

APPENDIX 6 EVALUATION OF SCHOOL FRIENDLY ZONE AT MUIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, ARBROATH

Evaluation Criteria

Report Nos 49/22 and 152/23 set out the method for evaluation of the trial zones, using “before” and “after” surveys. These were to include:

- A reduction in traffic congestion and speed around school gates as measured through before and after traffic speeds and volume surveys;
- An increase in walking and cycling and reduction in car trips as measured through the annual Sustrans Hands Up survey and WOW Travel Tracker;
- An improvement in air quality at the school gates;
- Road traffic accidents;
- Consultation with stakeholders as measured through attitude surveys.

1. Traffic congestion and speeds

Unfortunately, traffic speeds were not taken before the implementation of any of the School Friendly Zones, and comparable data is therefore not available.

Traffic volume surveys were taken as individual sample days over the time periods of 08:30 - 09:15, and 14:45 - 15:30.

Count	Before		After			Difference	
	(am)	(pm)	(am)	(pm)		(am)	(pm)
In	77	49	37	26		-40	-23
Out	64	71	23	21		-41	-50

The data for Muirfield Primary School shows a decrease in traffic volume into the School Friendly Zone during both morning and afternoon restrictions (52% and 47%, respectively); and a decrease in outgoing movements during the morning and afternoon restrictions (64% and 70%, respectively).

The evaluation suggests that the zone has been successful in this aim.

2. Active travel uptake

School Name	Year	Walk	Cycle	Scooter / Skate	Park & Stride	Driven	Bus	Taxi	Other
Muirfield Primary School	2023	39.9%	13.1%	7.7%	19.6%	16.7%	0.6%	2.4%	0.0%
	2024	43.0%	10.2%	6.8%	20.3%	18.1%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%
	Diff	3.1%	-2.9%	-0.9%	0.7%	1.4%	-0.6%	-0.7%	0.0%
		Active Travel change			0.0%	Transport change		0.1%	

The evaluation suggests that the zone has not been successful in this aim.

3. Air Quality

Air quality samples were taken at the school gates before implementation of the ETRO. Regrettably, due to technical issues with data from SEPA, the air quality recordings post implementation for Muirfield Primary School are not available.

This evaluation is therefore inconclusive.

4. Road traffic accidents

There have been no recorded personal injury collisions during the year prior to the start date of 16 August 2022, at the school.

This evaluation is therefore inconclusive.

5. Consultation with stakeholders

Objections - 95 formal objections were received with respect to the making permanent the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order in relation to Muirfield Primary School. A copy of the objections is provided in **Appendix 6A**.

Three statements in support were received with respect to the making permanent the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order in relation to Muirfield Primary School. A copy of the supporting statements is provided in **Appendix 6B**.

Representations or general comments were received from 17 individuals and are reproduced in **Appendix 6C**.

Enforcement - Community Enforcement Wardens have attended the site as part of their regular decriminalised parking enforcement patrols, supporting the implementation and operation of the zones, giving advice to residents and parents and enforcing where restrictions under DPE allow. This has included any restrictions within the bounds of the school exclusion zone such as double yellow lines, school zig zags markings and bus stops. The enforcement of vehicles entering the exclusion zone within times of operation remains the enforcement remit of Police Scotland.

Public perception – a residents' questionnaire was circulated to gauge the perception of residents within the streets surrounding the school. In order to include responses from those residents affected by such issues as displaced vehicles, dissemination of the questionnaires was not limited to School Road which was directly affected by the prohibition of driving.

For Muirfield Primary School, 435 questionnaires were issued to residents within the Hospitalfield area with 46 returns (11%) from the streets surrounding the school;

	Question - Compared to before the trial started:	Yes	No	Yes %	No %
	I am a resident of:				
1	Do you think the School Friendly Zone has made the road safer outside your property?	13	27	33%	68%
2	Have you noticed a difference in the air quality during school drop off and pick up times?	8	35	19%	81%
3	Have you noticed a reduction in the number of vehicle movements at the start and end of the school day?	17	27	39%	61%
4	Have you noticed an increase in the number of pupils walking , wheeling or cycling to the school?	14	30	32%	68%
5	Did you receive enough information provided at the start of the trial?	15	30	33%	67%
6	Did you find applying for your permit(s) an easy process?	11	9	55%	45%
7	Has there been any impact elsewhere as a result of vehicles being displaced due to the School Friendly Zone?	39	7	85%	15%

8	Has the School Friendly Zone adversely impacted on you undertaking your normal daily tasks, e.g. going to the shops or doctors?	21	23	48%	52%
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Comments received on the questionnaires are as follows (verbatim):

<p>1-Issues in School Road now displaced to Hospitalfield Road which is a far busier road than School Road. If you take the same step and close of Hospitalfield Road, you will only move the problem to Patrick Allen Fraser Street/Kinghorn Street. 2-The air quality question is purely a red herring due to vastly improved exhaust filtration on vehicles, also the short time cycle on School Road. 3-Vehicles now congregate at Hospitalfield Road/School Road junction causing chaos especially when allied to inconsiderate driving standards of those involved i.e parking across driveways, parking opposite a parked vehicle, parking on the opposite side of the street from the direction of travel, Opening of car doors on the roadside instead of the pavement side. 4-Seems like another vanity project by government decree. 5-Whilst I appreciate we have an obesity problem with some young people and forcing them to walk to school may help this, however it is not always possible for all children to walk as they live out with the Hospitalfield area and require to be driven in. The very short distance from the bottom of School Road to the top will make very little impact to the health of children. 6-Considerable amount of land available at the other side of the school maybe be a solution to provide safe parking. 7-As a general comment project consultations are a bit of a joke and are designed to push projects through council by given absolute minimum of notice to those affected. I.e a letter on a lamppost is not an acceptable way to contact people. 8-Whilst there is some reduction in the traffic on School Road during the prescribed times there is still traffic using the road whether legally or otherwise. The whole situation seems to have developed into what I would describe as 'using a sledgehammer to crack a walnut'.</p>
<p>1-More Dangerous! 7-Congestion. The residents who park on the street have their cars spaced out and this allows clear vision around them. During school times, however, there can be a line of cars, often parked on both sides of the street, obscuring vision and increasing danger for pedestrians crossing the road. 8-We try to avoid school times when walking or when driving away or removing our car from the drive. 9-There was no problem before when, I think, there was a drop off point at the school. Also, this new system has no consideration for time poor + stressed parents, especially those with children younger than school age in addition to children attending the school. I see many parents having to unload babies and toddlers from the car, rush up to school, then back to fold down buggies and reload them, and children, back into their car. This is an increased burden for them.</p>
<p>More vehicles now parking in Hospitalfield Road - Causes congestion at peak times.</p>
<p>Problem moved from one area to another (Further out). Vehicles now abandoned/parked in streets/roads just outside the area. In my opinion, this is NOT a trial period, and it will be made permanent by Council. Next thing will be more yellow lines and parking restrictions</p>
<p>No additional comments</p>
<p>More traffic parking on Hospitalfield Road leading to an increased risk to our children. Hospitalfield Road was already a busier road than School Road. You have not eased the problem of School Road – You have just moved it on to a busier road. The school has a designated drop-off/pick-up point for a very good reason. I've witnessed people parking on the yellow lines, over driveways and even on the path which causes frustration and a dangerous situation for our children. Cars are turning in Doocot Place therefore making it more dangerous for children to cross there. Cars also turn at the top of Hospitalfield Road, which is also a hazard.</p>
<p>No additional comments</p>
<p>We stay in a cul-de-sac so have found no difference to our lives. The children in our area have always walked or cycled to school.</p>
<p>Parking now occurs on Doocot Place and both sides of Hospitalfield Road at school times.</p>
<p>No additional comments</p>
<p>You have just pushed the problem out to the adjoining school areas. Nuisance parking and continued parking over my driveway exit (With Dropped Kerbs). What are you going to do when all the new houses are built? Especially in inclement weather? If this is an experimental order, why has so much money been spent on electric signage, etc.?</p>

<p>7-Double yellow lines need to be extended at junction of School Road/Hospitalfield Road either sides. Cars park close to the junction. 6-Object to all information asked (In relation to vehicle permit) i.e. insurance info and such. Registration number should have been ample. 9-Good to see children walking unaccompanied to school. We are in favour of the scheme.</p>
<p>Q2-No way of accurately measuringf air quality, so not qualified to judge. If parents allowed their children to walk more than a few yards from car to school gate, the problems would not occur and the children would be healthier.</p>
<p>This is a new build school which has a designated drop-off zone, which is no longer used due to this experiment. The zone has a huge impact on residents who rely on taxis to take them to medical appointments + delivery drivers who bring their food and medicines.</p>
<p>The School Friendly Zone has created a problem in Hospitalfield Road. I think it 's only a matter of time before someone is knocked down or cars bump into each other. There was nothing wrong before as the school has a drop-off zone. More children are cycling but they don't go on to the road and it's dangerous as a pedestrain as they do weave through the kids on pavements. The School Friendly Zone is not working.</p>
<p>Certainly, it has improved safety in School Road for pupils and the public at school times, however the problem has now been moved elsewhere i.e. to Hospitalfield Road with increased congestion and double parking. You will never change the majorities habits of a lifetime</p>
<p>Corner of School Road turning into Hospitalfield - Traffic Crazy - Cars park right up to the road markings - Cars park on both sides of the road causing congestion.</p>
<p>1-Parents/carers cars can be parked for up to ¾ hour before and after the [zone times] (8.30-9.15 and 2.45-3.30). 2-Cars are opening doors both on the pavement side and roadside to allow children out of cars. 3-Cars are opening tailgates to bring out bikes, scooters, etc. for children then walking children to school, nursery & playgroups. 4-Parents are parked almost on the corner double yellow lines in Patrick Allan Fraser Street and also Doocot. 5-It is difficult to manoeuvre up/down Hospitalfield Road as children are moving round cars. 6-The road up Hospitalfield Road now has more potholes due to the increase in traffic. 7-The lollipop lady has to be so careful in moving out into the middle of the road to cross children as her view is often blocked due to cars parking so close. 8-Cars are parking at the Give Way at the bottom of School Road. 9-Both my children attend Muirfield PS and there were no accidents with children during that time, but there is now a large increase in cars on Hospitalfield Road. 10-The traffic problem has just been moved from School Road into Hospitalfield Road and further afield. 11-Some cars are travelling at more than 20mph into the estate. 12-Some adults are very rude when cars from the estate are trying to get in and out of their driveways by not allowing space or giving time to residents. 13-During the colder weather cars are sitting with engines running until they drop off or pick up children, causing pollution. * I do not know the answer to the problems created with the pilot scheme. It seems that there are too many children being dropped off or picked up by cars. The problem with the traffic has just been moved from School Road on to Hospitalfield Road and adjoining streets.</p>
<p>It makes it safer in School Road. I like it much better (Unable to read writing) the School Friendly Zone as the school children can now cross safely within the cul-de-sac, at least you have the lolly-pop lady on duty on Hospitalfield Road for safety. The only objection I have is family are restricted from visiting from 8.30 to 9.15am and 2.45 to 3.45pm.</p>
<p>Our grandson attends nursery at Muirfield and having to walk is not a problem. The School Friendly Zone has created problems on Hospitalfield Road. Not all children can walk or cycle to school and the number of vehicles parked on Hospitalfield Road makes it more hazardous even with the aid of the lollypop lady to help children crossing.</p>
<p>It has rained [nearly] every day since September. I collect a [redacted] year old and a [redacted] year old P1. With a half hour difference in finish times, a bicycle is no use for this. Parents & grandparents travel far to collect kids. No real issue prior to the new system. Lost opportunity to provide pick-up area on North side of school with private housing going up yards from the school gate. Big Mistake! Congestion now moves on to Patrick Allan Fraser Street & Kinghorne Street bringing so called air and safety issues to these residents.</p>
<p>Lollypop person having to cross between parked cars. Very busy / dangerous on Hospitalfield Road with traffic. Stormy / rainy days – Children getting soaked. Parents / carers with young children as well as school age</p>

having to find a parking space to get all children safely out of the car. (List goes on. I submitted an [unable to read rest of text].
Re: No.7 – Volume of parked cars have increased severely between School Road junction and Patrick Allan Fraser Street Junction and towards Gerrard Place Junction on Hospitalfield Road. Parking on both sides making it difficult for 2 way traffic.
The zone has moved the problem of on-street parking into the rest of Hospitalfield. Patrick Allan Fraser Street and Hospitalfield Road is a nightmare at school drop-off times. I have also had a letter from the Council asking us to withdraw our objection and that will not be happening.
Better the way it was, safer, as this area has just one road in and out. Not great or safe for this trial.
Total waste of time and money. All it's done is move cars from in that area to outside that area. No change in air quality. What tests have been carried out on this, if any?! How many accidents have happened in the last 10 years?? None? This is not about air quality or safety. This is a money-making exercise. The roads are horrendous in Hospitalfield. Potholes, loose chippings, etc. Spend money making the area better, not worse!
Crossing at Hospitalfield Road now is busier and more hazardous than previously this time in the mornings and afternoons. Prohibiting taxis and deliveries and tradesmen to access School Road is unfair and unnecessary. I suggest the restriction is removed or moved closer to the school, beyond the cul-de-sacs in School Road. The experiment has failed in it's current location.
Although not directly affected because we live at the end of P.A.F. street, we do take our granddaughter to/from school on [unable to read text] days per week. We feel it is a much safer environment for school children because there are far fewer cars in School Road at those times and certainly less speeding and inconsiderate parking.
I feel that the zone made it safer for my children to walk up School Road. However, cars have just moved down to Hospitalfield Road, making it harder for lolly pop lady. But I think the zone has improved the safety of my children.
Increased traffic parking at my house – Often blocked in of have difficulties getting back to my drive. Lived in this house for 43 years, [redacted] Hospitalfield Road, and never seen so many problems created before. Very hazardous for kids to cross – often between parked cars. Not all use the patrol crossing. Double yellow lines in residential housing area will affect the value of my house. New school built has plenty parking and a drop-off zone. We are strongly against this new zone.
I LOVE THESE RESTRICTIONS! As a resident right near the school this has reduced the congestion on my street so much and the main factor made it SO MUCH SAFER for kids (including mine) crossing the road to enter school premises. Kids are not aware of their surrounding and the amount of kids who don't look before crossing the road if you remove the zone it is an accident waiting to happen for a kid to be hit by a car. Not only that some of the parents are so inconsiderate blocking resident's driveway in which neighbours have missed funerals and doctor's appointment when the zone was not in place. It is great to see the kids walking and scooting and biking in to the school. There is a [redacted] who has been running up and down the street when parents are trying to drop their kids off forcing parents to sign an objection form, [redacted] was also knocking on everyone's doors, [redacted] has also made an online Facebook page regarding the zone. The majority of people against this zone are parents with more than 1 child who are too lazy to walk 2 minutes from Hospitalfield Road which is in most of the posts. The [redacted] has no kids so [redacted] is not seeing the bigger picture regarding the safety issue and health. [redacted] is only bothered about meeting [redacted] friend for a walk in these restriction times, which if [redacted] is going for a walk [redacted] can walk out and meet [redacted] on the next street. The majority of objections [redacted] has gotten signed are from parents not residents of School Road I think all of our street are in agreeance this has been positive for all of us and made our lives a lot easier. I will be upset if this is revoked. However, there are still many parents entering without permits especially when it's raining
Great idea, keeping School Road clear is much safer for the kids. Too many speeding cars going to the school. Traffic has moved to Hospital Road as expected but as long as crossing patroller area is made safer then it isn't a problem.
Total waste of police, time and money spent on signs etc. This is only an issue for residents for a short period of time each day and does not coincide with the time that adults go or come from their work. If air quality is an

