



Statement from East Hanney Parish Council in support of the proposed waiting restrictions on Brookside, The Causeway and School Road.

East Hanney PC were contacted by school governors in March 2021 regarding pupil safety on the road outside the school. This was caused by parents parking the whole length of The Causeway and School Road in one continuous line, which meant that commuter traffic was having to drive approx. 0.5Km with no passing places and a blind bend at one end. Children were unable to safely cross the road as the uncontrolled crossing point was covered in parked cars on both sides of the road.

EHPC set up a joint working party with West Hanney PC, school governors and OCC Highways officers. The school has for a number of years actively asked parents to park at the nearby village hall car park and walk the relatively short 200metre distance to the school via the roadside footpaths, which many do. OCC officers were able to quickly request that the existing lines, consisting of school keep clear and APMs, were refreshed so that they were clearly visible to all, but none of these has any legal restriction.

It was identified that extra parking may be needed at peak times to provide enough capacity to clear the road, so EHPC have as part of their £150k improvement of recreation and sports facilities created an enlarged carpark at the village hall with an additional 31 spaces.

Plans to formalise parking restrictions outside the school were suggested and a rough outline drawn up, but this might only push the problem 20-30metres down the road and still lead to traffic issues for commuters and residents, which is why we arrived at the scheme that is before you today, this was informally consulted on with a letter drop to all properties within the affected area and replies were used to modify the proposed scheme to its final version.

We hope that you support this scheme in its entirety.

Cllr Steven McKechnie, Chair
On behalf of East Hanney Parish Council
20th June 2023