is only at pick up and drop off. At all other times the roads are incredibly quiet. It is a minor inconvenience to ensure the safety of small children.</p>

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<p>(40) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>This is a conservation area and yellow lines apart from being ghastly will further urbanise the village street scene. A one way system past this area would be a better proposition allowing cars to drop off on both sides of the street without the obstruction of oncoming traffic.</p> <p>It is pretty poor planning that the extension to the school was passed without consideration to increased traffic flow and the impact on the homes of people living in the immediate vicinity.</p>
<p>(41) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I wish to object to the proposed parking restrictions in Alchester Road and Orchard Rise.</p> <p>On a positive note it is a good idea for double yellow lines to be painted on the corners between Alchester Road and Orchard Rise. Along with the existing "School Keep Clear" markings this should provide a clear line of sight for parents and children when crossing the road to school. These parking restrictions do though need to be ENFORCED!</p> <p>However as far as the rest of the proposed parking restrictions are concerned this is just a complete waste of time and money. For example I will be having double yellow lines painted in front of my driveway (Crendon). Why? I've lived here for over 15 years and nobody has ever parked there. I'm sure this is also true for many of the other residents in Alchester Road. Again why will there be double yellow lines at the junction between the B4095 and Alchester Road? I can't remember the last time I saw anyone parking there. It also seems completely excessive for the restrictions to include the whole of Orchard Rise and down as far as Tubbs Yard.</p> <p>I also believe this proposal will have negative consequences. Currently virtually all M/V's park on the Eastern side of Alchester Road. Therefore, most children arriving to school by car do not have to cross the road. Also this allows for unrestricted (all be it careful) access for through traffic. Now in effect, parking spaces are being created between the double yellow lines on both sides of the road. Cars can/will even park opposite one another. More parents and children will be forced into crossing the road. Additionally sight lines will be much worse and it could block access for service and emergency vehicles during school opening and closing hours.</p>

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<p>(42) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>It is a foregone conclusion that this restriction will defer parents to parking in Bignell View(A4095) where we have more than enough problems with high levels of traffic which we have a weekly occurrence of vehicles parking on the foot path preventing parents and children from walking and a dangerous habit of vehicles driving along the foot path due to parked cars and other obstructions. A constant problem for pedestrians is that they have to walk in the road to get past these obstructions which is only going to be exacerbated with your proposed restrictions. The parking problem is caused by the school, which the extra classrooms will only make worse, so I feel they should be instructed to police their own problem and not inconvenience everyone else.</p>
<p>(43) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I object because this is an unreasonable NIMBY-ish proposal which is heavy-handed and indiscriminate. The school parents only need to park for 15mins a couple of times a day and having a 24hr restriction is over the top. Additionally, the yellow lining proposed across entrances is much longer (in some cases twice as long or even 3 times as long as the entrance) and this is excessive (and will result in the loss of much needed parking on the public road, which will make life difficult for the very residents that the proposal is allegedly meant to be helping).</p>
<p>(44) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>No opinion</b></p> <p>Alchester Road is in the conservation area, yellow lines will add to the urbanisation of Chesterton and lead to extended parking the whole length of Alchester Road and beyond.</p>
<p>(45) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>As a resident of Alchester Road for 6.5 years, living only 4 doors away from Chesterton Church of England Primary School on the east side and having two young children who attend the same school, I can honestly say that I have</p>

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	<p>never experienced a time when another vehicle dropping children off at the school has not allowed my husband or I to move our vehicle from our off road parking/driveway which is situated in front of our house.</p> <p>We are a two car family with only one off road car parking space in front of our house and this proposal is likely to have a significant impact on our ability to park outside of our house particularly since the reduced availability of parking along the remainder of Alchester Road and Orchard Rise will likely result in neighbours parking further away from their own homes and for potentially long periods of time thus not allowing my husband or I with our young family to park outside of our own home and potentially, if needed, being ticketed if we chose to park across the front of our own entrance.</p> <p>As you will be aware the majority of Alchester Road is also within a conservation area and the proposal of double yellow lines and signage will be detrimental to this.</p> <p>How this proposal will be policed if it was permitted to go ahead (which I hope it does not) greatly concerns me and I strongly feel that this will not solve the problem that the minority of residents on Alchester Road have.</p>
<p>(46) Local Resident, (Bicester)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I believe that the double yellow lines will cause more problems than they will solve. As a parent of a children at the school there is no safe way to walk or cycle to Chesterton from Kingsmere. I therefore have to drive to get my children to school. I have never seen parking which has prevented residents entering or leaving their property. There is already a rule in the highway code to prevent this (Highway Code rule 243). By implementing these double yellows you will not prevent parking but just move it to other areas of the village. I am not aware of any accidents that have been caused by parked vehicles. The majority of the lines down Orchard Rise are not protecting resident access.</p> <p>There are other options available such as residents offering their vacant driveways to be used for school drop off and pick up. Residents and implementing a timed one way system where by between 8.30am and 9.15am and 3pm and 3.30pm people only travel one way down Alchester Road and around Orchard Rise. You can leave the village via Green Lane (or vice versa). A safe walking route via Tubbs Lane - something Residents have prevented. If Residents really want to reduce the traffic and increase safety in the village a safe walking/cycling route in and out of the village would be money better spent.</p>