issue, try removing the speed bumps which cause many drivers to slow down then speed up only adding to emissions and possible damage to vehicles.
My daughter would have been able to walk home from school but increased traffic on surrounding streets (Kinghorne Street, Doocot Place) has made this less safe. The idea that air pollution will be reduced is in fact incorrect. It has moved to other areas that children walk through. Road danger has not improved. I believe it is worse as more cars are trying to park as close as they can but in a smaller area (Accidents have occurred). I could be fined if my child took ill/ was injured and needed collected within restricted times. You have not fixed the problem (If there was one). You have moved it to other areas in the estate, in fact, made the area more unsafe than it was before your experiment.
I have noticed more cars parked on Hospitalfield Road which blocks the view of cars trying to exit Patrick Allan Fraser Street – Mainly at end of school days. The lollypop lady has to cross children between parked cars on Hospitalfield Road. I have lived in Hospitalfield Road for 37 years and have never seen such traffic congestion around the school.
I am satisfied with the school friendly zone. A lot of parents ignore the zone and drive up to the school or still park in School Road for pick-up/drop-off. Very little police or community wardens in attendance.
I have witnessed a dangerous RTA on Hospitalfield Road due to congestion. Kids were nearly struck. There is no reduction in traffic, only building on Hospitalfield Road. There has been no impact on air quality
Can be a bit awkward when having people visit during the restricted times. Parking issue has moved to Hospitalfield Road. People are too close to the top of School Road. I emailed comments. It's not really policed. People come and park (With their engine's running) just before restricted times – Is that allowable? I would say that 90% take notice, others don't care. Why do buses reverse up School Road? If they are going to the school they have room to turn for the drop-off?
School Road has become a safer and friendlier road for children going to and from school. I think on the whole, the School Friendly Zone has been a positive improvement for children and residents.
Q2-it is impossible to tell if there is a difference without scientific monitoring of the atmosphere. Most pollutants cannot be seen, tasted or smelt at the concentrations likely to be present at the site. Q3-There are fewer vehicles in School Road, but I noticed initially there were many more on Hospitalfield Road than before the trial. Q7 - As noted in Q3 - Certainly initially lots of cars were parking and dropping off on Hospitalfield Road. This included around the crossing patrol point, however this has been rectified with new yellow lines and signage. Recently, there seems to be less cars on Hospitalfield Road, so perhaps parents and pupils are starting to walk to school. Q9-Overall the scheme seems to be working, and I have had no issues accessing my house during the controlled times. As noted in Q7, the recent drop in car numbers on Hospitalfield Road, may suggest that parents and pupils are starting to embrace the concept of a school friendly zone and walking to school instead. Muirfield PS is an ideal school for walking to, as the catchment area is essential flat with no major roads and plenty of pavements, and geographically fairly small. Any congestion, pollution and increased potential for accidents is the direct result of parents ferrying their children to school - an activity which is largely not required. If parents can be convinced that it is safe, healthy and convenient to walk to school, the problems are largely resolved. I would strongly recommend that serious consideration is given to removing the traffic calming measures i.e. the speed bumps along Hospitalfield and School Roads. I feel that the 20mph speed limit, and the School Friendly Zone measures render the bumps unnecessary. Every winter, they need to be repaired or replaced due to damage by snowplough or bolt rusting because of de-icing salt, and I am not alone in having damage done to my car because of their presence.
Increase in cars in numerous other streets, i.e., Patrick Allen Fraser Street, Hospitalfield Road. More parked cars on these streets making it more difficult for my child to walk & cross roads safely. I have children at different schools and start work at 9.00 am. We are more often late due to difficulty in coming out of Patrick Allen Fraser Street due to volume of cars in this street. Air quality – Worse as cars more condensed to streets leading to school. Also the exempt vehicles does not cover community works, i.e. carers, nurses, volunteer drivers, pharmacy drivers, delivery drivers, taxi drivers, etc.
1-Prior to the SFZ, I do not believe that there was and air quality problems. Do you have any test evidence? 2-Even if there was an air quality issue, all that the SFZ has done is to move such a problem to Hospitalfield Road. 3-The SFZ has caused congestion in Hospitalfield Road due to cars now parking there for much longer periods at drop-off times. There are cars parked either side of road making accessing my property difficult and sometimes impossible. Crossing Hospitalfield Road is now dangerous due to parked cars. 4-Why was I not

consulted prior to the implementation of the SFZ? 5-The SFZ has caused severe congestion and a dangerous situation in Hospitalfield Road. 6-The SFZ has denied residents in School Road of freedom of movement in receiving visitors, getting trades, being picked up to attend appointments, etc.
Cars are now parked outside my house making it harder to move in and out of my house in my own car.
I believe it has had a significant negative impact on the residents of School Road.
School Road seems much safer at designated times (Previously some cars would be moving quickly despite children around). Cars parking in Hospitalfield Road now – Congestion there now, but further from school! Commonsense Application of scheme should mean that those needing pick-up for occasional appointments, etc., should be able to do so. Shouldn't be an issue.
I did not receive any information about SFZ!

Stakeholders Group Comments –

Concluding comments from a Stakeholder meeting of 20 August 2024 attended by representatives of the headteacher and Community Council were recorded as follows:

<p>The Community Council representative commented that on face value the data presented suggested that the measures have not been well received by the public. Complaints received by residents with respect to the behaviour of drivers in vehicles displaced from School Road into the surrounding streets, citing near misses, parking on junctions and blocked driveways as problems which appear to be worse than those previously experienced in School Road. Challenges were also cited regarding mental health impacts caused by the scheme wherein it could be considered that such matters should outweigh the benefits derived from the trial.</p> <p>The measures have not been welcomed by those attending Community Council meetings. The Community Council understands that access for delivery of medication is also sometimes required for taxis which are not exempt, and this can be difficult.</p> <p>The school was aware of the historical issues surrounding road safety prior to the Covid-19 outbreak, including traffic safety within the school car park. The trial measures have proved significantly beneficial to the safety of children within the school car park which is now much improved. Prior to the introduction of the trial measures the behaviour of drivers within the school car park made it unsafe for children, particularly when crossing the car park which was dangerous. The historical issues arising included inappropriate parking in front of the school and vehicle speeds. The school has 245 registered children and therefore the dangers within the car park were substantial. The main aspect from the school's perspective must be the safety of its children and while enforcement can be an issue it is recognised that it is often a minority of parents offending.</p> <p>The Head Teacher agreed that issues surrounding displacement of traffic to surrounding roads can be an issue but that should not outweigh the benefits in child safety within the school car park. Anecdotal evidence from the school crossing patroller was that while some drivers are making it unsafe to cross at times, safety at the crossing point has improved over the trial period. The school has promoted a curriculum for road safety and introduced Safe Travel Leadership groups. The school has over the time of this process been vigilant in promoting safe parking within newsletters and encouraging parents to follow safe measures. The annual school Hands Up survey is due to be conducted in September so it will be interesting to see if further increases in active travel have resulted, as the school actively promotes the Bikeability scheme at Level 1 and Level 2, from P5 to P7 to ensure children are confident and safe using bikes. Judging by the daily number of bicycles in the bike shed the school is confident high numbers of pupils are cycling to school, the bike shed is usually very full. A drop-off zone is also provided within the school car park, albeit this is closed during the trial.</p> <p>The school has also done quite a bit of work to prevent parents being inside the playground itself, limiting the 'standing chatting aspects of drop off.' The school feels this is helping the parking aspect too, as people are only arriving in the morning just before doors open and not earlier - very near 9.00am. It is appreciated this is different at the end of the day as some parents have nursery children to pick up at 2.50pm and school aged children don't dismiss until 3.20pm.</p> <p>Additionally, if the Exclusion zone is not continued the Head Teacher fears that parents will begin parking and sitting in the drop off zone again with engines running. This impacts the outdoor learning areas which the school is currently developing. Beside the drop-off zone is a forest area and pond which is accessed by classes all afternoon. Previously it was found that some parents parked and sat there to ensure a spot from</p>

around 2.20pm when playgroup/nursery children were dismissed. This would impact the school's ability to safely have children working in the forest area.

Furthermore, the Head Teacher feels that if the Zone is not continued for the reasons described the school would be forced to try to close its car park within the zone times. This would mean that families could park again on School Road - closer to the school but may cause issues with vehicles reversing and turning. The Head Teacher hopes that this would be lessened if the timing was on point and families would not decide to park right up and try to U-turn at the gates? This would be safer than allowing cars into the car park to drive round at speed and park inappropriately which is more dangerous. The closure of the car park does cause issues for staffing this and access for delivery drivers, etc.

The school is supportive of the scheme and is glad the traffic issues in School Road and within the school car park have been addressed while recognising that some parents do have physical difficulties in walking the length of School Road when dropping off in Hospitalfield Road.

The Head Teacher reported that the Parent Council is believed to be supportive of the measures.

It was reported that because of isolation for some residents with restrictions on visitors, any mitigation that could help would be valuable. It was noted that permits have been issued.

APPENDIX 6A

Objections

Objections received are as follows (verbatim):

Objection to the Muirfield School Friendly Zone
[Redacted]

I object to this zone in so many ways, I don't even know where to begin.

[Redacted] Please see letter dated 30th August 2023 that has already been logged as an objection. It took a further 6 weeks and repeated chasing up for an exemption to come through, not that this has alleviated my distress. [redacted]

My Human Rights are being violated [redacted]

Article 2: Right to Life
[Redacted]

Article 14: Right to protect me against discrimination.
My [redacted] issues are real and I don't feel they are being taken seriously...

[Redacted]

I have been very clear to the Council how this Zone is affecting me and it still hasn't been resolved
[redacted]

Equality Impact Assessment...

There was not a proper Equality impact assessment carried out. The defence given as individuals can make an objection? How? I am not even going to go into the barriers of making an objection, they are immense [redacted]. No one was approached in this community. The assessment was filled out using other people's data and demonstrates an outrageous confirmation bias on the part of Roads, with no mention of the elderly or pregnant people and the assumption that disability would be impacted positively? I asked and was told people could use wheelchairs on School Road now. However, no one with mobility aids, crutches or walking sticks never mind wheelchairs would manage to navigate Hospitalfield Road safely now. And there was zero consideration given to people [redacted] who suffer from Mental Health Disability. Disability is not only physical.

Angus Council are putting the School Road community at risk under what justification? There are a whole array of unforeseen random things that happen in peoples lives for which people need the right to access family and friends at all times, especially our stoic elderly and vulnerable members of our community. With this zone, the Council has added yet another barrier, to those that already exist, for people seeking healthcare. How many people will delay seeking healthcare for mental or physical health emergencies in the light of this zone? How much time will it take for people coming to the aid of a loved one running the gauntlet that this zone has created? Even with permits, people are still being stopped. And I wouldn't fancy the chances for emergency services getting through to us at School Rd or surrounding roads with the mayhem at Hospitalfield Road.

[Redacted].

They have rendered 40 homes at School Road different from the rest of Arbroath. We are second class citizens and no longer have the same rights as everyone else in Arbroath.
The Impact of the Zone on [redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Concerns for the wider Community...

[Redacted], it is clear that our Hospitalfield Community has become a melting pot for various types of stressors in what was once a very peaceful, if not perfect, neighbourhood. I am not the only one suffering

because of this Zone. Different individuals in the community are being affected in different ways, and from a health and well-being stance I am very concerned about how this zone is impacting this community.

I saw a wee one with her Mum and brother the other day making their way to school. The wee girl clearly wasn't well and her Mum said she couldn't leave her in the car, as she was parked far away. Another dimension I hadn't thought of in this Zone. Sick kids being dragged to school.

[Redacted]

I object strongly to the Zone. It is just a matter of time before something catastrophic happens.

Letter dated 30 August 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Sorting out permits for me and friends is not enough. [redacted] I worry about loneliness and people not being able to pop in on me or leave my home anytime they want. My cuz who is 80 couldn't pop in to see me last week as the zone was in place. His wife has dementia and she couldn't wait around for 40 minutes! My friend who I have not seen for ages could not leave my home until 9.15 last week. I feel like my visitors are like prisoners in my own home! [redacted]

[Redacted] Everyone else in Arbroath has their freedom for friends to come and go when they please from their own homes. Why not us? [redacted]

I am spending time trying to fight this Friendly zone [redacted]

[Redacted]

I am even more saddened when I heard from a lady who lived at [redacted] for 29 years. It used to be a nightmare with congestion for 15 mins in the morning and in the afternoon. Then the new school was built and they have an amazing system which is safe for kids and parents. The congestion has been put on Hospitalfield Road now where there was an RTA last week already and people are having parents park over their drives whilst they take their kids to school. The junctions of School Road and PAF Street are so close together this is not helping and visibility with cars is poor for kids crossing. Just so upset and to top it off, a policeman told someone that it's not a trial, it'll be staying. Oh my goodness! It's already been decided? The axe has already fallen? [redacted]

Kind regards

[Redacted]

I wish to formally object to the School Friendly Zone at Muirfield due to the numerous reasons listed below.

1. Arbirlot Road West has seen a significant increase of cars parking on it since the school friendly zone came into place on school road. There has not been a reduction of cars at the School Road side of Muirfield school, they have simply parked elsewhere.

2. With the ongoing building works on Arbirlot Road West for the Scotia development, cars can no longer park up the hill as they had done previously and they are now parking further along the road towards the Westway. Especially at the end of the school day, this is just chaos with cars trying to navigate the junction.

3. The children walking to school have had to deal with many sets of temporary traffic lights due to the building works. Many parents, even those parents of upper school primary aged children now either walk their children to school or have gone back to driving them as they feel it is unsafe leaving their children to walk alone. The

condition of the pavement just now has been left in an unsafe state with there being patches of rough pavement and signs being left having fallen over.

3. When my P4 child was unwell I had to phone the school to say that my P6 child and nursery child would be late to school as there is now nowhere I could drop them off nearby so that my unwell child could sit in the car whilst I ran in. My p6 child missed at least 15 minutes of her school day because of the parking issue.

4. Mrs [redacted] (office) and [redacted] (janitor) are being used as "parking police" which I doubt is in their job description!

I have previously stated my complaints both to this email and to the school. I would be more than happy to speak to someone in person should they wish to get further details from me.

During the time of the parking zone being in place I have observed that the amount of people that are parking on the corner out side [redacted] Hospital Feild Road, I feel that they are creating a hazard for the residents that are trying to go to work by obstructing the view around the corner as My mother was almost hit coming out of the junction by a parent speeding down the road taking my to the High school as she was unable to have a clear line of sight down Hospital field.

I would like to register my objection to the above scheme as a concerned resident of Hospitalfield.

Since the restrictions have been in place there has been an increase in cars parking along Hospitalfield Road which is causing issues for resident's due to inconsiderate parking. There has also been (in my opinion) an increase in speed along the road due to parents trying to beat the restricted times for drop off. I'm sure I am not alone in raising this rather concerning issue.

I have had numerous close calls myself trying to cross the road with my dog due to drivers not paying attention to speed limits, speed bumps or people crossing the road - a major issue when there are children walking to school!!

I do not understand the thinking behind Angus councils decision to put these restrictions in place especially as Muirfield school has a designated drive thru drop off area on that side of the school!

I hope that this hair-brained scheme will be removed and allow Hospitalfield to return to normality as a matter of urgency.

Notice of Objection

I object to the implementation of the "School Friendly Zone" at Hospitalfield/Muirfield Primary School for the following reasons:

- The "School Friendly Zone" puts the health, safety, and well-being of our children, their parents/caregivers, and surrounding residents at risk.
- The drop-off zone within the new Muirfield Primary was highly effective, enabling traffic to move continuously, allowing parents/caregivers to drop off their children swiftly, securely, and efficiently without the chaos created by the "School Friendly Zone."
- The areas outside the school premises/School Road area are congested and chaotic with traffic, creating safety issues for all, especially children. Over-congestion has resulted in aggressive parking disputes and several car accidents.
- Residents in adjoining streets, such as ours, are forced to deal with daily traffic overflow and problematic parking.
- The current traffic/parking situation has a chaotic impact on our children. They have to walk to school in poor and dangerous weather conditions, such as the ten storms experienced between September 2023 and January 2024 (Agnes, Babet, Ciaran, Debi, Elin, Fergus, Gerrit, Henk, Isha, and Jocelyn) along with snow and rain. As a result, they enter school in wet clothing, and are extremely cold, negatively impacting their health, education, and their entire school day.

