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Woodborough School Travel Plan Update – A Summary

September 2017

This is a summary of the DRAFT update to the 2010/2012 Woodborough School Travel Plan, prepared by a small number of school parents. It contains ideas for debate and discussion; it does not represent the views of the school staff, PTA or governors. The full document is available on the school website.

This draft is being circulated to school parents, staff, governors and PTA, as well as the Social Club committee, Woodborough Parish Council and Wiltshire Council. Please share your views and ideas on the draft **by Friday 29th September**, by email to the school office at admin@woodborough.wilts.sch.uk or in writing to the school.

Aims of the school travel plan update

Overall, by updating the school travel plan, we hope to:

- A. Reduce the number of cars travelling to school
- B. Promote considerate driving and parking on roads around the school
- C. Improve traffic flow around local roads at peak times
- D. Improve road safety for all, particularly pedestrians and cyclists.

Progress since 2010

The school, PTA and Parish Council have worked hard in recent years to support the travel plan and improve road safety, including:

- Creation of **bus pull-in** to reduce congestion immediately outside the school, moving pedestrian drop-off/pick-up areas to the side of the school;
- Creation of an **off-road footpath** between the school and the Social Club car park. However, the lease for this footpath from the landowner expires in 2020;
- Separating **school meetings** to reduce car numbers at pick-up on Fridays;
- **Bicycle storage** and welly/raincoat storage facilities;
- Regular **Road safety** and **Bikeability** training and **high-vis vests** for pupils;
- Funding of a **traffic warden** ('Lollipop Lady') at drop-off and pick-up times.
- Woodborough Parish Council has gained approval for a **20mph zone** around the school and Smithy Lane crossroads, to be in place by the end of 2017.

However, there are still concerns raised frequently by parents and local residents about road congestion, road safety and parking around the school, the Social Club and surrounding roads, which need to be addressed.

In 2016, Woodborough Parish Council explored options for a new car park joining onto the school field, but this has now been terminated and the Parish Council is considering preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). This would complement this School Travel Plan update, but there is currently no other prospect of a new car park closer to school than the Social Club.

Current pupil numbers

Since the original travel plan in 2010, there has been a complete turnover of pupils, with corresponding changes in the location of pupils' homes and travel requirements. As of November 2016, there were 158 pupils – slightly fewer than the 163 pupils registered in 2012. Our school has gained an excellent reputation, with children joining from other local villages and new military families in the area.

Updated Objectives, Targets and Action Plan for 2017 - 2019

Overall objectives for the updated school travel plan are proposed as follows:

- A. Reduce the number of cars travelling to school
- B. Promote considerate driving and parking on roads around the school
- C. Improve traffic flow around local roads at peak times
- D. Improve road safety for pedestrians and cyclists travelling to school

Specific targets and options for actions to help achieve these are, in summary:

Target	Ideas for potential actions
1. Increase the number of children travelling by bus	Address safety concerns at Woodborough Church Rd junction pick up, as well other specific locations Review and re-negotiate school bus services with Passenger Transport Dept of Wiltshire Council
2. Set up and promote a car-sharing scheme	Use Wiltshire CarShare website OR Set up school's own informal/formal car-sharing scheme
3. Identify overspill parking area for big events	Identify location(s) within walking distance of school if possible Explore options for a 'park and ride' system for big events with the Garden Centre or other nearby facilities
4. Improve daily traffic flow around school	Use bus pull-in for a small number of car drop-offs Organise 'walking buses' from the Social Club Set up 'ShareMyDrive' scheme with local residents Explore parking layout and exit from Social Club
5. Support and promote efforts to reduce traffic speeds near the school	Support the speedy introduction of a 20mph zone Raise awareness of the 20mph zone Explore possibility of 30mph limit between Woodborough and Bottlesford and/or other safety measures, with Parish Council and Wiltshire Council
6. Create pavements / off road paths around the school	Explore possibility of creating pavement along existing road verges, with Parish Council and Wiltshire Council
7. Secure longer-term parking / off-road access	Secure longer-term options for Smithy Lane footpath and/or parking elsewhere, with Parish Council