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<p>(47) Local Resident, (Bicester)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>Chesterton School survives because children travel to get there. There are not enough children in the village for the school to remain viable. There is no transport to the school; there are no paths to walk to school; parents drop off on their way to work; putting these lines in will simply force parents to park further away from school and push the issues further down the village. A car park needs to be provided or communication with the school for staggered arrival times; walking bus from the community centre car park or provide a school bus. A simple solution would be to provide a safe path from Kingsmere across to the school seeing as that is part of the catchment area. Also, education of the residents that have complained about the catchment and lack of parking and transport is necessary.</p>
<p>(48) Local Resident, (Bicester)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>Parents outside of the village are being made to feel like criminals for all of 20 mins a day. There is nowhere to park now and will the yellow lines it will be impossible.</p>
<p>(49) Local Resident, (Aylesbury)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I object to the proposal of double yellow lines, as my sister lives along Alchester Road, and has done for number of years. I visit her on a regular basis and double yellow lines would render it impossible to park near to her house. With a small baby this will make visiting my sister impractical. Their driveway is already in full use with two cars. I am aware that the road is busy during school times, however this is for a short period twice a day and is a reality of living close to a school. I would suspect that double yellow lines would create more issues than it resolves as people will still need to get their children to school. I would suggest that placing double yellow lines along the road is short sighted and I urge you to reconsider.</p>
<p>(50) Local Resident, (Aylesbury)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b></p>

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	It is ridiculous that parking should be stopped fir local residents and their visitors
(51) Local Resident, (Aylesbury)	Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b>  Residents will be unable to have visitors park nearby
(52) Local Resident, (Aylesbury)	Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Object</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Object</b>  I visit my daughter who lives in Alchester Road, up to 3 days a week and collect them from Chesterton first school and look after them on the days my daughter is working.
(53) Local Resident, (Chesterton)	Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b>  I live on Alchester Road. I am pleased you are considering restrictions but very concerned how this affects houses with no parking outside their property eg 2 Home Farm Close, who park therefore on the road, and also people visiting us or anyone else on the two roads. Would not a single yellow line be more acceptable/suitable?
(54) Local Resident, (Chesterton)	Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b>  We live at Sunnyside, next to the old village hall so face the impact of cars from the playgroup in the hall & school traffic. I am happy steps are being taken to manage the parking issues on Alchester Road, we have had people parking across our drive at school collection time, and if not actually across the drive, so close to the drive that it becomes dangerous to exit the drive at busy pick up times. This will only get worse as the school takes in more people due to the expansion, who will be from out of area, with no public transport links or viable footpaths to the village. My concern however is that we have had to park across our drive on many occasions when returning to our property, due



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	<p>to lack of parking on the road. If further restrictions are placed around the village, this is more likely to happen. Would we then risk getting a fine for parking in front of our house?! Please can you confirm this point and if a resident parking permit could be an option?</p>
<p>(55) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b></p> <p>Concern over excessive signage to communicate any parking restrictions. Current proposal does not offer a solution for the issue just pushes it further out from school. Traffic is already excessive and bad parking by drop offs already makes road dangerous around school opening and close times without increased class. Any solution needs to be enforced otherwise will be ignored as per current road markings.</p>
<p>(56) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b></p> <p>My primary concern relates to the timing of these measures and whether there is adequate support, funding and resource to introduce the complementary travel infrastructure required to help parents and children travel to school safely.</p> <p>Simply introducing enforceable road markings on the roads stated provides no solution for school travel, and in this regard may cause problems elsewhere in the village.</p> <p>In ordinary circumstances parents would be directed to public transport, however in light of Covid 19 the Council must be sympathetic to current government advice which is that public transport should be used as a last resort. As such, we are aware that school bus travel will be limited and potentially not advisable.</p> <p>With no safe route of travel on foot or by bicycle to Chesterton from Kingsmere (Bicester), Weston on the Green or any other neighbouring villages, parents who need to ensure their children get to school safely may have no option but to drive. All surrounding roads are national speed limit routes, with no cycle path and in many cases no footpath. These are not suitable routes of travel for many people, least of all those of primary school age children.</p> <p>If these enforcement measures were proposed for implementation WITH other complementary measures e.g timed for delivery in line with an agreed date for a cycle and/or foot path, or an increased school bus service to compensate for the distancing required, I think it would be far easier to support on the basis that we are focused on future</p>