To whom it may concern,

I would like to officially object to the above.

[Redacted]

Resident and Parent

The reason for objecting is that I don't feel this has been fully thought through. By banning cars from entering School Road you have moved the problem to surrounding streets. This has created a problem for children walking to and from school as roads that were once quiet are now extremely busy and the driving is too fast.

I have witnessed cars driving at speed, cutting across junctions (driving without due care), parking at junctions and problems for the School Crossing Patroller as a result of the excess parked cars. I have also witnessed residents on Hospitalfield Road unable to leave their driveways due to the volume of parked cars/badly parked cars. There is surely a better solution than just moving the problem to other streets which has the same result of children not being safe to walk to school. There is nothing "friendly" about this initiative.

Please record my objection to this poorly thought out project.

This has now moved the problem 50 yards from School Road onto the much busier Hospitalfield Road between Patrick Allan Fraser Street and Kinghorne Street where the School crossing lady is.

Where as previously it effected maybe a 100 properties in School Road, it now effects maybe 5/6 times as many all who have cars exiting School Road, Patrick Allan Fraser Street and Kinghorne Street and Glamis Road onto Hospitalfield Road at the busiest time of the day.

The issue is that not all pupils attending Muirfield School come from the surrounding estates and those children's parents have no option but to drive and drop their children off especially during inclement weather which is often the case.

The School has a small drop off area already in place, this should be enlarged and redesigned to enable safe drop off at the School.

Note of objection and how this affects you or what have I observed

I would like to Object to the school friendly zone being passed.

My [redacted] is undergoing help and support for undiagnosed [redacted] struggles to walk to school and go in safely on certain days and a fight or flight situation can happen where [redacted] very unsafely runs home. Driving [redacted] to the car park and in the office door works for [redacted] so it was agreed to do this between all the professional support around [redacted] just now for now while [redacted] is getting support for [redacted] and on waiting lists for more help.

I have been stopped from the [redacted] to question why we are driving and been stopped from the police twice and questioned in front of my [redacted] causing [redacted] more [redacted]. I have had a £50 on the spot charge as well.

I now have a temporary permit that the [redacted] has said i can use until June (like [redacted] will be solved by then) [redacted] can have a bad day any day, these days can not be planned where i need to drive her. With everything i am doing to support [redacted] i shouldnt have to be worried about us being stopoed and charged while trying to get [redacted] into school safely.

Also while driving round i have noticed the roads have become much more dangerous than ever before. The road everyone is parking on is much thinner and car doors are opening onto the road for kids coming out of cars, i can see an accident happening very soon if it stays this way.

I look forward to a reply

Parent

People can't visit friends or family during school hours without this permit and not everyone can get it due to location etc, it's becoming dangerous with parking outside school road, someone's going to get knocked down

I would like to note our objection to the zone becoming permanent. It is not an improvement and therefore should be reviewed thoroughly.

You installed double yellow lines in my nice peaceful street, stopping my family and friends from being able to park here to visit, which in my 13 years living here has never been an issue.

This forced the traffic out onto Arbirlot road. Where you also installed double yellow lines, but on the opposite side of what you should have and the visibility is now extremely poor while trying to exit Timbergreens.

Traffic on Arbirlot road now start to line up as early as 215 in order to secure a space. An entire hour before the school closes, and they do not turn their engines off, because they don't want to get cold in that long wait.

I recognise these parents, they live in hospitalfield yet they come to the Arbirlot road side, because of how much closer they can park instead of being able to use the pick up/drop off in the school.

You haven't made the air cleaner in fact it's worse, and you haven't made the road safer as the children and parents now run/cycle/scoot down the centre of Timbergreens like it is entirely a pedestrian zone.

The giant mistake there is the school gate opens entirely onto the road, not a pavement.

I urge you to visit and not just sit back and listen to the people who actually live here.

Thank you for your time

I would like my opinion known in regards to the traffic issues in and around Hospitalfield Road.

Since the installation of the permit system I have increasing concerns around safety for pedestrians (young and older), public transport, resident and visitor traffic and bicycles. The area at peak school times is very congested making visibility to all very difficult. I have witnessed pedestrians struggling to cross the roads safely due to parked and moving cars attempting to give way to others who have parked unsafely. I am aware this problem may have been in School Road and now has moved into Hospitalfield Road but feel the situation is much worse. At this current time as I write my email we have major gas pipe work being done causing more issues to the roads and traffic due to people parking anywhere.

As a resident it is difficult to get out of junctions due to increase traffic flow and parking without thought and consideration as close to the school as possible. I have also noticed an increase to yellow lines. I don't feel residents have been included or informed of planning with this.

I have taken the time to also view the situation at the back of the school so on Arbirlot Road West and that is just as bad with traffic and cars parked wherever they wish. Surely it is time for the police or someone in authority to be on site at these times to control or stop the situation before someone is hurt or there is a car accident.

I have emailed previously but heard nothing back.

I would appreciate a reply.

Note of objection:

Already complained at outset and nothing has changed. The new SFZ has meant traffic filling up Arbirlot W Road and Newton Avenue which has caused large disruption to traffic coming in/out of estate.

Children constantly moving between vehicles onto the road in use causing risk of injury. Have almost hit 2 children and had 1 car almost cause me to crash.

This occurs twice daily and is a nightmare for residents. The previous system spread traffic further so whilst a disruption was not as severe. Never had an incident previously in the decade I've lived here. Now it's an issue whenever I travel around school start/end times.

I have received your letter dated 9th April.

I would like to formally state I will not be withdrawing my complaint. The response in no way addresses any of my concerns and no improvements/adjustments can be made that will change this.

Disrupting to the road leading to my estate and my own experience of increased risk to myself and others is a paramount concern.

As usual, the committee is failing to accept the resident's perspective and continues to act in an echo chamber of support.

As always, an absolutely disgrace.

Sure all of this may be on paper work.

Paperwork that does not mean anything in the real world.

The school "safety zone" was put together by prime idiots.

Come visit the area on a school morning and see what local residents need to put up with. Morons parked just outside it's limits. Lining both sides of the roads. On more than one occasion I've been prevented from turning either onto or from newton avenue. People parked on arbirlot road and on both sides of the entrance to newton avenue.

It is a farce.

Have called the police and at one point took pictures of it, but no they won't get involved because it is down to the moronic council.

Note of objection to the proposal of a permanent school friendly zone.

This trial zone is currently moving the bottle neck to the surrounding streets and blocking driveways/garage entrances especially in Doocot place. These roads were not designed for this volume of stupidity.

We have already observed terrible parking and a fender bender which has never been an issue until the zone trials.

Surely inconsiderate parking and fender benders should be considered more dangerous than parents driving to the school gates.

Having watched the traffic chaos around the new School Friendly Zone for the past few months I can only conclude that it's an absolute disaster and an accident waiting to happen. It's only pushed the parking problems several streets away and made things more difficult for everyone including residents, parents, children and the school crossing patrols (who now struggle to see around parked cars). The school already has a drop off zone within the school grounds, perhaps a better solution would have been to further develop the drop off zone and therefore decrease parking in nearby streets. It's done nothing to encourage kids to either cycle or walk to school.

I am writing to give my Notice of Objection to the above zone.

My observations have led me to conclude that all that has been achieved is the school traffic has been pushed into Hospitalfield Road which is the main and only road into the estate.

If you think by having this zone everyone is going to suddenly start walking/cycling to school you are mistaken. These days people don't have the time to walk/cycle. People need to get from A to B as quickly as possible, hence they use their cars.

Also who is policing this zone and at what cost to the Council Tax Payer. It would be interesting to know the statistics held for this trial period compared to before ie number of children walking/cycling, traffic accidents etc. I hope at the end of the trial Angus Council can provide these stats.

Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed?

Our objection is as a resident of Hospitalfield/School rd, which is restrictions to our free movement for ourselves and for visitors during the stated periods. It is impossible to have permits for every eventuality/person who may arrive during the stated hours as both front and side are effectively barricaded.

Our other objections are as have be stated to [redacted] that an enormous sign has been erected [redacted], as well as the new parking sign directly opposite which we were assured would have been fixed to the boundary walls. We are completely surrounded and enclosed with posts, signage, double lines directly outside [redacted]. The other objection is the Chaos which has been created at the start and finish of the School day with the congestion with the amount of vehicles congregating around the entrance to School road which causes problems for the children and parents crossing and in fact condenses the number of vehicle in a very small area and major problems for the school crossing operator. It is extremely difficult to exit school road during to the aforementioned parking.

Watching the parents who accompany small children to school and collect, if they have preschool children or prams etc then they have to get ready all of the children to make the journey down to school .

This is a shame as the school when recently built had incorporated a large drop off and pick up area the alleviate this very problem .

What I also find very alarming is the introduction of all the permanent fixtures ie signage and road markings etc in anticipation of a done deal and no intentions of listening to any objections. Has the decision already been Made?

Note of objection:

To whom it may concern, we felt that we must write to object most strongly to the shambles of a school friendly zone which has been introduced in School Road, Arbroath.

In our opinion, this has created a huge monster of a problem and made this estate a very dangerous place to negotiate during drop off and collection times.

We have had dealings with Muirfield School when our daughters attended in the late 80/90s and we now have our granddaughters attending Muirfield. In all those years, there has never been any problems accessing School Road, driving along School Road, accessing the car park etc SAFELY!

We have known residents of School Road for 45 years and never heard any objections from any of them!!

Now, however, this has become such a dangerous place to negotiate. One of my granddaughter's has a Blue Badge, so we are permitted to drive into the car park to collect her, on the days that her parents are working and unable to collect her.

With cars parked as close to junctions as possible, on both sides of a narrow road when there's so many people around, Worton parking huge lorries, diggers, men all over the place, BT Open Reach with all their workers and vans all over the area, this has become an absolute nightmare for everyone.

There was never a problem in the School Road/Hospitalfield Road/Patrick Allan-Fraser Street area but this has become a HUGE problem. Cars are abandoned all over this are, there's so many people in a small area at the one time, lots of extra traffic - we are really surprised that there has been no accidents yet. This is surely only a matter of time before there is an incident.

The poor Traffic Crossing lady must fear for her safety and the children's safety on a daily basis. How she can find the space to cross the road safely and how people can see her, defies me! It is so very dangerous.

If you are trying to exit School Road onto Hospitalfield Road, there is very little room to get out - there's traffic on both sides of the road and there's a very narrow space to negotiate it. That's another huge accident waiting to happen!

Why anyone would believe that this system was a good idea or an 'improvement' on the former system baffles me. There's a saying "If It Isn't Broken, Don't Try To Fix It" - clearly councillors have never heard this. Where there was no problems previously, there are now huge problems.

I would beseech Angus Council to reconsider this matter as soon as possible, before a child or adult is seriously injured!!

Hello

I have two children who attend the school. The closure of the road to school for parents has resulted in the situation being unsafe.

My childminder who has younger children is no longer able to use school car park which is impacting on days she collects.

Parents are parking along other streets other side of school also Arbirlot road which is also Difficult due to houses being built. When walking my children the traffic either side and parking is worse than ever and people crossing at risk. It felt safer without the exclusion zone

Thank you for your email. I still object to the proposed changes - as stated in my email. Since sending my objection however I have had a difficult situation which has added to the need for this not to take place.

My eldest daughter was unwell and in hospital she had to have time off school and I had to take my youngest to school. I was unable to leave my unwell daughter in the car to take my youngest age 5 to school this resulted in my unwell child having to walk when very unwell from car to school to ensure her sister was in safely. There was no where appropriate to leave her but if I was able to park close to school I could have.

The restrictions have caused even more unsafe traffic on arbirlot road west particularly with the house building works.

My position remains the same

I refer to the above which I believe is about to conclude a "trial period "

I wish to intimate that my previous correspondence re this scheme expressing my concerns has not changed The restrictions has caused me quite a bit of distress around when friends can or cannot visit my home. I am an elderly [redacted] resident as are a significant number of my friends.

I rely on friends for transport to train station and occasionally hospital appointments and again the above causes unnecessary stress and sometimes inconvenience

The most distressing times when immediate family who have travelled from Kent or Edinburgh have to consider their time of arrival. We had a close family members funeral recently and as I was the family member living in Arbroath the rest naturally came to me before and after the funeral. The times of arrival before and after the funeral coincided with the restrictions. THIS SURELY CANNOT BE RIGHT!

The congestion on Hospitalfield Road has become an issue highlighting that if the drop off point within the school grounds was monitored properly the problems should not exist

In conclusion I sincerely hope that the enforcement team presenting this scheme will give all the above points due consideration and perhaps think of how each would feel if they were the recipient residents

To whom it may concern,

Please review and note this as a formal complaint and objection to the proposed "School Friendly Zone" at Hospitalfield Road School Road Arbroath, Muirfield School Arbroath.

[redacted] Hospitalfield Road Arbroath homeowner and resident.

Tel [redacted]

I am unsure and do not understand the purpose of this scheme, I believe it is to help with traffic at Muirfield School and air quality in the area.

My objection to this is that the problem if there is one has just been moved to Hospitalfield Road.

I believe other residents have made complaints about access restrictions to their own property during restriction times. I have a similar problem with access restriction due to parked cars narrowing road and blocking driveway.

Picture showing car parked across drive, this happens on frequent occasions.

Traffic at restriction time has increased due to no access to School Road and this has made the school crossing a danger to those who use it. This has been proven by works carried out by Tayside Contracts to help with traffic calming these are totally inadequate and seem to be carried out in a haphazard way old traffic signs and cones being left unattended for weeks.

The main danger of the line of sight for school crossing seems to be mitigated by some new road paint restricting further parking but not really covering the problem as the crossing attendend still has problem of increased traffic and restricted view.

Muirfield School already has a well laid out purpose bult safe drop off zone.

The increased foot and vehicle traffic is having a detrimental effect to road and pavement surface. There is a different road and pavement make up on School Road and Hospitalfield Road. I can assume this was to cope with assumed traffic volume during planning.

Please note different kerb and road material.

The view is of School Road from Hospitalfield Road with different kerb stones and road surface.

The damage caused by increased traffic, to different surface on Hospitalfield Road.

These are of Doocot place used as a turning point of increased use due to School traffic.

Some mitigation for traffic restriction seems to be use of Police Scotland to monitor traffic movement and even issue a fine to those in breach of "taking their children to school" this seems to me a waist of Police time and causing more rules that are not needed.

I can see a time when the Police may be needed, when the increased traffic causes a confrontation of interest between those dropping of their children and local residents that just want a quiet life.

Personally if I had wanted School traffic outside my door two times a day every day I would have bought a house in School Road which wouldn't be too bad as there is a purpose built drop off zone within the school.

I would be grateful of any feedback about my concerns from the planners and councilors that will vote in favor of this scheme, and to those who will vote I appeal to stop the proposed scheme before it is passed.

Looking forward to any comments may be a visit to see what is going on at School pick up drop off times and this can start half an hour before School times for those desperate parents that want the closest parking spot.

Re letter received 13/4/24 asking me to withdraw my objection.

After the quiet spell of school holidays it is back to car's sitting running blocked drives and general businesses at school pick up drop off times. Any one that has to drive their children to school all-ways will the problem you have created for my self and close neighbours is just the same, please review my complaint the reason you give for this "experiment" is the problem I have out side my front door either extend the zone to the West way or scrap it.

Re road condition the pot holes are getting bigger! Please read my complaint in full.

Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed

I have a[redacted] issue myself and my [redacted] is also [redacted] to which [redacted] struggles daily, [redacted] does not have much road sense, so getting park as near to the school as possible is a winner for us. We also get to school late in the mornings with us living outside Arbroath with my older son attending secondary school. I have him to drop off first. I have to park further away from Muirfield School especially with other streets getting congested with cars. Which then causes me to be late for School and my work.

Its causing a lot of stress in the mornings.

Parent of [Redacted], 6yrs.

