

## **Charlotte Slade -School Streets Phase 3 ETRO**

I will not be able to attend any of the meetings as I am working. I did attend the local town council meeting as it was outside of work hours. However, I have questions I would like to answer regarding St Birinus school, school street:

1. Has the council considered the environmental implications of making the route to Wallingford longer for people like myself who live on Hardings Strings on the edge of the school street set to be on Mereland Avenue?
2. In the morning I will be forced to drive onto Broadway adding an extra mile or 2 to my journey to work. In which I will be sat in traffic and my journey which is 20-25 minutes will take 30-45 minutes. Thus increasing carbon emissions under scope 3 by the council because you will be forcing me and hundreds of others to take a different route.
3. Has the council considered the implications on the surrounding traffic congestion? And other routes. I go this way in the morning because all other routes are congested and it takes longer to travel the other ways. As this is including the Croft and the other alternative routes all traffic will be forced via the road on Edmonds park onto the Broadway. An already narrow and congested road during rush hour at 8am in the morning.
4. Has the council considered the health and safety implications of parents doing U turns in the road to drop off their children to school on the roundabout at the base of abbots road? The proposed school street will push the traffic further out off abbots road and onto my road, Hardings Strings in the morning. So not only will there now being people driving like idiots and trying to do u-turns on Queensway to avoid the cameras, they will be parking and potentially blocking our road. The school has a car park. Can this not be used more to drop kids off? We will be exempt where we live from passes to travel through school street.
5. Has the council considered zebra crossings and pavement barriers to keep children safe rather than just banning all traffic? The road is already 20 miles per hour, it has speed bumps and a one way part.
6. Has the council considered the impacts on commuters like myself? I start work at 8:30am in Benson and leave my house at 8am from Hardings Strings to get to work. I drive down Mereland Ave between 8am and 8:30am when the school street is proposed to be in session yet have little to no issues with parents dropping kids off. In fact, I don't see it happening between these times therefore I don't believe it is necessary in the morning. which is the only time I really object to as I am at work in the afternoon. The afternoon I agree it is chaotic. But in the mornings there are no issues.

I am a local resident living at Hardings Strings right outside of the proposed school street and I object to this proposal and demand my voice be heard on this, even though I am unable to attend.