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	<p>improvements and solutions.</p> <p>At present, the application only serves to defer an existing problem to another driveway, and delivers no workable travel solution to families who have no other option.</p>
<p>(57) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b></p> <p>We have concerns and disagree with the approval for the yellow lines to be installed within the layby of Alchester Road opposite the school.</p> <p>This would look extremely unsightly from our house to have bright yellow lines right in front of our driveway and I'm sure you will agree this is far from fair or reasonable to expect these to be right in front of our house.</p> <p>We also do not see how anyone can try to stop us parking at the bottom of our own driveway to unload shopping or items from our car right outside of our house. It is also very far from in keeping within our lovely village and would look extremely unsightly.</p> <p>Surely this would be far better to have a member of the school staff monitoring traffic at start and finish times or to have a dedicated crossing guard appointed for the school at these times.</p>
<p>(58) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Concerns</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>I have concerns about scattered double yellow lines along Alchester Road. I think they will look very unattractive in a historic village. I would prefer solid double yellow lines on one side of the road. Ideally, this should be on the east side and effectively continues the 'no waiting' area outside Chesterton school.</p> <p>I do not think a double yellow line is necessary between The Old Stables and the Church Lych Gate as this has few drop kerbs.</p> <p>I think also that to the east side of Alchester Road, parking should not be allowed at any time of day. To the west side of Alchester Road, parking should only be allowed outside of school hours, which will then allow residents an area of the road in which to park during the day.</p>

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<p>(59) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>As a resident whose drive is regularly blocked, or vision when leaving is greatly compromised, I wholeheartedly support your proposal. However, if the restrictions are not policed in some form it will be a complete waste of your time and money.</p> <p>At present we do have a solid white line to protect our access, but a minority of parents/visitors to the school and one local resident choose to ignore this.</p> <p>As we have a double drive, physically on lots of occasions it is possible to exit, however, because of the parked vehicles, on both sides of the drive, there is no view of traffic proceeding along Alchester Road. It is only when you have driven out into the single remaining carriage way, hoping that nothing is tearing along the road, that you see if the road is clear.</p> <p>A 20mph limit along the entire road would also provide an additional layer of safety for pedestrians and cyclists, perhaps you could consider this in the future.</p>
<p>(60) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>I have witnessed an accident a few years ago because the row of cars parked along Alchester road causing road users to drive on the wrong side of the road. My other concern is with so many more families having to travel into the village to school from Kingsmere especially but Weston on the green and Wendlebury where are they expected to park as there is no safe walking route into the village.</p>
<p>(61) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p>

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	<p>Movement of traffic along Alchester road is often very difficult during term time because cars park inconsiderately, often blocking vision, consequently making it dangerous for people to cross the road and for drivers exiting junctions and driveways. There will be an increase in traffic due to the school expansion but also due to there being an increase in car ownership of residents, who have no more room on their driveways to park, so park on the road. Unless Orchard Rise is included in the yellow lines plan, the problem will transfer to that area.</p>
<p>(62) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>Parking outside the school is both dangerous and irresponsible. Inconsiderate and impatient drivers make it difficult to drive or negotiate the road during pick up and drop off times. Any attempt to control this needs to be considered/put in place.</p> <p>My only concern is that the problem will move to another area in the village causing a potentially worse hazard. To avoid this then further restrictions should perhaps be considered?</p>
<p>(63) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>Whilst we are proud that our village school draws in pupils from outside the village, it does cause traffic problems that causes problems to residents.</p> <p>Getting in and out of the village at school drop off and pick up times is really difficult, and often dangerous, as there is also the school bus service, as well as the cars. Mix that with delivery drivers, and maybe the need for an ambulance, it can be impossible.</p> <p>I would also like you to add restrictions to the Fortescue Drive end, which connects with Orchard Way, as I can foresee that we will have problems once the restrictions are put in place.</p> <p>Maybe you should be considering a mini park and walk for parents, the car park at the Community Centre, could perhaps be a possibility?</p>

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<p>(64) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>The biggest parking problems are at start and end of school day when parents park anywhere and don't seem to care about access for local residents to their own homes.</p> <p>The corner of Alchester Road and Orchard Rise nearest the school gets completely blocked and, as we need to exit from the rear road , we are in danger of having an accident as we cannot get out onto Alchester Road especially when vehicles are coming into Orchard Rise on the wrong side of the road. There is a coach that goes to the school that parks and waits anywhere (even on the designated no parking marks).</p> <p>It will need somebody to oversee this new parking arrangement – it has never worked in the past despite the Head teacher warning parents and the Police attending on many occasions.</p>
<p>(65) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>For too long there has been problems with congestion along Alchester Roads resulting in safety issues which will increase with the opening of the School's extension. Furthermore, residents who front on to the Road have been greatly inconvenienced with their accesses being blocked.</p> <p>However, this will not be a success until and unless the restrictions are properly policed which I trust will be the case. I hope it will not be a waste of money and time!</p>
<p>(66) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>No opinion</b></p> <p>The proposed changes are desirable to restrict the current situation of irresponsible parking at school peak times and also at other times. However, the changes will make not the slightest difference unless adequate enforcement measures are in place. Without policing the restrictions will just be ignored.</p>