My own parents, reside at [Redacted] School Road

<p>Please record my objection to this extremely poorly thought out project.</p> <p>Angus Councils plan to trial the School Friendly zone has been everything BUT friendly. Its only success so far has been, creating a humungously unsafe, dangerous, congested accident-waiting-to-happen fiasco.</p> <p>My parents have lived in school Road for over 45 years. I am now unable to pop in and visit my own parents whenever I chose to, due to these new ridiculous rules.</p> <p>The school has a sufficient car park and drop off zone that should be allowed to be used by parents dropping young children at nursery, playgroup or school. At any airport you are given a 15min drop off with no charge but yet we now can't even do that.</p> <p>It's a poorly thought out project with zero thought to the impact for parents and Hospitalfield residents.</p> <p>Angus Council needs to listen to the objections from residents and parents and go back to the drawing board and come up with something that works for everyone.</p>
<p>As a resident of Hospitalfield Rd and a childminding grandparent of children who attend Muirfield school I wish to express my absolute dismay and disbelief at the ludicrous restrictions imposed on vehicle access and parking imposed by the council within the school drop off zone and School Road.</p> <p>Hospitalfield Rd is a much busier road than School Road and now all the school traffic parks there which has led to an increased danger to our children/grandchildren when they walk to school. I have witnessed on numerous occasions very bad parking on corners, on double yellow lines and in front of driveways. Residents trying to exit their driveways can also become a danger if they don't see a child walking near them.</p> <p>I feel this attempt by the council to improve road safety has led to an increased risk to our children's safety and definitely has done nothing to improve the road safety aspect.</p> <p>I think we can only count ourselves fortunate that no one has been injured yet.</p>
<p>My objection is to this ridiculous idea of supposed 'safety' at Muirfield School. I find I am having to time leaving and returning to my home to avoid the problem. Reason being that parents are parking the whole length of Hospitalfield Road right from the Westway. However if any councillors had been on site they would already know this. When it was only School Road it did not affect the other streets, however this idiotic new system affects the whole of Hospitalfield with only one way in and out. Cars are parked on both sides of the road, parents are opening doors onto road side to let their children get into car seats, children are having to cross between parked cars. Parents are bringing their children to school in cars as too dangerous to walk themselves. There is a build up of traffic which adds to the congestion. I myself have been a school crossing patrol officer at a very busy junction on Arbirlot Road and would ask that councillors come along and see just how dangerous this lady's job has now become, perhaps do the job for a day.</p> <p>I trust you will reconsider but I doubt you will not be listening to the people as usual.</p>
<p>This school friendly zone just isn't working, children with mental health issues and has anxiety walking into the school gates, the parent can't drive into the car park to walk that child in safely and calmly because they will get a ticket!</p> <p>Heavily Pregnant parents having to walk their kids up to school, sometimes 2 streets away because the cars parked on both sides of hospital field road.</p> <p>Parents with small children having to park on a very busy road it's an accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>Residents- I've heard also those elderly residents are having issues with visitors.</p>
<p>My name is [Redacted]. I reside at [Redacted] Patrick Allan-Fraser Street, Arbroath. My mobile number is [Redacted].</p> <p>As you can see I reside in the Hospitalfield area and my son attends Muirfield Primary School.</p> <p>I am hoping you will accept this email as my Note of Objection for for the 'school friendly zone'</p> <p>I'm unsure if you have attended the area in the morning during school drop off, if you have you will have seen that it is chaos and an accident waiting to happen. I'm finding it difficult to see how making this change is to ensure children are safer making their way to school. There are cars lining the street and the lolly pop person helping the children cross the road has to manoeuvre between parked cars. I've already seen one crash where a resident was attempting to come out of their drive and collided with one of the many cars on Hospitalfield Road. The many cars who are just trying to find a safe spot to stop to drop their children off or a</p>

safe place to park to walk their smaller children up to the school. I really feel for the parents/carers with more than one child or babies trying manoeuvre their way around that disaster of a drop off/pick up time. This has also been eventful during the stormy weather, kids arriving at school wet and cold because they are having to trek along that road.

Now with the recent roads works, it is even more dangerous for the children - with vans parked diagonally on the road, pathways completely blocked off, it's just a disaster.

A suggestion I have is making a drive round drop off point in the school grounds at the bike shelter side with a Warden there to ensure the vehicles do not park, but do drop off and continue to move - I have seen this work well in other schools. If people need to park in the school or just outside on the street to walk their child to school then fair enough. Parking on School Road or in the spaces in school didn't seem to be an issue before. If cars are speeding in the school grounds then the Warden could take note and report it. Instead a decision has been made to block off full school grounds and a street for 'safety' which in fact is making it the most unsafe I've ever seen. Also police being asked to attend and issue on the spot fines of people accessing the street, I think, is a waste of resources.

Parent of a child attending muirfield

I live at muirlands park and I'm happy to walk my child to school, however with all the work going on on arbrilol road west I feel it's not an ideal walk to school as the road is so busy with lorry's, diggers etc and it's so muddy especially when wet, like most parents I work and rely on my [redacted] for childcare my [redacted] is not able to walk long distances due to previously [redacted] after this [redacted] was left with life long injuries which cause [redacted] pain still, it's a long walk for my [redacted] and as the gate is closed at 9.15am if they happen to be after that it's an even longer walk, [redacted] often has my child overnight and will be taking my child to school from [redacted] own house which is near the harbour in Arbroath I'm sure that's not an ideal situation for anyone with or without a sore [redacted]

Resident

I would like to object to the school friendly zone(Muirfield school Arbroath) since this situation began, I have personally been affected with parents, visitors parking over my drive, blocking me in from leaving to go to my place of work, gathering outside my window for a chin wag whilst my partner is trying to sleep as he works night shift, the problem hasn't been resolved just moved to another street, causing congestion and stopping people visiting friends or family, we pay road tax to be told where to park and where we can drive.

I object to the school friendly zone for a number of reasons.

1. Angus council have listed a reason for this is to make school road safe for children but all that has happened is Hospitalfield road has now become unsafe. The lollipop lady cannot see oncoming cars due to the parked cars that fill the streets and children are running in between cars. There have been a number of near misses.
2. I have 1 child in playgroup that finishes at 3pm and my second child finishes primary at 3:20pm. Meaning I have to stand for 20 minutes every day in the rain, snow, wind and -0 temperatures with a 2 year old. There is no where to go to shelter from the conditions and a 2 year old crying because they are soaking and cold is not acceptable. Either change the times of the education setting so that everyone finishes at the same time or allow cars back into the car park for parents to shelter with toddlers while they wait on the main school finishing at 3:20.
3. There is barely a police presence in Arbroath and when break ins were happening in Hospitalfield we were told there was no officers in Arbroath that night due to staff shortages yet we have the resource to waste police time but stationing officers on school road to fine parents who are just rushing and struggling to get kids to school before going to work. It's a disgrace and complete miss-use of resource.
4. All that the council are achieving with this scheme is a tick box. Nothing has changed - emissions are still the same, children are going to be late more often, residents on school road who own their properties are told when they can and cannot have visitors and hard working parents who are the ones contributing to society have work and need to commute as soon as they drop a child at school and your adding 20 minutes on to that by walking to and from school which some of us just don't have. There is no breakfast club at the school either to allow parents to beat the rush if commuting to work. It's all complete nonsense and we will all fight to have this overturned.

As detailed above I am a resident of School Road, Arbroath and I would like to lodge my objection to the School friendly zone.

There are a number of reasons for my objections which I will now outline.

1. Prior to the new school being built I would have very much agreed with the school friendly zone as the parking and speed of traffic was horrendous and downright dangerous to the children. However, since the new school was built there was good provision within the school car park for a pick up and drop off zone which was working perfectly well and was safe for all involved. No vehicles parked in silly places, in fact hardly any vehicles parked on the road at all so I beg to ask the question why was there a necessity to fix a problem that no longer existed

2. We have a number of elderly people in School Road that require care from care providers and also friends and family that visit around the times that the school friendly zone is enforced. They can no longer provide care or visit at the times the zone is enforced. This is utterly unfair to these people.

3. The parents of the children who attend Muirfield Primary now have no option but to park on Hospitalfield Road and the ensuing nightmare it is causing because the parents are now parking on the junction between School Road and Hospitalfield Road. Residents with permits have very poor visibility to be able to exit the junction safely as there is parked cars on either side of Hospitalfield Road near the school road junction. This will inevitably result in either a child being hurt because the parents are taking there children out of the parked vehicles on the road side with vehicles trying to get passed or a car accident will happen. My own elderly mother stays at number [redacted] Hospitalfield Road on [redacted] and sees this on a daily basis.

4. Hospitalfield Road is the main road used by all residents not only from School Road but the whole scheme including Patrick Allen Fraser Street and Kinghorn Street etc and by moving the school traffic to Hospitalfield Road is creating a bottle neck at the PAF Street junction as again the school traffic is parking all the way down Hospitalfield Road.

I would beg for council to reconsider this ludicrous scheme as the zone is creating a problem where there was very little before the change took effect.

Resident and parent of children who go to Muirfield primary school I oppose the proposal of a school friendly zone on school road. Having this zone applied is a danger to the school children coming and going to school and is also affecting the rights of the lollipop lady to work in a safe working environment.

Due to the cars not being allowed to park on school road I have witnessed numbers and numbers of cars now parking on hopsitalfield road and in turn affecting the lollipops lady's ability to safely do her job of ensuring our kids cross the road safely and make it to school unharmed. With cars impeding her line of sight, and the sheer busyness of the road it's a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.

Objection: Which seemed to be a well organised drop off/collection system for the kids since the new school was opened it has turned into a huge health & safety issue after the School Friendly Zone was put into place.

From my commuting view from/to Glamis Road, during school drop offs/pick ups cars are parked not only on Hospitalfield road now but into Patrick Allan Fraser Street which not only is a hazard when trying to see getting out of Patrick Allan Fraser Street onto Hospitalfield Road safely, you have to be half out of the junction to see cars coming from the left and during that you have cars approaching from the right and children trying to cross the road at Patrick Allan Fraser Street junction by themselves or parents struggling with prams etc.

I really hope for a much safer plan for the school children, parents and residents of Hospitalfield.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to object about the School friendly zone at Muirfield Primary School in Arbroath.

My parents live in Hospitalfield and are my child care whilst I work. That's why I come to the school at the Hospitalfield entrance.

I am disappointed that the decision was taken away from parents regarding the car park at the school in the first instance. There is no reason why the car park could not be made almost double the size with all the wasted ground to the left as you come in to the school. The side they made a tiny pond that no one looks at.

Yes there were issues with the car park mainly because at the other side (Arbirlot Road West side) they were enforced to walk before our end did, so they all came to Hospitalfield entrance which doubled the amount coming in. Many were just turning up late, in a hurry and stopping stupidly in the car park, hurrying the kids out, stopping traffic unsafely. Others would sit for 30mins in the drop zone waiting for there kids before school was even out, it was a joke. Now that they have enforced it at both entrances there certainly isn't as many cars but still enough that there is major issues.

I have personally watched Hospitalfield residents get their cars out of their driveways and park right outside their houses to stop us parking along streets which is infuriating as we can park there as well. I have watched careless parents park over people's drive ways, if they need out or emergency services need in its crazy. People park on both sides of the road, which vans and big Lorry's struggle to get past.

[Redacted] the lollypop lady has to stand at the corner but sometimes has to move location because of the parking situation.

I feel for those parents who have babies, that arrive, park up, get prams out in the heavy rain and snow, even when the baby's sleeping to then get the kids out and walk to school it's madness.

You can tell the Hospitalfield residents are raging, the looks we get thrown when we drive up.

I have witnessed lots of cars with out permits daily drive up to the school and drop their kids off, whilst we have to try and find a space.

I really feel in the day and age with the population only set to increase more car parking spaces are required for the future. Also there is no reason why parking could not also be put in at Arbirlot road west end.

I wish to record my objection to the above. My granddaughter goes to Muirfield School and doesn't live in the this area. The reason for her attending this school is due to her single parent mum working part time and needing us for childcare.

We used to walk her to and from school on most days but due to weather conditions would sometimes drive to school and pick up when the weather was bad. Since the "Trial" started this was not possible. On the days her mother is able to take her she would use the school drop off zone as was quicker for getting to and from work. The "zone" has meant she needs to leave her home earlier (as she stays over the other end of town) in order to find a parking space and walk her child to school before walking back and driving to work.

It is also very difficult for mums taking their child to school when they have other youngsters or new babies in the car. I have often seen them struggling, having to set up prams and putting baby in before walking to school and then the reverse on returning to the car. This is even worse for them when it is raining. It is much easier if they could just drop off at the Zone or car space.

I understand there was a lot of congestion around school road at the start and end of the school day but feel sure an other solution could be found. My suggestion would be to increase the number of car parking spaces on the school grounds at the main entrance and add a larger drop off zone. Spaces could also be added at the other entrance as there is plenty ground space to accommodate both. The number of children attending has increased and will increase even more by the time the new houses on Arbirlot Road West are completed so the problem can only get worse unless addressed.

Please be advised that following my initial objection to the school friendly Zone raised 12/07/23 and subsequent discussions with [Redacted] I would like it to be recorded that I feel there has been no positive impact following this initiative and would like you to take into consideration that I feel this action has made things much more restrictive to residents and made the pedestrian journey to school more dangerous for children. This is due to the vehicles who would have previously parked and spread out along the considerable length of school road now converge at the hospitalfield road / school road junction making it extremely dangerous for children and the lolly pop lady and School road residents driving into and out of this junction during peak times. It is an accident created by this proposal waiting to happen.

I would also like to note that it has restricted visitors to my property and that on changing my vehicle and emailing for an amended permit on 26/10/23 I have still not received a replacement. If you cannot properly administer the scheme then it should not be enforced.

I live at [Redacted] Hospitalfield Road Arbroath and am concerned about the congestion the above zone is causing, (beside Muirfield School) when its intention was surely to alleviate congestion.

I am also disappointed that local residents were not consulted over this issue-I certainly wasn't.

I believe the impact on local residents should be studied and consideration given to whether this is actually helping children and their parents or not.

The situation with school parking in Hospitalfield Road is Diabolical to say the least . Twice I have had a car parked over my drive impeding my exit. The mother informed me it was more important to get her child to school than keeping my exit clear. I had a Doctor appointment around 9.20 am. Then I had a second car also across my drive exit, however the woman was sitting in the car texting so she moved when I knocked on her window.

This used to be a quiet street but now it is absolutely chaotic. I have to park my car on the street if I know I am having visitors, however one is not always aware when this is going to happen. My Daughter brings my two Great-granddaughters to visit me every week. The youngest is aged just [Redacted] year therefore needs to be carried into my house. Considering the weather we have experienced this past few months, I have had to go out with an umbrella to help keep the baby dry, instead of my daughter just drawing up to my door to park. Also any visitors who visit me with a car are now finding it difficult to find a parking space within proximity of my home. It is so disorganised it is "Bedlam" please could you get this sorted out SOON!,

My 'Objections to your proposed School Friendly Zone are as follows .

Point 1;

Twice I have had a car parked over my drive's exit, and I had to wait for the owner to return to the vehicle before I was able to exit. I had a Doctors appointment that morning at 9:15 am, and when I told her that and also that it was illegal to block a driveway, her retort was as follows; It is more important for me to deliver my son to school, than your Doctor's appointment!

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Also this happened a second time again in the morning, however the car owner was sitting in her car texting, so I tapped on the car window she said sorry and drove off. .

Point 2

I am sure that every parent teaches their children Not To cross the road where there are parked cars! However it happens here in Hospitalfield Road. The lollipop lady has no option as the proximity of parked cars are almost on the crossing. Also vans and bigger workmen vans find it difficult to get through the car parking on either side of Hospitalfield Road. I feel this is contrary to what their parents tried to install in their young minds.

