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Thursday, 08 July 2010

Wortley Road, Proposed Puffin Crossing

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010 which proposes to install a Puffin Crossing between 526 and 528 Wortley Road.

A number of residents in the affected area have met and discussed in length your proposal. We all fully appreciate the need to safely cross children over Wortley Road to gain access to St. Bede's school which operates approximately 190 days out of the year. However we wish to strongly object to the proposed site of the Puffin Crossing and make the following points in support of this decision;

The Local Authority currently employs a crossing patrol person to ensure that school children are safely crossed over Wortley Road to gain access to the secondary entrance of the school [REDACTED]. To our knowledge the safety record of the crossing patrol person is unblemished. This secondary entrance is only open for two brief periods during the school day. The Main entrance to the school is actually located off Manor Fields Road [REDACTED] and is open at all times during the school day.

If the crossing is located in the proposed area it will not benefit parents or children who attend the nursery unit at St Bede's as the gates to the secondary entrance are locked during the school day to ensure the school complies with safeguarding requirements set down by Ofsted. The school operates morning and afternoon sessions, therefore parents would have to use the main entrance off Manor Field Road to collect or drop off children. We believe the crossing would be better located further down Wortley Road, opposite the steps [REDACTED].

We have observed the Puffin Crossing located further down Wortley Road in front of The Effingham Arms Pub. When the crossing is activated it takes approximately 1 ½ minutes to change back to green. This is a significant amount of time and we are all convinced that this will cause traffic coming into Rotherham to back up well beyond Great Park Road during rush hour traffic. This has implications to the flow of traffic coming off the Kimberworth Estate via Great Park Road and Grange View Road. In addition we believe it will cause a greater risk to pedestrians crossing the road using the bollards further up from the proposed site.

In contrast to this, we have observed that the Crossing Patrol person will use her judgement and collect a number of children together before stopping traffic. When the traffic is stopped it is for no more than 30 seconds which does not allow the traffic time to back up and cause problems. Again if

the site was moved further down Wortley Road, any built up traffic would not cause access problems to and from the Kimberworth Estate via Great Park Road and Grange View Road.

The Households in front of the proposed crossing do not currently have any parking restrictions imposed upon them. If you install the crossing it will be accompanied by white zigzag lines painted on either side of the crossing spanning a distance of 6 households [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The white zigzag lines restrict parking at all times of the day, 365 days per year, even when the school is not in session. Deliveries to the residents of 532 to 522 Wortley Road will become impossible as vehicles are not allowed to park on the zigzag lines. I have contacted South Yorkshire Police who have confirmed that parking is not allowed at any time on white zigzag lines even if hazard lights are on. I know from personal experience that B&Q will not deliver goods to a household that is more than 50 metres away from the parked delivery vehicle. If the proposed crossing was moved further down opposite the steps going to the main school entrance it would not impose further parking restrictions as the road is currently marked with double yellow lines. It would also benefit residents who use public transportation as it would be near the bus stops. There are no bus stops located near the site proposed by yourself. I am sure you will agree that residents are not going to walk up the hill to use the crossing to walk back down the opposite side of the road; they will continue to cross the road unaided. If the crossing was located to our preferred site it will benefit everyone including parents and school children.

We understand that the Local Authority conducted a pedestrian crossing survey which was used to form the basis of the need for a Puffin Crossing. We would like to have clarification as to where the survey was conducted and the length of time taken to conduct the survey. Did it take into consideration the number of residents using public transportation which drops them near the steps on Wortley road [REDACTED] who then have to cross Wortley Road unaided and go up the path to gain access to Eilam Road and beyond [REDACTED] This route is widely used by local residents. If the crossing was moved to the alternative site [REDACTED] it would facilitate the entire community 365 days per year and not just parents of school children 190 day of the year.

In conclusion we support the need to safely cross school children over Wortley Road but feel the location of the crossing between 526 and 528 Wortley Road will cause considerable access problems to the Kimberworth area during rush hour time, in addition to imposing parking restrictions on the residents of 532 to 522 Wortley Road. We would ask you to reconsider your proposal and look into our suggestion which we feel will benefit the whole community for 365 days per year. If you would like to meet with the residents who are represented by this letter we would welcome the opportunity to put our concerns to you in person

I look forward to hearing from you with your views on our proposal.

Yours sincerely

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