

Traffic Management Issues Launder Church Street - UPDATES

From VIA

The scheme background and rationale for the works are shown below, these are proposals only at this stage, while a formal consultation is held, likely in April, to gather local feedback. They may therefore be subject to change depending on the responses received.

On 2nd August 2023, I received a complaint from the Road Safety Team at Nottinghamshire Police. They advised that the local beat team had been supporting the Headteacher of the Primary School, the Parish Council, the pub landlord, the wider community, and parents/carers regarding concerns about school safety. This led to a meeting on 6th September 2023 outside the school, attended by two Police Officers (including PS Brett Price, copied into this email), the Headteacher, and the County Councillor at the time, Francis Purdue-Horan.

Various traffic management options were discussed, including potential one-way systems, but it quickly became clear that the primary issue was obstructive parking at school times. Vehicles were struggling to manoeuvre in the tight turning head outside the school due to parked cars at drop-off and pick-up times (location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZFqiPNa9ARcZL5V27>). Combined with the presence of pedestrians and other vulnerable road users, this presented a significant road safety concern. Further investigation revealed that the existing single yellow line and bus stop clearway outside the school (location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6Hu47Jh3y1REn27Z8>) did not have a Traffic Regulation Order, meaning they were unenforceable and therefore being used for parking.

The scope of the scheme is as follows:

- Prevent parking on the Launder Street / Church Street junction, which causes congestion and turning difficulties.
- Prevent parking opposite the bus stop clearway during school opening/closing times to allow vehicles to manoeuvre safely when the school bus is present.
- Improve access/egress on the junction by preventing obstructive parking.
- Make the bus stop clearway enforceable to ensure it is kept clear for school buses only.

The proposals are as follows:

- Installation of double yellow lines at the Launder Street / Church Street junction.
- Installation of a single yellow line opposite the school entrance (restricting parking Monday–Friday, 8:00–9:30am and 3:00–4:30pm).
- Introduction of a TRO to cover the existing single yellow line and bus stop clearway outside the school.

As Orston is within a Conservation Area, all lining will be installed in primrose yellow to meet conservation requirements.

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In addition schools transport have submitted the following through Councillor Pearson:

Regarding about the use of a double decker for the Orston school bus. It's because the same bus and driver is used for a Toothill school bus journey too and the Council achieves a saving by making the bus work twice rather than commissioning a second smaller vehicle. That said, the bus stop is being blocked by vehicles and introducing a bus stop clearway will make it accessible for pick up and drop off by any bus, whether it be large or small. It is important to make it clear that the bus operator is not responsible for any consultation or introduction of parking restrictions in the area.