Point 3

This so-called Friendly Zone apparently is attempting to give a better air quality for the children when in actually it does the opposite, "More Car Petrol and diesel fumes" are being released than ever before with the amount of extra cars now using Hospitalfield Road and all other roads being used as a School Car Park. At the school start and school finish times it causes backlogs as there are always cars parked almost up to the exit of Hospitalfield Road on the west way! This "Experimental order" is way out of line, for example. As far as I can ascertain there has been very little consideration for residents living in the the main car parking streets These are the Residents mostly affected by this ill thought out, FREE CAR PARK, the council has set up here in Hospitalfield estate.

I have lived here for 50 years and it has always been a friendly happy place reside, however it is now being turned into a FREE FOR ALL CAR PARK.

Resident - since the new school friendly zone I have observed parking outside my house which is quite a bit away from the school. Increase of cars stopping or not being able to get through due to cars parking on both side.

I have also found that I struggle to get out of my drive to get to work due to the amount of traffic either going to or from the school or trying to find a safe place to stop and park or to let there children out and on several occasions my drive has been blocked with cars.

It also is making Hospitalfield road difficult to cross as a pedestrian while walking my dog.

These issues weren't there before the new zone was implemented.

Resident - Since the new school friendly zone I have observed parking outside my house which is quite a bit away from the school.

Increase of cars and lorries stopping or not being able to get through due to cars parking on both sides of the road in Hospitalfield Road.

Please remember that Hospitalfield road is the main thoroughfare/ only way into and out of into Hospitalfield estate !!

I have also found that I struggle to get out of my drive to get to work due to the amount of traffic either going to or from the school or trying to find a safe place to stop and park or to let their children out and on several occasions my drive has been blocked with cars.

It also is making Hospitalfield road difficult to cross as a pedestrian while walking my dog.

These issues weren't there before the new zone was implemented.

Regarding the new School zone at Muirfield School, we would like to issue our strongest objection to this continuing past its trial date.

As Residents at no [Redacted] Hospitalfield road we have resided at this address peacefully for 42 years with no road traffic issues. Until now.

We now face a daily battle with badly parked cars on both sides of Hospitalfield road blocking our access to our driveway and have witnessed many incidents of children(Unsupervised) attempting to cross the road in between parked cars.

Never in 42 years have we witnessed such chaos on our road. How long before there is a serious accident?

There is a perfectly good drop off area at Muirfield school built into the carpark when the school was rebuilt.

Why on earth does Hospitalfield road have to look like a town centre with all the yellow lines painted around when for decades we have enjoyed being a peaceful residential area.

Re your letter of 9th April asking for us to reconsider our objection to the school zone experiment.

We confirm that we do NOT wish to withdraw our objection.

I write in connection to the School Friendly Zone at Muirfield School, Arbroath and put in the objection for this zone to be put as a permanent fixture.

[Redacted]

Capacity: Parent & Resident

Observations: This zoning has caused more traffic congestion than ever. I have had children at Muirfield for over 10 years and in my opinion there was not a traffic problem at this entrance to the school.

This zoning makes it difficult for the school crossing patroller to do her job safely as cars are parking obstructing her view. This has been made even more difficult in the past few weeks with contractors working on the estate.

This zoning is causing a traffic issue and is extremely dangerous for children making their way to school from the surrounding streets.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this objection to the proposed school friendly zone at School Road, Arbroath, concerning Muirfield Primary School. Firstly, I would reject the notion that it is 'friendly' to the school, and would hope that just because it has been named such, it is not a given. It must be reviewed with both objective fact and crucially, user experience.

The extremely limited literature and communication I have seen on the topic, states the new system could have a reduction of the risk of injury and noise pollution, further that it could make the environment more relaxed and reduce congestion.

In terms of my situation, I am a resident at [Redacted] Hospitalfield Road and walk daily with my 3 young children to Muirfield school and have done since they started at Muirfield.

Safer – “reduced risk of injury” – It is clear that this structure has increased the risk of injury and reduced the safety of the area.

- I have personally witnessed a significant deterioration in the safety situation in the area and increased risk of injury for all children and parents since the introduction of this scheme.

- Specifically, I have witnessed an actual car crash incident on the 25/08/2023, I assume this was reported to the police, and if not can be confirmed by the lollipop lady on Hospitalfield Road. The cause of this crash was cars parked either side of a drive on Hospitalfield Road, and the owner reversing out of her drive having next to no visibility with cars also on the other side of the road, therefore restricting her manoeuvring space. A car then collided with her **DIRECTLY BESIDE THE LOLLIPOP LADY AND CHILDREN CROSSING THE ROAD**

- I speak to the lollipop lady daily, and the volume of traffic surrounding her is excessive. Of course, this can be dealt with by more double yellows, but ultimately you are just pushing yet more traffic further away and condensing it as understandably people want to park as close to the school as your various systems will allow. I would describe the lollipop lady as overwhelmed by the traffic surrounding her.

The school zone friendly zone has therefore increased danger to children and parents, and I am well placed given I not only reside on the road, I walk my children to and from school 5 days a week and have do so for 6 years now.

Noise Pollution

I find it wholly disingenuous that the council cite concerns around noise pollution, when there was next to no due regard to the noise pollution emanating from the recent housing development at Arbirlot Road West on the school itself, directly impacting school experience, as confirmed by officials at the school itself. Schoolchildren are regularly commenting about how noisy the site is.

If any member of the council making this decision want to get an understanding of what noise pollution is a serious disruption for the children, I would invite them to stand in the school playground for 30 minutes daily, as I do. From there, you cannot hear cars as they leave the school (and plenty still are), but you can hear huge levels of heavy machinery, which is planned to go on for YEARS.

As far as I am aware there has never been noise pollution concerns related to cars dropping and picking up their children.

I do understand the council directly benefits with financial contributions from the housing development, but of course there would be no financial incentive in relation to not moving forward with this proposed banning of vehicles on School Road around school times.

More relaxed

I would strongly disagree that the situation is "more relaxed" since the temporary introduction of this new feature.

All of the cars are along Hospitalfield Road, which is a busier and more dangerous road than School Road, therefore increasing the complexity of children and parents navigating their way to school.

95% of parents I speak to are against the idea, and find it is having a negative impact on their well-being and school drop off experience.

Further, there has been a frequent presence of police on school road, enforcing closure . At times they have had blue lights on pursuing people who have went into School Road. (we have to accept people will continue to drive up this road in contravention, and consistent police presence will be needed, else it will not work).

My children have been alarmed at both the presence of police and the flashing of blue lights during school walks. This is having more of a negative impact on their well-being than less cars on only 1 road that we walk on during our journey.

The road at Doocot Place is also now awash with cars parking on either side, making it far more dangerous than it ever has been to cross.

In essence, my children are having to deal with higher volumes of traffic on the more dangerous roads, an increased police presence and the very unwelcome visual of blue flashing lights as they walk to school.

I would like to understand why the council view this as being a more relaxed environment, versus a parents very negative experience who walks this route daily?

I am therefore objecting due to the fact any traffic issues that were present on School Road, are simply being pushed onto Hospitalfield Road, where I reside, and causing increased safety risks, evidenced by an actual crash DIRECTLY BESIDE A LOLLIPOP LADY AND CHILDREN, THIS COULD HAVE EASILY RESULTED IN THE INJURY OR WORSE OF A CHILD IN THE VICINITY, AND THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO SUCH.

The current shambles of a situation on Arbirlot Road West is also causing more traffic to come to the School Road entrance, I would very easily attest to a general increase in car traffic in Hospitalfield Road since the introduction of this temporary measure given the state of the roads around the other entrance to the school.

All in all, more dangerous and more traffic given the multiple issues in play.

My name is [Redacted] and I live at [Redacted] Hospitalfield Road Arbroath and I would like to share my issues with the imposition of the School Friendly Zone around Muirfield School Arbroath.

Children are being encouraged to make their way to and from school by foot or bicycle and not by car. But it is not working for the Hospitalfield residents who have to contend with car chaos and parking restrictions.

The measures are impacting on me specifically as most afternoons my driveway is blocked by inconsiderate parkers. I have not raised any objections to these people directly as I am not sure how they will react.

The problems with this scheme, I feel, are as follows.

The disruption caused by the school pickup lasts longer as the children have to walk longer.

The cars park closer together as they want to minimise the distance walked. Most of our houses have a one car driveway leading to the garage and park nose in. This means that it is more difficult to exit the property to join the traffic.

This scheme has seen flashing lights, an explosion of yellow lines and faded flapping notices on lampposts.

If the idea was to encourage children to walk or bicycle to school, it has merely shifted the issues to different areas. Next I feel will be the installation of CCTV and patrolling traffic wardens stalking the streets because of the residents' complaints. This is all going to cost even more money.

Also grandparents who are not local but pick up the children in the afternoon will find it more awkward. They can't use buses as there are none serving Hospitalfield. And the bus service along the Westway is not to be relied on.

All in all, the noble plan to make children walk to school has only resulted in a walk along School Road before they hop in their car, causing massed cars cluttering up different roads. Hopefully children will be keener to walk in the better weather.

I hope that you don't roll this scheme out to other schools as Scottish people don't have the Dutch enthusiasm for cycling. Maybe Dutch schools are more local and the roads are less busy.

In conclusion, School Friendly Zone is causing residents to wish for a return to less parking restrictions, less flashing lights and basically back to how it was before this particular bandwagon was jumped upon.

I would like to record my objection to the "school friendly zone". I feel you have gone too far with this project. You have only moved whatever problem you think we had to another street, causing even more of a problem. The congestion in Hospitalfield Road is awful and I can only see it getting worse.

I also find it very restricting in that I cannot have anyone visit me, or have workmen call during the restricted hours.

I can't see why the drop off area, which incidentally I think is on the wrong side of the car park, could not be used for children living outwith Hospitalfield and who have to be driven to school.

Maybe if you'd given the residents the chance to vote on this plan you would have had a better idea of their wishes instead of just going ahead with your plans regardless.

Resident (26 years)

Since this new zone has been put in place in the 26 years we have stayed here I have never seen it so dangerous

Cars parked all up Hospitalfield Road

mostly double parked and not leaving room for emergency services to get through if they needed too.

Cars/trucks parked over residents' drives or parked right up to the drive and blocking access in and out making it dangerous

Friends and family not able to park or pick us up outside home address when schools are going in or coming out

To whom it may concern:

Have you actually witnessed not only the chaos but also the challenges this "school friendly zone" is causing?
Have you actually been present in Hospitalfield Road and School Road during drop off and pick up times?
Have you had to walk in the pouring rain or icy conditions with 2 small children and a buggy?
Have you witnessed near misses to both vehicles and pedestrians caused by a build up of traffic trying to turn into School Road whilst other cars are trying to come out onto Hospitalfield Road WHILST there are cars parked on both sides of the aforementioned road, right next to the junctions?
Were you aware that there were recent roadworks also taking place on Hospitalfield Road making it even more challenging?
Are you aware that parents of children with anxiety and neurodivergent diagnosis are not eligible for a blue badge or permit and have been handed on the spot fines?
Do you genuinely think this is a good use of Police Scotland's time and manpower resources?
I have personally witnessed a lorry, a heavy goods lorry, being forced to reverse up Hospitalfield Road due to having no other option due to the buildup of vehicles!
May I suggest, given the amount of cars in Muirfield's car park after drop off times that you maybe suggest that staff of the school car-share or cycle/walk to work...seeing as it is deemed more than acceptable for parents and children to walk to school in all weathers? The car park is 99% full of STAFF cars!
This decision has not only impacted parents and children but also the local residents, and quite frankly it is unfair!
You cannot make these decisions without having the life experience of the implications.
Whoever thought this was a good idea and whoever voted for it to go ahead should be ashamed!

As a parent of 3 very young children, 2 of whom attend the school and nursery setting, it is so disheartening to see just how little care the council have for our children. You have enforced this "friendly" zone and it is blatantly obvious that it is not intended to be friendly to parents or children. Between a building site and flat demolitions on Arbirlot Rd West and roadworks on School Rd, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a safe way to transport my children to school.

Walking is our preferred way to commute in the morning, however due to Arbirlot Rd West being almost impossible to navigate with 3 young children, 2 of whom ride their bikes or scooters, it is now out of the question. We drive and have to park on Hospitalfield Road which is JUST as unsafe thanks to no end of pavement closures, areas of open pavements blocked off with fencing and herds of large vehicles manoeuvring along both School Rd and Hospitalfield Rd. It is completely unreasonable to have to navigate such dangers to find a safe place to cross and walk from car to school with small children in tow. Even the lollipop lady is hard pushed to find a safe space to support families to cross.

How can we teach our children that walking or cycling is best when each day they are faced with such a ludicrous school journey? We cannot be expected to encourage their independence in these conditions.

The advice put out in the school newsletter asking parents to encourage children to walk alone from school to meet their parent waiting on the main road and at the patrollers is laughable when the children cannot be expected to do so safely. Parents are wondering what the hidden agenda is within the school friendly zone. You are dictating these areas of control to a community who are lacking any trust in you and your concerns for our children.

I write to object about the introduction of the above so called Friendly Zone. Since the scheme has been implemented it has caused untold chaos in the surrounding areas with parents, carers etc fighting to get their children safely to the school and nursery. Tempers have been lost as both the ability to park and negotiation around the parked cars have caused many incidents and near misses as people attempt to cross the roads to access.

Having taken my grandchildren to both the nursery and school over the past 3 years prior to the introduction of this scheme I never had any issues with driving into the school grounds and dropping & picking them up.

The residents near to the school must be fed up to their back teeth with the problems this is causing as I've seen access to many driveways blocked by inconsiderate parking by people who to be honest have little choice due to this poorly thought out scheme.

I would also like to ask where and when the public consultation with local people took place as I don't think we had the opportunity to put forward any opinions on the matter.

Yours in frustration

My name is [Redacted] and I'm against this school friendly zone at Muirfield primary in Arbroath

I have a daughter and son at this school.

When this all came out about school friendly zone I applied for a permit and was told that it had been refused.

I work in Perth and I am finishing I come home to pick my kids up. I work 13 14 or even 15 hours a night. My daughter also have been complaining about sore feet. This is why I want to get them. I've seen at school that so many parents don't have permits. Is looking one rule for one but not anyone else.

Good afternoon same

How can u ask me to cancel my request. I feel cheated. I applied for a permit for school and was refused. I have seen every day when I pick my kids up , 10 to 12 cars without permits. So one rule for one and not another.

So I'm sorry I can't.

I would object to this being a permanent arrangement due to the following reasons:

- Firstly, as a parent the area is now completely unsafe and unmanageable. I am not 100% sure as to why this came into force however given it is in the area of a school I would assume the council would prefer the area to be safe first and foremost. It has not stopped cars driving around the school, having to park in awkward spots to walk their children to school.

- Secondly, I am a parent of younger children (4 years and 4 months). I live a car journey or walk away from the school. At times when the weather is particularly bad, walking to school with young children is not an option. It is currently even more challenging walking to the school due to the uneven pavements where Scotia are building. That in itself is extremely unsafe, at present - between the pavements being closed, traffic lights etc. I will soon return to work and have to drop my child off at school on the way to work therefore how am I able to do so in line with school and work starting without driving? I would not have the time, like most working parents, to walk to the school, drop off and then walk back to drive to work.

- Thirdly, I cannot imagine this is enjoyable for any of the local residents, particularly the elderly or aged population. I have heard that carers, family and friends cannot go to these peoples houses at the school zone times. I think this is completely unacceptable! I do hope these rumours are not true.

I think the council need to weigh up if having the school friendly zone is worth all of these. I felt the area was already a friendly zone and ultimately the benefits have to outweigh the risks. As it stands, I see no benefit, only chaos!

Thank you for your letter regarding my objection to the school friendly zone at Muirfield Primary School.

Unfortunately, I do not feel the response changes my objection and therefore I do not feel the need to withdraw this.

Whilst I understand the aim, this does not supersede or change my objections. I, and I am sure more parents will find themselves in situations where they cannot simply "drop off" or "pick up" their kids. The implementation of the school friendly zone has already caused "congestion and other road safety issues" - something I am sure you are trying to avoid.

