

# Proposed Actions following the Dunchurch Village Parking Consultation

## 1. Introduction

Following general enquiries raised with Warwickshire County Council (WCC) via:-

- The Dunchurch Parish Council,
- The Dunchurch Community Forum, and
- An item at the Rugby Area Committee on the 6 January 2011

It was formally requested by the Rugby Area Committee that we hold a public consultation meeting in the village to further consider the general issue of parking in Dunchurch, and to listen to local resident's views on this matter.

This document outlines:-

- A brief description of the meeting
- Proposed County Council actions following the meeting
- Possible Community led actions
- An Appendix, which records all issues and ideas raised at the meeting and the individual consideration of possible actions in relation to these.

## 2. Consultation Meeting

The Consultation meeting was held in Dunchurch School, on the evening of Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Approximately 50 people attended, the vast majority of which were local residents; however it also included County Council representatives from the Rugby Area Team, related services such as Highways, and the local Councillor Robin Hazleton. The meeting was facilitated by Tonino Ciuffini from WCC.

It was a very open and constructive meeting, which considered issues in categories based on an excellent document that had been produced previously by Dunchurch Parish Council. In each category it sought the views of the community on the specific issues and problems, and any ideas for possible solutions. The County Council would like to thank all attendees for their excellent contribution on the night, the people who submitted correspondence to the Rugby Area Partnership Team and the Parish Council for their assistance in organising the meeting and the summary document that they had previously produced.

It was agreed at the end of the meeting that Warwickshire County Council would:-

- Investigate all issues and ideas raised,
- List key Actions/Decisions to take forward, and
- Report back via Parish Council on progress in this area.

### 3. Proposed Actions to be taken by Warwickshire County Council in Response to Issues

This section summarises the further actions that it is proposed should be taken on the issues of Parking in Dunchurch. It still includes ideas that have been identified but that may yet prove to be unviable, however at this stage it is felt should still be investigated. In each case it identifies the proposed action, who should lead and be involved in the activity, and a proposed timescale.

Proposed Action	By Whom	By When
Decision on Yellow Line proposals at Guys Common to be considered at the next Rugby Area Committee, following some further consultation with Daventry Road Residents. However it should be noted that at the consultation meeting in a vote to obtain the feeling of the meeting on the extension of Double Yellow Lines the result was as follows:- Support for Full Extension            3 Support for Partial Extension        11 Against any further Extension        17	Further Consultation by WCC Traffic Projects Group  Decision at Area Committee	August 2011  6 October 2011
Investigate if the bus stop near the cross roads could be converted to 3 more parking spaces.	WCC Traffic Projects Group	August 2011
Extend 30 mph speed limit on Daventry Road to Roundabout. Funding could be available for this, but will need to be consulted on both formally and informally	WCC Road Safety Engineering Team	Within 9 Months
Seek again to increase the use of the School Buses as spaces still exist on these services. Promote the service again to parents.	Rugby Area Team and School	To be confirmed
Seek to introduce a Walking Bus Service in the village to reduce numbers of cars going to school. Would need to be a Community led solution.	Rugby Area Team to work with School and Parish Council on this	To be confirmed

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Introduce a one way system on the main roads around the Junior School, to reduce congestion. Too costly to introduce on a formal basis, however the Community could explore introducing an informal system similar to one operating in Wellesbourne	Parish Council, School and residents to explore.	To be confirmed
Investigate a one way system in Vicarage Lane from the Dun Cow End, as the lane is narrow and does not have a footpath. Suggest that the Area Committee are asked to fund a feasibility study.	Councillor Hazelton	Transport Seminar 2012
Inappropriate Parking on the Southam Road to be considered as a policing priority at a future Community Forum	Rugby Area Team/Parish Council	June Meeting

There were also a number of more Community led ideas that could be followed up without the County Council involvement. These include:-

- Continue to investigate the implementation of Vehicle Activated Signs – currently being explored by the Parish Council
- Could the Doctors Car Park be utilised as additional parking in the evenings and weekends? Suggested that the Parish Council to approach the Surgery
- Explore whether the grassed area opposite the Green Man Pub could be used for parking. Parish Council to consider if they wish to investigate this further
- The Parish Council could survey if parking arrangements on Daventry Road would meet Residents Parking Permits criteria, and asking if Residents of the Daventry Road area wish to be part of a Residents Parking Permits scheme
- Looking to introduce bollards at the entrance to the Junior School, no County Council funding likely to be available. Parish Council to explore with the School in case any funding could be found.
- Seeking to reduce the size of the speed humps on the private drive leading to the Dunchurch Park Hotel so that vehicles enter/leave the hotel via the Drive rather than Vicarage Lane. As private road WCC cannot contribute to this work. Suggested that the Parish Council investigate any appetite for this
- Asking the school and the hotel to use the Rugby Road to get to the Centre of the Village rather than Holmfield Lane/Vicarage Lane and Waring Way/Vicarage Lane. Suggested that the Parish Council speak to the school and hotel.