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<p>(67) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>No opinion</b></p> <p>I definitely support and welcome the proposal to put double yellow lines along Alchester Road. My property is next door but one to the primary school and so the issue of parking is of great concern. I appreciate parents need to drop off and collect children but I regularly find I am unable to leave my property during those times as people block us in. Although there is a single white line in front of us this is regularly ignored by parents, visitors and staff from the school and even occasionally residents of Alchester Road. However, more importantly, my concern is our safety when exiting our property. As our house is lower than the road we have an incline and as vehicles are continually parked on either side of our joint entrance with our neighbours it is impossible to see in traffic coming from either way. We have to very slowly edge our way out in to the middle of the road before we can see if the road is clear. This is made even more impossible when the vehicles parked there are vans or four-wheel drives - at least with small cars you can sometimes see through their windows. We continually have rude gestures made to us, or horns blasted by people who seem unaware of the fact that we cannot see them. I firmly believe it is only a matter of time before our cars are hit by ongoing traffic. It would be of immense help if the double yellow lines could be extended beyond our entrance by about a half car length which would give us enough room to see if traffic is coming. If it could be done on both sides that would be absolutely wonderful but at least one side would increase our vision and therefore our safety. If anyone from the Council would like to come and see how hazardous it is I would be only to pleased to show them. We have considered requesting a mirror on the opposite side of the road but this would not help as the road has a bend in it. I do hope that you are able to consider and approve this request for just a few extra feet of yellow lines.</p>
<p>(68) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>On balance I support the application, in order to ease the congestion caused around school arrival/departure times. However, I have a concern on whether this will just push traffic a bit further around the village. Will we see similar actions take place if roads such as Fortescue Drive, or further afield, become congested with parked cars?</p>
<p>(69) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>I live on Alchester Rd and all my problems have been that cars park opposite my drive making reversing out nearly</p>

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	<p>impossible, also oil deliveries cannot happen because the lorry with the car parked where it is closes the road causing chaos.</p>
<p>(70) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>I will start by stating that I fully support this proposal and agree that it is the only safe way forward to address the parking problems and to protect people's lives.</p> <p>My home is immediately next to the school and on the same side of the road. The parking of parent's vehicles whilst visiting the school in Alchester Road, particularly outside my home, has become reckless to such a point that it is extremely dangerous. With the expansion to the school currently underway and the growing numbers of children attending, this will only become a bigger problem. Accidents have occurred in this location and are well documented by Thames Valley Police. How there has been no fatality or serious injury during school times has been down to sheer luck.</p> <p>Having spoken to parents about their inconsiderate parking outside my home on many occasions they say, 'I'm only going to be a minute'. That minute always ends up being half an hour or more. With the ever increasing size of vehicles it is impossible to leave my property without risking a serious accident because visibility is seriously compromised. Vehicles park either side of my driveway, a shared drive with my neighbour at Chesterwood, making visibility impossible for us. On more than one occasion vehicles have parked on a single white outside my home completely blocking our entrance and this is a matter I have brought to the attention of the school.</p> <p>I referred earlier to the single white line outside my home which is currently 10 meters in length. This line is basically in place to stop cars parking inconsiderately but is generally ignored. I believe proposals are such that double yellow lines, replacing the white line, will be 12 meters in length in this area. I would respectfully request that the length of the double yellow lines is inadequate and should be increased from 12 meters to 20 meters. This will at least allow a view up and down Alchester Road when exiting our driveway and will be to the safety of all road users.</p>
<p>(71) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>Firstly, I would like to say how welcomed the news of these proposed plans are, especially for the people who struggle</p>

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	<p>every day to get in and out of their driveways, like myself.</p> <p>Secondly, it would make our lives a lot easier if the yellow lines on the opposite side of the road to us, could be elongated to cover the width of my driveway rather than the proposed ones in front of it, as they wouldn't help us at all in getting in and out.</p>
<p>(72) Local Resident, (Chesterton)</p>	<p>Alchester Road (DYL) - <b>Support</b> Orchard Rise (DYL) - <b>Support</b></p> <p>Desperately needed. I live in Orchard Close and sometimes can't get through because of cars parked on the right going down to first lamppost. Lorries, cars end up going over No 1s garden. A fire engine, ambulance would not get through. Double yellow lines into Orchard Close to the first bend, first lamppost needed on the right.</p>