I still require to take my newborn to walk my 5 year old to nursery and cannot do this without using a vehicle - particularly in bad weather coupled with an unsafe walk way due to the Scotia homes being built!

However, I am pleased to hear that carers etc do not have restricted access throughout the day, this is reassuring.

Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed?

As a resident of Bloomfield Place at the other side of the school, i do not feel like this is a "Friendly zone" atall, it has caused utter chaos at the timmergreens entrance of the school which also has road works on it from the building site! It is so unsafe for my children along with all of the other children entering from this side of the building in-between a crazy amount of cars parked all the way up both sides of the road and on corners etc blocking views of both cars and children and tractors, work vans, work men, traffic lights and road closures

it makes it very difficult for my children to simply just scoot down to school now. It is absolutely not the right time to be implementing this. The speed that cars come up and down that road is also appalling and adds to the safety concerns I have with views being obstructed. Given that it is a main school entrance I feel there should be more safety measures at this side? A big speed bump where the lollipop lady stands or something that makes cars have to slow down really should be implemented.

I also have felt the affects as a parent of not being able to simply drive into the carpark to collect my children at 3pm early finish while I have an unwell baby that I can't really be carrying all the way up to the school when it is not really necessary, I do agree the carpark was congested which also wasn't the safest but I believe there are other options to improve this rather than closing the road completely during school drop of and pick up hours.

I wish to object to the above school friendly zone that has been created in my area and in particular School Road, Hospitalfield.

The action taken to prevent vehicles from entering the school road area within certain times of the day without a permit is a terrible decision and has led to some poor residents of school road, some of whom who elderly and vulnerable from being able to be visited by loved ones and friends apart from at certain times of day.

I believe that this action will result in some of these residents becoming very lonely and suffering through no fault of their own. Additionally, I believe that this action of requiring a permit to drive into the street will affect the value of the properties in the area, as I for one would not to buy a property with such restriction on movement being applied to it.

The rationale behind this move is seemingly to create a safer area for children attending Muirfield School. This problem did not exist in the first place. I have been a resident at the above address for 27 years with my own daughter attending this school and I can report that there has never been a problem in the area with traffic. Hence in my opinion and that of many others in the area is that the implementation of these traffic rules by the council at considerable expense is totally unnecessary and a complete waste of tax payers money, with no benefit to safety or indeed the residents or parents.

What the action has caused is a simply movement of parent parking from School Road and Hospitalfield Road to all parking for child drop now taking place in Hospitalfield Road. This has led to people parking over my drive and indeed opposite my drive making reversing out of drive very difficult and I have personally seen my elderly neighbours having extreme difficulty in extracting their cars from their own driveways during these times, as the school parking drop off is now all done within Hospitalfield Road instead of both School Road and Hospitalfield Road.

For the above reasons I would strongly object to this action taken by the council and ask that the decision to implement this be reversed for the good of the residents and parents alike.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard with your views and decision on the matter.

Further to your letter of the 9th of April 2024 regarding the School Friendly Zone.

In order to answer you question I would not be willing to withdraw my complain and objection.

I have attached my completed questionnaire for your attention and action.

As I have detailed on the questionnaire, the SFZ is in my opinion a complete waste of time and tax payers money to repair a problem that did not exist in the first place. The zone has caused serious problems on Hospitalfield Road due to traffic congestion with parents parking cars on both sides of the street making it impossible and difficult at best to access the driveways of the properties. Cars are being left parked over driveways while parents deliver their children to the school. Also during bad weather parents are simply ignoring the zone due to not wanting to have to park on Hospitalfield Road and have their children walk up to the school in heavy rain.

Your rationale for making the air quality better is simply not true, and even if it was then all you have done by its implementation is to move any air quality problem from School Road to Hospitalfield Road. Hospitalfield Road is a much busier road than School road which has been made very dangerous to cross due to cars being parked on either side of the road during these school times.

The SFZ is particularly unfair on School road residents who cannot now receive any visitors to their home during these times and also cannot for example get a taxi to attend any appointments that they might have, as taxis cannot enter the zone. I was not able to help a neighbour attend an appointment by picking them up as I was not allowed to enter the zone.

I do not believe that there was a problem in the first place as I have been a resident here for 29 years and have never seen a problem with traffic over this time until the introduction of the SFZ.

I confirm again that I would not be willing to withdraw my objection and frankly it seems ridiculous to ask me to do so as it was clear from my complaint that unless my issues were addressed then why would I be willing to withdraw the complaint.

I have been a Hospitalfield resident for 44 years now and can understand why you may feel the need to encourage parents not to use motor vehicles when taking their children to school. We had 4 children attend Muirfield and we now walk a granddaughter there. I don't think we ever drove to the school unless providing transport for an out of class activity or sport.

However, many of the children now come from homes outwith the estate and vehicular transport may be a necessity for them.

Closing off School Road at the proposed times may on paper alleviate that portion of the problem but will create the same problem in the neighbouring streets in the estate; therefore no real benefit. I've already seen the difficulties that the school crossing patrol officer experiences with the vehicles that now park in Hospitalfield Road despite the introduction of some new yellow lines. Overall this is no safer for the children or accompanying adults. Again from experience, it would appear to me that drivers in the main drive more slowly in School Road than in the neighbouring streets, despite the same speed limit.

With the age of the estate and therefore many of its residents may find the timing of this exclusion extremely awkward for their appointments (medical, etc.) and care workers. Many of the more elderly residents may not even understand what may be required of them.

I would mention that although at this stage of my life, the new arrangement may not have a detrimental effect on me personally, I do feel that it may well have on others.

I am noting my objection to the school friendly zone at Muirfield school as the congestion on hospitalfield road is now bad and the lollipop lady has a hard time seeing traffic due to parked cars and others trying to manoeuvre round them. Also I pick up my granddaughter at 3pm and have to hang about till 3.20pm in all weathers for my grandson where as before I parked in one of the cull de sacs on school road so I could sit there in between pick ups. There was never the same congestion in school road and since the friendly zone started there had been a couple of accidents.

NOTE OF OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED SCHOOL FRIENDLY ZONE HOSPITALFIELD (MUIRFIELD SCHOOL, ARBROATH)

In my capacity as a parent of a child attending Muirfield Primary School in Arbroath I wish to place an objection to the above proposal for reasons that include the following:

- The use of privileged badges to access roads is an unfair practice. This is different from use of designated parking spaces. Designation of road access is inappropriate and harmful to the rights to access of public roads.
- The proposal has simply shifted whatever nuisance factor of concern was to the adjacent streets as parents park cars on these unprotected streets causing congestion, noise, and pollution to the neighbourhood. Note too that these streets have elderly and young children who are vulnerable to the transposed nuisance factors generated by the friendly zone idealistic utopia.
- Whatever the reasons, the act of asking other parents and kids to walk through bad weather days when other peers have access to drive through to the school road is unfair to other kids as they are subjected to imparity.
- The original allocation of the school site was based on use of cars and this after thought of selective exclusion is unreasonable and simply based on misplaced imagination of the ideal. It is just unrealistic fake not based on balance of facts.
- The implementation of the proposal created a sense of right to bullying some parents by other opportunistic folk living in the protected neighbourhood who took the 'law' into their hands and physically abusing parents who drove through to drop their kids. They have no right to act that way but are encouraged by this act of imparity that does not disadvantage them but offered that false sense of privilege.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of police to enforce a not yet legal proposal is forceful enforcement of an ill-considered idea to make it look like publicly acceptable, yet it is not public's voluntary acceptance of the insufficiently considered proposal. • The proposal has significant negative social impacts that should be considered and reject this proposed idealist friendly zone that prefers to forget that the rights to use of a public road to be impartial on basis of preference badges without causing harm unto others.
Note of objection and how this affects you or what you have observed? Restricts family and friends visiting. I feel it does not impact on school/road safety in the street.
Note of objection and how this affects you or what you have observed? Parking on both sides of road if you are wanting to get out of drive unable to. Also in the afternoon they arrive early from about 1430 hrs.
Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed? Our street Hospitalfield Road come 2:30pm through to 3:30pm is a minefield to drive up/down as cars parking over driveways - all the way up the street parking on the corners 15/17 on both sides of the road. Totally unsafe and accident waiting to happen. Same in am.
Note of objection and how this affects you or what you have observed? We have lived in this estate for nearly 40 years and were never aware of a particular problem with traffic around the school until the recent school 'friendly' zone came into place. Now the congestion on Hospitalfield Road is horrendous and dangerous, making the school crossing patrollers job far more challenging. This measure seems to have created a problem or rather than solved anything.
Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed? I am a pensioner in my late eighties and am on my own now. I don't have a car, so rely on being picked up and people coming to visit. These restrictions have an impact on friends and family being able to visit. If I were to take ill I am concerned I would be unable to make appointments.
Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed? Traffic congestion is out of control and and it is only a matter of time before an accident occurs.
Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed? 1/ NOT FRIENDLY FOR RESIDENTS. 2/ MANY STILL DRIVING TO SCHOOL TO DROP KIDS. 3/ VEHICLES POORLY PARKED ON HOSPITALFIELD ROAD (DRIVER TRAINING REQUIRED) 4/ TRADESMEN RELUCTANT TO ATTEND AFFECTED PROPERTIES 5/ SCHOOL ACCESS WOULD BE BETTER FROM ARBIRLOT WEST. 6/ WHY CAN'T KIDS WALK TO SCHOOL WITH PARENT (EXERCISE IS GOOD) 7/ EMERGENCY SERVICES ACCESS DURING PROHIBITED TIMES?
Note of objection and how this affects you or what you have observed? Several times while going to and fro from my house, the road at Hospitalfield is blocked with cars either side parents taking their children out of their car seats with car doors wide open. This is not their fault as they have no option also having to take younger siblings out of the car to put them in push chairs to walk to school. Lets hope there are no further accidents as the crossing patroller is having difficulty seeing if the road is clear.
Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed? Due to my husband being ill, I would like to be able to welcome visitors anytime. My son needs to drop my granddaughter off before school time to get to his work.
Note of objection and how this affects you or what you have observed? Build up of traffic at school times, and no one should have to rely on council permission to have visitors come to their home under restricted hours.
Note of objection and how this affect you or what have you observed? PERFECT FUNCTIONING SCHOOL CAR PARK, WITH DROP OFF AREAS NOW REDUNDANT WHICH I USED BEFORE, MANY TIMES DOING. DANGEROUS CHAOS NO NOW, AT SCHOOL DROP OFF TIMES. IN HOSPITALFIELD ROAD, PATRICK ALLAN FRASER ST INTO KINGHORNE ST. CAR EMISSIONS NOW AT THE DOORS OF THESE HOUSE RESIDENTS. A PROBLEM CREATED NOT SOLVED!

Objections School Friendly Zone (Muirfield School Arbroath)

whilst I am in favour of encouraging a healthier lifestyle by more walking and cycling etc. I do **object strongly** to the fact that the residents are being **unfairly penalised** in an attempt to achieve this. I also have my doubts as to whether there will be any actual benefits from this trial. Pollution problems are just being moved to other streets in the area.

As elderly residents, my wife and I have been affected on a number of occasions

I had to reschedule my own appointment in order to take my wife for a GP appointment because a friend who was going to take her couldn't because of the restrictions

I missed a funeral because the lift I had arranged couldn't take me because of the restrictions.

A relative had to cancel a planned visit to see my wife because of the restrictions

My wife and I are both in our mid 80's and look forward to visitors coming to see us without having to work round the access schedule

Think about the health and well-being of all the residents in the area including the elderly

note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed?

Cars are parked either side of Hospitalfield Road from 8:20 until after 9:00, then again from 2:40 until after 3:20.

it is difficult to get either up or down the road both onto the pavement as well as road side.

Parents are also opening car boots to take out bikes, scooters and prams for younger siblings.

On rainy days children are being dressed in waterproof clothing before walking up to school. Some cars are causing congestion as only one car can proceed down or up the road.

Parents/carers are also parking at Doocot Place which is a very narrow street and even parking along Patrick Allan Fraser Street.

The lollipop lady has to be on the look out constantly as cars parking so close to where she stands as well as access from junctions.

I live [redacted]. I am sure you will all agree that this is the busiest junction in Hospitalfield. The majority of traffic that either comes into or leaves the area has to use this junction.

The school friendly zone does not directly affect me with regards to moving freely outside my property, however, we are severely disadvantaged by the knock on effect of vehicles not being permitted to park in School Road.

At times during the day when pupils are either going to or leaving school, the areas immediately off of School Road become populated with numerous vehicles. Some of these are parked in safe locations, however some of them just seemed to be abandoned in any available space. There have been occasions when my drive has been partially obstructed. As I have previously stated, this area is busy during the course of the day, and all these additional vehicles turns this into a dangerous area for residents, pedestrians and drivers.

I have heard of at least one accident when there has been a collision between two vehicles when a resident has been attempting to exit their driveway. If I require to leave my drive during these busy periods, I have to exercise extreme caution as it is very difficult to see vehicles passing my drive due to the numerous other vehicles parked on the road which greatly reduce sightlines.

in conclusion I am not sure that whoever has decided to implement this enforcement has bothered to weigh-up the consequences and to assess risks caused by this action. By moving these risks and consequences from School Road to Hospitalfield Road does not eliminate them. All it now does is impact on a greater number of residents.

Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed?

As a parent dropping my children off every day at school (p6 and nursery) I do not believe the zone has made it any safer for our children. It has just moved all the traffic from school road to lots of other roads with a smaller area to park, which has meant it has been more congested and unsafe for children to cross roads etc as cars parking at every junction. I collect my son from nursery and then wait for my daughter to walk along school road, however I always get out of the car to wait for my daughter as I feel it is so unsafe with traffic coming every direction rather than two way as it was before. Previously I would sit and wait for my daughter to walk along school road as I never felt this to be unsafe for her.

When the traffic was in school road it was more contained and I personally didn't see any issue with safety - I have parked there the last 6 years. Also I am not sure how the zone was introduced? I doubt this was due

to a complaint from a resident as surely those who have purchased a house in "school road" will be fully aware of the implications that will have on the street at pick up/drop off times as this has been used for years to allow kids safe access to their school building.

As I live out with the catchment area I don't have the opportunity to walk my children into school, I have no issues having to walk my children as we are a very fit/active family, however I am writing this objection more from a safety point of view. It is an accident waiting to happen and I do not see any benefits to this change. None whatsoever!!!

I write in strong objection to the implementation of the school friendly zone which was introduced in School Road, Arbroath last year.

My daughters attend Muirfield school, however, we do not live in Hospitalfield so we have no option but to drive to the school each day. My youngest daughter has [redacted] so we have a blue badge that permits us to park in the school car park. Prior to the introduction of the zone, there were no issues driving along Hospitalfield Road, School Road, or Patrick Allan Fraser (PAF) Street. Now, they are very hazardous to drive along due to the number of cars parked, cars parking too close to junctions, and also, worryingly, obscuring sight of the Lollipop Lady.

On many occasions when visiting my parents and attempting to exit the junction of PAF Street/Hospitalfield Road or driving out of School Road onto Hospitalfield Road, I have been unable to check if the road was clear due to cars obstructing my view. I have had to reverse back again when a car is proceeding towards me, through the narrow gap between cars on each side of the road.

Even on days when Police have been stopping cars at the bottom of School Road, they have parked their patrol car next to the other cars parked on both sides of Hospitalfield Road which absolutely baffled me. Surely they must see this is completely unsafe?! And more dangerous than the cars attempting to drive up School Road.

I feel the drop-off area within the school car park worked perfectly fine previously and now this sits unused. Meanwhile, an accident is waiting to happen on Hospitalfield Road.

I really feel for the residents of School Road, many of whom were unaware that this zone was being implemented and had no chance to express their objection to it. I believe there is talk of the zone being extended into Hospitalfield Road and PAF Street. I sincerely hope this is not the case and wish to object to this STRONGLY. I was born and raised in PAF Street and visit my parents most days during the times the ban is in place. I know this would have a negative effect on my family, my parents and their neighbours, in the same way it has had on the residents of School Road. It is so unfair that these people, many who have lived in the area for over forty years, are now having to consider moving due to this ridiculous zone implementation.