#### **4. Other ideas raised and not proposed to be explored at this time**

For completeness, Appendix A contains notes on all the issues and ideas raised at the Consultation meeting, and notes on whether they were felt to be possible or not possible to action. Those that it is felt possible to action or explore further have been listed in the proposed actions section above. For those that were felt to not be possible they have been included in the Appendix with the comments explaining why they cannot be followed up by the County Council at present.

This includes the more substantive proposal to use the WCC depot if this location is vacated. It is once again confirmed that no decision has been taken on relocating the depot. This is likely to be increasingly difficult as will require upfront investment. The financial challenges that the County Council face means that it is likely to be very difficult to finance this in the medium term, and in any case Warwickshire would want to maximise any receipts on any land vacated to protect wider County Council Services.

#### **5. Summary**

We hope that this consultation and document demonstrates the County Council's commitment to consulting with citizens through:-

- The original decision to defer the Area Committee decision on yellow lines at Guys Common,
- The consultation meeting itself,
- The development of clear actions as a result of the consultation.

It is proposed that this document is circulated to the Area Committee as a formal response to their request for further consultation, and that the Proposed Action Plan is jointly monitored by the Rugby Area Team and the Parish Council.

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Council

## Appendix A - Issues raised and Comments made at parking consultation meeting with consideration of possible actions

### Daventry Road North

Issues/problems	Solutions	Actions (P = Possible, N = Not Possible)	Comments
<p><b>Parking</b></p> <p>Bollards were installed on the pavement by the Guys Common development preventing parking on the footway</p> <p>Residents of Guys Common are affected by parking on the road – they find it difficult to exit from their properties</p> <p>Residents from the Care Home find it difficult to use the footway when it is blocked by cars (wheel chair users)</p> <p>Emergency exits from Guys Common are blocked by vehicles</p> <p>Parking spaces have been allocated in Guys Common for some residents on the south side of the road</p>	<p>Remove bollards on the north side</p> <p>Extend double yellow lines near entrances to Guys Common</p> <p>Zig zag lines on road</p>	<p><b>N</b> – The bollards are designed to prevent parking on the footway.</p> <p><b>P</b> However, the recommendation from Traffic Engineers is that double yellow lines be implemented along the whole length of the north side to prevent parking on both the carriageway and the footway.</p> <p><b>N</b> – can only be used outside schools, hospitals, police, fire and ambulance stations</p>	<p>Parking on the footway causes problems for pedestrians and restricts visibility for drivers exiting from the junction and driveways.</p> <p>To be considered further by Rugby Area Committee following further consultation by Traffic Project officers</p>



	<p>The Green Man pub has more parking for vehicles if they are allowed to park on a grassed area (opposite the pub?)</p> <p>Provide one more parking space on the south side near the last property</p> <p><b>Vote for extension of double yellow lines</b></p> <p><b>No 17 Part extension 11 Yes 3</b></p>	<p><b>P</b> What is the status of the land and how would scheme be funded? PC to be asked for views.</p> <p><b>N</b> Footway is too narrow</p>	
<p><b>Traffic Speeds</b></p> <p>Speeding is a problem going out of the village on the Daventry Road as the road is downhill</p> <p>Vehicles exceed the speed limit when there aren't cars parked on the road. Vehicles have to slow down because of parked cars.</p>	<p>Increase 30mph limit to roundabout (alterations to streetlights as part of proposal not required)</p> <p>Hatching on dual carriageway</p> <p>Install chicane at entrance/exit to village – one way priority for traffic.</p> <p>Speed camera</p>	<p><b>P</b> CB to investigate increasing limit to start of dual carriageway</p> <p><b>P</b> Can be considered if and when 30mph speed limit is consulted on</p> <p><b>N</b> Would be positioned on south side of road and therefore would not slow traffic exiting village.</p> <p><b>N</b></p>	<p><b>CB</b> – can be done, have some funding, will need to be consulted upon (informally and formally) will take approx. 9months to achieve</p> <p><b>CB</b> - no possibility of a speed camera, and would not address this issue. No funding for any type of speed camera where there are no recorded injury accidents, no</p>