I sincerely hope the Council see sense and remove the zone as I don't think it makes the area any safer, in fact the current situation on Hospitalfield Road is more dangerous than School Road ever was.

Please accept this email as a note of objection against the school friendly zone hospitalfield/muirfield school (school road)

As a courier driver in the area delivering/collecting approximately 60 parcels to this street per week the restrictions will have a great impact on the ability to provide a reliable service to customers living here.

Note of objection to visitor restriction

- 1 Unplanned necessary visits by caring relatives or future carers may occur at time of restricted access periods and can't be delayed.
- 2 Help needs are impossible to forecast as majority of School Road residents are elderly.
- 3 Residents in School Road generally avoided using their cars at School opening and closing times unless to keep an appointment.
- 4 Traffic congestion was due to children's parents or carers driving to school and dropping off or picking up their children. The congestion has now moved to Hospitalfield Road which is now a traffic hazard and is not included in no access area.
- 5 There is no increase in the number of children walking to school that renders the "Friendly Zone" a failure.

7	The display notice issued by the council is far too big to be deployed on a car when driving as it obscures drivers forward field of view. The size must be illegal for display on a car windscreen.	Windscreen
8	Home deliveries are inhibited and may be cancelled as a result of the access limitations.	

Grandparent of a child attending muirfield school

I take my granddaughter to school as my daughter works. As I live in seagate I need to use my car to get to school I find it extremely difficult finding anywhere to park in the vicinity of school I suffer with [redacted] problems due to an injury . If I miss the gate which is only open for a short time it's a long walk round with which I struggle with . My daughter lives in Findlay drive . Walking from there brings many hazards such as works at the new building estate with heavy lorries and diggers,barriers which have to be negotiated, mud making pavements slippery and many children on scooter running up behind on pavement's

Impacted local resident of Hospitalfield

I refer to the above proposal to permanently implement a 'School friendly zone' on School Road, adjacent to Muirfield Primary School in Arbroath.

For balance, I absolutely support any well-considered measures to protect the safety of school pupils on their journey to school. I do believe the intentions behind this proposal are well-meaning but I also believe the permanent implementation of this pilot scheme will have unintended health and safety consequences that make such a proposal flawed.

As I understand it, the proposal would prohibit cars from entering into School Road between the hours of 8.30am-9.30am and 2.45pm-3.45pm during school term time. Cars entering the zone within this period without a permit would be subject to a fine.

I would, however, object to this proposal on the following two grounds:

- 1. The implementation of a 'School friendly zone' on School Road is highly likely to push the problem over inconsiderate driving/parking onto the only main route in and out of the entire Hospitalfield estate - Hospitalfield Road**

- There are circa 500 residents in Hospitalfield and each resident leaving the estate requires to travel on Hospitalfield Road. Furthermore, parents of pupils, school staff and visitors to the scheme can only use this route to exit. By forcing cars onto the perimeter of the proposed 'School friendly zone' visibility for road users, and crucially, pupils/parents crossing the road during peak school times would seriously impaired. This could lead to unintended safety issues, with poor visibility for road users/pedestrians and a traffic block on a main road out of the estate causing further congestion/safety issues.

2. Concerns over the long-term viability of employing a school crossing patroller to assist pupils from walking between Hospitalfield Road and School Road.

Whilst there is currently a school crossing patroller in place on the corner of School Road/Hospitalfield Road, there is no legal requirement for for any Council to employ people in this position. With anticipated budget cuts across all 32 Council areas, some neighbouring Local Authorities are choosing to make this role redundant. If this were to happen at Muirfield at any point in the future then, combined with the potential for reduced visibility on Hospitalfield Road then the safety of children could be further compromised.

As stated earlier, I fully support initiatives designed to protect the safety of children on their route to school. I remain genuinely concerned that the implementation of a 'School friendly zone' in its current format will exacerbate further the issue of safety and should therefore be rejected by Angus Council.

This Area is busy with residents parking.
Delivery and postal vehicles.

To limit residents free movement at anytime and having visitors or medical visitors is unfair. Also the zone that could extend further than School road.

Would be detrimental to the existing residents especially those with mobility issues. And the ability to park in front of their property.

<p>So my wife and I would be against the zoning.</p> <p>Painting yellow lines is the easy way out. But the parking and school dropping off point inside the school grounds would need to be extended and improved. Bad planning and no foresight here. Not easy but needs to be done for better safety and security with only parents and teachers driving in and out of school grounds.</p> <p>Also Hospitalfield Road, is becoming a busy road at times to traffic now.</p>
<p>SCHOOL FRIENDLY ZONE HOSPITALFIELD (MUIRFIELD SCHOOL, ARBROATH)</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of my parents who are elderly and house bound with health issues.</p> <p>I WISH TO PUT FORWARD ON THEIR BEHALF THEIR NOTE OF OBJECTION TO THE SCHOOL FRIENDLY ZONE</p> <p>As much as they understand the safety of children is paramount, they are an elderly couple WITH HEALTH ISSUES who are house bound. They are dependant on carers, community alarm, macmillan nurses, doctors and of course frequent visitors of family and friends.</p> <p>Having double yellow lines outside their house is not a viable option and they wish to raise their strong objection to this</p>
<p>Title : School Friendly Zone Hospitalfield (Muirfield School, Arbroath)</p> <p>As a resident of Hospitalfield who already has to “battle” her way in and out of the scheme if I unfortunately have an appointment or visit to make which coincides with school starting and finishing hours I object most strongly to the above.</p> <p>For this legislation to TELL residents that they are not ALLOWED to freely move through this zone, without a permit, during these times is absolutely ridiculous. Then of course what about visitors - do you have to tell all your friends and family that you are “off limits” during these hours? What if you have an emergency with family or friends – are you not allowed to go and help? Are they not allowed to come and help you? What happens if they turn up at the “wrong time”? It is ridiculous – and all this for a school which has been there since “time immemorial”.</p> <p>I honestly cannot believe that Angus Council would even consider this legislation.</p>
<p>Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed? DISABLED AND FRIENDS WOULDN'T BE AB;E TO VISIT ME</p>
<p>School Friendly Zone Hospitalfield (Mirfield school, Arbroath)</p> <p>I request residents of Hospitalfield not be inconvenienced by the car/motor situation of dropping off and picking children up from school. Residents should not have <u>any</u> restrictions on their lives due to this people who pay much money for their homes which run the risk of becoming devalued with all such restrictions/rules and regulations.</p> <p>May I suggest that an area be designated for car parking where the flats were demolished the other school and cars be kept away from school gates and streets in hospitalfield and that requests be issued that children be encouraged to <u>walk</u> and <u>cycle</u> as we had to do as children. I not other authorities have issued such requests to reduce the problem.</p>
<p>Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed? HAVE A RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT WITH AN ELDERLY LADY IN SCHOOL ROAD, OF TAKING HER TO THE TRAIN STATION FOR FREQUENT TRAIN JOURNEYS TO RELATIVES. SHE NEEDS TO BE PICKED UP FROM HER DOOR.</p>
<p>Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed?</p> <p>I think it is terrible that we are to be restricted or have to have a permit to access our own homes & estate of which there is only one rd in and out of off.</p> <p>I think it is also disgusting that we have had no notification from our council at all reference this matter.</p>

<p>Note of objection and how this effects you or what have you have observed? TRAFFIC JAMS</p>
<p>Note of Objection</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This issue has been a total waste of money (sign post, solar panel, flashing lights, yellow lines, car permits) and police time. 2. Further into simply adds to above costs and wastage of police time. 3. This is a once a day issue (collection time 3 to 3.30) while waiting for children. 4. Time brief time span should cause no issues for residents (not a busy time of the day. Otherwise). 5. Dropping of children should cause no problems. 6. Owners would or should be aware of potential issues when buying a property near a school. 7. Some scheme residents are also guilty of using cars to ferry children to school. 8. Does not affect me personally, but parking has simply been moved from School Road to Hospitalfield Road and Patrick Allan Street. 9. It would also be a good idea to <u>remove</u> speed humps from the scheme as they are bad for cars and emissions.
<p>Please accept this as an objection for the zone. This gentleman has a lot on his plate and, as you can see in the thread, he is happy for the original email to me at the start of the thread to be used. Hoping this is ok and please can you confirm?</p> <p>Hi [Redacted],</p> <p>I spoke to you at my door when you recently visited Kinghorne Street and I said that the School Friendly Zone did not directly affect me, but after reading your recent letter it appears that Angus Council are considering much greater changes that will affect everyone in the Hospitalfield Estate. If they include even the entrances to Patrick Allan Fraser Street and Doocot Place in the School Friendly Zone they will cut off every house in Patrick Allan Fraser Street, Glamis Road and Kinghorne Street from the rest of civilisation during the hours of operation of the Zone. You quite rightly state that random visits and other unplanned things such as deliveries would no longer be able to take place without risking a fine. Also with Hospitalfield no longer having a bus service to the town every resident is required to use their own car for visits to the hospital or to the shops. I haven't purposely wandered round to Muirfield School to see how much grass area there is around the school but if my knowledge of other schools is anything to go by they have huge areas part of which could be fenced off and tarred to create car parking within the school grounds for picking up or dropping off children. This would deem the School Friendly Zone un-necessary and life could carry on as normal for all residents of Hospitalfield. It may also be possible for similar schools to have the their own car parks as well. Good luck to you when you address the Council.</p>
<p>I do object to the restrictions imposed on School Road and surrounding area.</p> <p>I have been a Hospitalfield resident for 36 years - 10 years of which I have lived in School Road and have never witnessed such chaos since the introduction of the zone.</p> <p>I had 2 children who went to Muirfield PS and they walked to school each day. I think that children who live in Hospitalfield estate and attend Muirfield PS could easily walk to school and there should be no need to be driving.</p> <p>If I need to use my car, I avoid driving at school opening & closing times as school traffic is now parking further down Hospitalfield Rd and obscuring the give way exit from P.A.F. St.</p> <p>Could new parking be made at Arbirlot Road West on the site of the demolished flats, which would help alleviate the traffic congestion that happens daily there also? All school car traffic could be directed to the site.</p> <p>Please rethink these restrictions.</p>
<p>As a resident of Hospitalfield I would like to object to the extension of the School friendly zone for the above school and take objection to it not being properly addressed to the community it will impact upon and their thoughts and objections being noted and weighed against the supposed advantages of this proposal.</p> <p>I do agree that there should be better traffic management and perhaps the pick-up and drop-off area at the school being extended in the space afforded to the School so as not to further impact the residents of Hospitalfield.</p> <p>Furthermore the roads in this area are the worst I've seen them, please take some effort to survey them and advise what measures you will take to rectify the multiple potholes and degraded tarmac. I would hope this would be a higher priority than extending the school zones for parents and teachers who could, in most cases; walk, cycle or use public transport to lessen the impact of traffic in the area. Perhaps a campaign to improve health and carbon emissions would be a better first step and a look at the current public transport to the school for the children.</p>

<p>I look forward to hearing from you.</p>
<p>Mirfield school restrictions</p> <p>It has recently come to my attention the new road restrictions being implemented in and around Muirfield School.</p> <p>If these restrictions should be extended the implications for movement of residents would be severely impacted and Hospitalfield a no go area twice a day during school term.</p> <p>I openly object to these proposals. There is only one way into Hospitalfield.</p> <p>Concerned resident [Redacted] Retired</p>
<p>OBJECTION TO THE MUIRFIELD SCHOOL FRIENDLY ZONE</p> <p>HELLO [redacted], I PHONED ANGUS COUNCIL YESTERDAY. SPOKE TO THE ROADS MANAGER. TOLD HIM ABOUT [redacted] (LOLLIPOP LADY) STANDING AT THE CORNER OF SCHOOL ROAD CAN'T SEE TRAFFIC COMING TOWARDS HER AND CARS PARKED TOO CLOSE TOO HER. SHE JUST ABOUT GOT KNOCKED DOWN DANGEROUS FOR KIDS TRYING TO GET FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER. TOLD HIM ABOUT THE DEVALUING OF OUR HOUSES IF ALL THIS GOES AHEAD. HE IS BLAMING THE CAR DRIVERS FOR BEING CARELESS. TOLD HIM THERE WAS NEVER ANY BOTHER ABOUT GOING INTO SCHOOL YEARS AGO HE SAID THE PROPRIETORS OF SCHOOL RD COMPLAINED ABOUT CARS PARKING AT THEIR DRIVE AND ON PAVEMENTS. THAT'S WHY ALL THIS STARTED. HOPEFULLY ALL GOES WELL ON THURSDAY</p> <p>I AM NOT WITHDRAWING MY OBJECTION. MORE NEED TO SORT OUT ROADS THEY ARE PAST BEING POSSIBLE AT LEAST DUNDEE ARE STARTING TO SORT ROADS YOU WILL BE GETTING INVOICES TO PAY DAMAGES</p>
<p>Note of objection and how this affects you or what have you observed?</p> <p>1/ Disgrace people in this area are restricted the right to come and go as they wish 2/ Will cause more cars parking in P.A.F. St 3/ Put back to the way things were before 4/ No other street in town have restricted access. WHY HERE.</p> <p>We would still like our objection to the School Rd experiment be kept on record as an objection to this going ahead.</p>
<p>RESIDENT</p>
<p>we wish to object to the proposal of making the no go zone a permanent situation on the grounds of traffic congestion at drop off and pick up times as there has resulted in parking elsewhere on the estate. Also difficulty in getting onto the Westway.</p> <p>We in no uncertain terms wish to withdraw our objections.</p>
<p>Parent of two children who attend Muirfield School and my Mother and Father in law are residents of Patrick Allan Fraser Street, Hospitalfield.</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I write in strong objection to the implementation of the school friendly zone, implemented in School Road, Arbroath last year.</p> <p>My two daughters attend Muirfield school. We live outwith Hospitalfield so we have no option but to drive to the school each day.</p>

There were never any issues which I could see on the roads surrounding the school. Now, however, each morning I see accidents waiting to happen on Hospitalfield Road due to the amount of cars now parking in this area since they are no longer permitted to use the drop off zone in the school car park, which previously worked well.

I really feel for the poor Lollipop Lady who is now hidden amongst parked cars and must fear anytime she steps onto the road between the cars. Very unsafe for the children, when this road was previously clear. In my opinion the introduction of the zone has created a huge and dangerous problem on Hospitalfield Road/School Road/PAF St junctions and strongly object to this.

Once again, this morning. The road was at a standstill as there were cars parked both sides of the road and no one could move, causing a build up of traffic on a rainy day when visibility is even lower. Just crazy this was supposed to make things safer! It's don't the exact opposite! I sincerely hope the council see sense and remove this asap.

I really feel for the residents of School Road, many of whom were unaware that this zone was being implemented and had no chance to express their objection to it.

So far it hasn't affected our street, but I feel strongly against what you are trying to do. You are encroaching on people's privacy and freedom to go about their lives as they wish. It will become like a police state if it is not stopped. Everyone's freedom to move about their business in the area they live is a must with no restrictions especially when they rely on carers and relatives to help them when they are needed. No way would I want this in my street. You would be denying me and my family our rights

Hi there

This gentleman wanted me to pass this onto you as his objection. He is on holiday abroad at the moment. His contact number is [Redacted].

Kind regards
[Redacted].

Good evening [Redacted]

My name is [Redacted] & believe my Mother [Redacted], who lives in Patrick Allan Fraser Street, was in contact with you earlier tonight regarding her objection to the possible extension to the already horrendous existing traffic calming measures that are in place in School Road, to other streets in hospitalfield Estate.

The fact that the residence of School Road already have to have a permit in order to be allowed to enter their own street at certain times of the day is nothing less than something resembling war time restrictions!!

I have good friends residing in School Road & can't just turn up at their house for a visit unannounced without first making sure it's ok to do so!! Scandalous!!