	<p>Community Speedwatch</p> <p>Install rumble strips</p> <p>Vehicle activated signs (already being investigated)</p>	<p><b>N</b></p> <p><b>N</b> – too noisy</p> <p><b>P</b> CB to follow up</p>	<p>capital funding available for any new speed cameras in the current financial climate.</p> <p>Advice from the Police is that this cannot be undertaken on either side of the road due to safety issues</p> <p><b>CB</b> – Parish Council are the lead on this issue, as they are procuring and maintaining the signs themselves. Have liaised with the PC over the type and position of signs, and have made recommendations to them. They can continue to progress this themselves</p>
<p><b>Other issues</b></p>	<p>Alter M1/M45 junction to allow northbound traffic to get onto the A45</p>	<p><b>N</b> – Cost prohibitive Longer term change to road system could be introduced as part of mast site development</p>	

	Put a weight restriction on the road	<b>N</b> Although this road is not part of the advisory lorry route network all A and B class roads are expected to carry their share of all types of vehicles including HGV's.	
	Put a width restriction on the road	<b>N</b> (see above)	

### **Parking around schools**

<b>Issues/problems</b>	<b>Solutions</b>	<b>Actions</b> (P = Possible, N = Not Possible)	<b>Comments</b>
<p>Parking on roads all day/Parking across drives/Double parking blocks access for emergency vehicles</p> <p>Parking on footway</p> <p>Parking problems in the evening – related to parking on The Square</p> <p>Parking on private drives</p>	<p>Restriction on parking times</p> <p>Bollards at the entrance to the Junior School</p> <p>Use of school bus</p> <p>Walking bus</p>	<p><b>N</b> Not practical – e.g. enforcement</p> <p><b>P</b> – Funding would be an issue</p> <p><b>N</b> - It is not an offence to use a private drive to turn around therefore the police cannot take any action</p> <p><b>P</b> – spare capacity on buses should parents wish to use them. Rugby Area Team and School to promote use of buses</p> <p><b>P</b> WCC don't have resources to re-introduce. Community led solution? WCC to work with school/PC to investigate</p>	

Speeding	<p>One way system</p> <p>Use of the depot with access via Mill Farm Close</p> <p>20mph restriction on Sandford Way</p>	<p><b>P</b> Cannot be introduced on a formal basis (cost) but PC/residents/school could investigate informal system</p> <p><b>N</b> No current plans to move depot</p> <p><b>N</b> Cost and no evidence it is needed</p>	
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### Parking in Vicarage Lane

<b>Issues/problems</b>	<b>Solutions</b>	<b>Actions</b> (P = Possible, N = Not Possible)	<b>Comments</b>
<p>Vicarage Lane is narrow and there isn't a footway</p> <p>Parking for church goers</p> <p>Use of Vicarage Lane by lorries</p>	One way system from the Dun Cow end	<b>P</b> Suggest Area Committee fund feasibility study	
Speed humps on private drive leading to Dunchurch Park hotel	Lower speed humps so that vehicles entering /leaving the hotel use the drive and not Vicarage Lane	<b>P</b> Parish Council to investigate	

### Other issues

<b>Issues/problems</b>	<b>General solutions</b>	<b>Actions</b> (Y = Yes, N = No, P = Possible)	<b>Comments</b>
Parking on the pavement on Southam Road	To be picked up at the Community Forum (?)		
There are problems in the village at	Use of doctors car park in the evening	<b>P</b> Parish Council to	

night and at the weekend – pubs, restaurants		investigate	
Create no right turn into Bilton Grange School from Rugby Road (going north)		<b>N</b> Suggest school encourages voluntary action by parents	
Drivers coming from Bilton Grange School and Dunchurch Park hotel use Holmfield Lane/Vicarage Lane to get to the centre of the village instead of Rugby Road. Waring Way is also used as a short cut to Vicarage Lane and the village centre	Ask the school and hotel to encourage drivers to use Rugby Road	PC to talk to school and hotel	