Myself & my younger Brother spent most of our growing up years in Hospitalfield staying first in Patrick Allan Fraser Street & then in School Road & no such measures were in place or even needed! We both either walked or cycled to Muirfield & the High School!! & that I'm afraid to say is what the real problem now is! Each & every Child is driven to School now & in most cases separately by parents driving big SUV'S! who don't live in the estate which is causing the severe congestion! These parents don't care about the residence as they don't live there!

Rather than upsetting the residence of Hospitalfield further, the council should be demanding car sharing be used when dropping the younger kids off & for the older kids, (primary 6 & 7) a cycling to school scheme could be introduced also with funding from the council towards bicycles?

Hospitalfield Estate is a private housing scheme with alot of the residence having lived there for many many years (My own Mother has lived there on & off for a total of approx 34years) & to be told that they may have to have permission to go into their street of residence & that they can't have visitors at certain times of the day either is simply not on!!

What about delivery drivers? Will they be turned away if they arrive at one of the exclusion times?

To end I would just like to add that if this wartime measure extension does go ahead I personally will NOT be dictated to as to when I can visit my Mother by Angus Council or anybody else apart from my Mother herself! & will continue to visit my mother when I please!

FINE ME IF YOU WISH!!

[Redacted] (Co [Redacted] resident)

APPENDIX 6B

Support

Statements in support received are as follows (verbatim):

I believe a deadline has been set of 14th February for any comments regarding this scheme.

I would like to offer the following input as a local resident and a parent of children attending the school.

I was very much in favour of the initiative after seeing a few near misses with children and vehicles in the space of days along School Road before the scheme came in to force.

I may be in the minority but I don't feel the scheme goes far enough.

The recent addition of no waiting markings to protect the crossing patroller at School Road/Hospitalfield Road was overdue but does not go far enough. I feel the markings should be extended to cover the whole length of the aforementioned junction as per Highway Code guidance as well as extending markings on the opposite side of this junction.

However, all the markings in the world do not matter if enforcement is not carried out. At my last check Police Scotland have not issued a single fine..

On a daily basis, I see multiple vehicles a day disregard the signage, when the Police do attend I overhear conversations where the Police don't know the restrictions of the scheme or are showing too much discretion and giving motorists a 'free pass'. I appreciate this is an issue for Police Scotland to address.

Or community wardens are dispatched and they do not have the powers to deal with the friendly zone itself giving the constant impression that there is no punishment.

There also appears to be blatant abuse of permits and I would be interested if you could provide the number of permits issued and if there is any quality control of checking there are all valid?

As School Road has about 40 houses I wouldn't anticipate there being more than 100-120 permits issued?

I note a lot of staff cars at Muirfield Primary seem to have permits and I would question if this is correct bearing in mind there are not residents of School Road.

To summarise I believe enforcement needs to be stepped up in the surrounding streets as well as School Road.

Thanks for the comprehensive reply.

I am aware the majority of residents in School Road and Hospitalfield Road are making submissions to protest against the scheme in the hope it is abandoned or amended (appears to be a clear case of NIMBY's...)

As you say this scheme requires a buy-in and cultural change which I fear will not happen if the council abandon this scheme at the first sign of push back.

I personally think there is scope to improve the scheme but this requires more enforcement, certainly would have been helpful in the initial stages to set a clear message, an opportunity missed.

Is there scope to add more yellow lines in the area with the same restrictions as the zone (same as the area to protect the crossing patroller) and this can be enforced by community wardens more regularly rather than wait for Police availability and their reluctance to deal with anyone in the zone?

I am surprised teachers have permits as I would have expected them to be within school during the hours the zone is in operation. I worry this opens up a conversation about tradespersons and delivery drivers getting permits as that is prohibiting aspects of their employment???

If this remains the case I wonder if a gentle reminder could be sent to the head teacher regarding the manner of staff driving as I've seen staff flying in to school either running late in the morning or keen to get home on a Friday.

Just emailing in to say I approve of the school exclusion zone around Muirfield Primary School.

The air quality around the school is demonstrably better, which can only be good considering we're talking about playgroup, nursery, and P1-7 children here.

I'm aware there is an orchestrated campaign to send in objections from parents who are inconvenienced by having to take actions that improve the lives of all children at the school and all people living in the area, so I wanted to give you a nicer email to read instead.

I live in School Road and I am in support of the school friendly zone currently in place . I feel a lot of people in School Road are and the people who are complaining are the ones who are having to walk that bit further than usual.

I believe the road is a lot safer for everyone. To be fair the majority of people just ignore it and go up the street anyway. I have cars parked outside my house every day especially at nursery pick up time.

Hopefully the school friendly zone remains.

APPENDIX 6C

Representations

Comments received via representations are as follows (verbatim):

I was somewhat surprised when I received the above notice of the above scheme today. Given the short notice I feel quite perturbed that this was the first notification of the scheme.
My first thoughts were had I missed a public consultation.
I fully appreciate the problems regarding traffic problems at the given times identified but in some respects from my perspective the residents who are paying all the appropriate taxes will be penalised by this.
Example- I quite often require transport to train station. I am 80 years old therefore would not be prepared to manage luggage to a designated pick-up. This is just one example but given age range of quite a number of residents I am sure there will be similar issues regarding appointments. The transport is most often provided by friends rather than taxi who are possibly exempt from this scheme.
How are tradesmen, gardeners etc. who are frequently in the area going to manage their appointments around these arrangements?
I wouldn't appreciate more detail regarding these matters.
Unfortunately I do not know who the local councillor is to discuss this matter further.

I am writing in response to the documentation posted through my door on Monday 10th July 2023 in relation to the school friendly zone being adopted within the entirety of School Road from 15th August 2023.

Has there been any kind of consultation with the residents of this area before implementing this as if so I have not been given the opportunity to be party to this which I find entirely unfair as it affects my residence and has an impact upon my life.

To impose these restrictions on residents and their visitors is extremely unjust as I frequently have overnight visitors and elderly parents who visit and they will be subject to these Penalty fines!

I am a homeowner who pays her council tax, road tax and you are restricting my life by imposing these restrictions on parking.

Are you willing to fund alterations to my property so that visitors to my property can utilise off street parking? Or offer a permit to be used by visitors to my property.

I feel it is unfair to penalize residents due to inconsiderate behaviour of parents who have children at the school and they should be the ones targeted not innocent residents. Surely a more robust "policing of no parking" along the school road leading up to the school would be more fair for all involved as there has never been an issue with parents/ non residents parking within my cul-de-sac of school road.

I also feel that by creating this exclusion zone you are shifting this problem onto Hospitalfield Road which again is unfair to those residents.

Can I also take this opportunity to advise you that the state of the road outside my property is in a poor state of repair and has been reported and patched on numerous occasions so I would appreciate you looking into this.

I look forward to hearing your response

Dear access traffic person,
I have a small van based business with 2 vans and I've been working in the business here at [redacted] school road, Arbroath. I have 4 people working with the business, myself and my son who live at this address, [redacted] who need to travel 2 and 8 miles respectively to reach my address. [Redacted] is in on Monday to Friday to pick up the van and often is in the times of school and again for finishing, he needs access for his work and the business has suffered during the last few years and to be honest I've thought of closing it. These restrictions will cause a lot of problems for the business and may result in closure and that's another 4 unemployed people claiming money from the government which is not good, deliveries will also cause a problem as drivers have a heavy schedule and in some cases will simply not be able to make it outside the hours and therefore causing a delay for works, I understand that the council doesn't care about the residents of this street as everyone that I have spoken to was not consulted on these changes and are forced to obey the restrictions in their home street.

I understand that some people dont need to take their cars on the street but i am requesting a permit for [redacted] who is vital for my business as is [redacted] who needs to be in at least one or two times a week at exclusion times.

I reside at [redacted].

Last week I returned from work overseas and today my neighbour mentioned to me about the council's proposed School friendly zone around Muirfield School.

I did not receive any mail in relation to this proposal and I see that from my neighbours envelope they were hand written envelopes. On further reading the contents of proposal. I notice that submissions for permits ceased on the 4th August 2023.

As I am a resident of School road and I sometimes have to drop off and collect my daughter from Arbroath High School. I feel the requirement for vehicle permits is justified. I own a car and 2 motorbikes and would like to apply for "Exclusion Zone Permits".

Please take into consideration that I did not receive hand delivered envelope and I work overseas. Hence this is the first time I have heard of these proposed restricts to me, a resident of School Road. I understand the concept in the council's proposition, but find it rather unfair on residents of this area, when we are aware of the school and take into account utilizing our own mitigation measures.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter. My contact number is [redacted] if you would like to verify any details with me.

I have been trying to phone you. Yesterday and this morning. Can you please call asap. I have a few queries for you.

Had a quick look.

I did notice in Appendix 6 re the friendly zone there's something about people with protected characteristics? Did you see this?

I asked [redacted] about the problem with School Rd, she said it was the quarter to 4 thing and she would have to leave after that, so she could v been stuck here waiting to leave which is never ideal and people should not be put in that position.

[redacted]

Thanks for your comprehensive response. [redacted]

Would a reasonable length of time be by Sunday for objections? Would that be ok?

I am overwhelmed with the level of response in our community, [redacted]. I personally know only one of these people who have objected. All I have done is given people the opportunity to have their say. To be honest I knew there was a level of outrage to this zone but even I am amazed at the response. I have 14 objections here that need to be processed so I will photograph and send each one by email.. I don't have a scanner. This is going to take some time. [redacted]

After I have sent them I need to put my objections in an email for you [redacted]

I saw something concerning this morning. A post on Facebook that says the Council Stance is as follows: "With such measures a certain level of buy-in is expected, we recognise that this is a major cultural change that will take much persuasion and the passage of time." Does this mean the council supports this zone? I'm quite shocked if that is the case...? How Councils work is all new to me, [redacted]. There was also a post saying that all the people that are objecting are wasting their time...so upsetting and disheartening to see comments like that.

When a zone like this is introduced do the Council highlight where the people who are registered disabled reside? Can they identify that? This has been a long protracted journey for me with the Roads dept [redacted]. Please find this attached to an email I will need to send from my phone to attach pictures. That is my next job..

I asked you the following question 2 weeks ago :

Would a reasonable length of time be by Sunday for objections? Would that be ok?

You never got back to me. There were people who wanted to object but thought they were timed out. Can they still object [redacted]? And when is reasonable to have them in by??

Given that you never responded to my initial email for 2 weeks, Can we have until 14th March? I told the people in the group I was waiting to hear back to see if we have more time and you never got back. I myself wasn't even sure mine had been accepted and my unfinished one was in on the 15th Feb before 5pm [redacted] as you had not gotten back to me on the 12th confirming if we had more time. Where is the fairness in all this?

How many objections did you get so far? And I need information about the surveys you will be doing and how they are administered. Who do the surveys go to. Everyone in School Road and surrounding roads? Plus the school? How many objections matter? Is each School considered separately when they vote or is it the whole zone is reviewed as a one as to whether to keep all 9 or not? We have four schools in our phase, will we be considered with the other 5? Or are the other 5 going to be considered before us.? I have [redacted] managed to find some info already but these are still questions that I have that arent clear on what I have read so far. I saw a you tube vid as to what happens at community committee which has demystified things a bit.

Hoping to hear from you soon [redacted],

Something that's not clear for me. The 18 month thing. If Cllrs vote not to keep the zone, why is it kept until 2025 feb in our case? Could it be that Roads make a suggestion at that committee to the Cllrs to put more interventions in place and keep the zone on that basis to see if interventions eg more yellow lines etc would alleviate the situation and could a final vote be postponed until these further interventions are in place? Its important that we understand what the possibilities are in the Council. We need openness and transparency as to what the possibilities are.

In the other 11 zones are residential areas involved in all of them? Whereby residents are precluded surprise visits from loved ones? ours is 40 households. What about other zones? I would like to get out and see the other zones but that's not feasible at the moment and I possibly wouldn't understand the extent. So to know how many other households are affected would be helpful,

I am writing in regards to the parking exclusion zone now being trialled at Muirfield Primary School.

I would firstly like to say that I completely understand the reasons for the zone trial and do agree with attempts at fresh air areas.

However, I have a [redacted] issue that has become a problem. I've walked my son to and from school all week [redacted].

I went into the school to ask about the permits as I cannot get a blue badge without the official diagnosis. I've looked at the information on Angus Council website which advises the permits are only for local residents of the affected streets. [redacted] The walk is only 10-15 minutes each way but the return journey always gets me and my mobility is severely hindered [redacted]

Is there any advice you can give me that could help me please? I want to make sure I do this correctly and avoid trouble at the school.

I was only recently made aware of the introduction of the Muirfield school exclusion zone by the school when dropping off daughter and friends at school after early morning sports class. Having read the rationale behind this policy, it appears at best misguided and at worst incompetent actions from decision makers.

I informed the school that due to sports practice 2days a week and the requirement to navigate through Arbroath and get to paid employment on time it was required to drop of child in the allocated drop off zone - the one that was built with the school only a few years ago. I was told this was not possible and not exceptions would be made - despite suffering from a damaged leg which made walking slow and difficult there is apparently no provision for this?

Having read the consultation papers from Angus Council please tell me what happened to the permits that could be issued for specific circumstances as outlined in the papers, and if these were dropped, please provide the written information and location of this decision (as is required) I can only assume that Angus Council wishes to prevent youngsters from activities before school, making it impossible for parents to drop off children in dedicated school areas or wish parents not to ensure the safety of children in getting onto school premises The road at the bottom of the Muirfield exclusion zone has become a traffic nightmare and children having to cross roads between cars (something taught not to do a young age) is required and the only thing the introduction of this policy has done is to move congestion 100yards further away into a busier road and made it less safe for children.

This policy would not be brought in to council building where the staff making these decisions would be expected to leave cars and walk with children a distance - so why enforce this on parents trying to get children to school and work on a busy morning.

I look forward to hearing from you and the requested information for details of the permit process and how a permit can be issued for short term issues or exemption circumstances.

This letter has been forward for legal review as well as the information provided on the Angus council website regarding this pilot scheme

I am emailing to ask that a temporary pause is considered for the Muirfield school exclusion zone of School Road please. Arbirlot Road West has seen a huge increase of cars since school started back and as of next week the above mentioned road between Bloomfield Road and Newton Avenue is going to be closed for 2 weeks.

I, along with many others, live out with Muirfield catchment so have to drive my daughters into school and nursery and I have concerns over where everyone is going to park for the next 2 weeks when the roads at the Arbirlot side of Muirfield school are already busy.

Yours sincerely, a very worried parent,

As a grandparent who collects 3 grandchildren from Muirfield School, I found collection of children really dangerous today from Arbirlot Road West due to the amount of cars using this since School Road is now in a parking exclusion zone. I feel the restrictions on School Road make collection very difficult, especially as I also have a baby in a pram. Arbirlot Road West is also to be closed and congestion is making for dangerous walking to/from a car that is parked so far from the school.

We live in the country and so have no alternative but to use a car. Surely one side of School Road could still be used for the hour before school begins and for an hour after school finishes.

Driving from PAF Street and Kinghorne Street onto Hospitalfield Road during Pupil drop off and pick up time has been a nightmare recently.

Previously only School Road was affected with residents from School Road being obstructed. Now you have cars from up to 3 x 400 residential properties being affected and increasing the danger to children.

There have have been a couple of near minor collisions due to inconsiderate parking on the new double yellow lines and restricted view of access into Hospitalfield Road.

These incidents have occurred during the couple of times I've recently negotiated the newly created chicanes between parents cars which are made worse by the speed bumps.

I can only assume there have been other incidents.

The problem has simply been shifted and made it dangerous for children crossing PAF St at the junction with Hospitalfield Road.

Lord help us during winter when ever more parents will be wanting to drop children off as close to school as possible.

This issue could easily have been resolved by redesigning and increasing the size of the drop off area within the School grounds.

The issue needs to be reconsidered.

The matter is being discussed and criticised widely on the Hospitalfield Community Page.

New parking restrictions have just moved the school parking issue to the MAIN ROAD in and out of Hospitalfield. I have a child going to Muirfield Primary School and it is now more dangerous for him going too and coming home from school.

I am writing to you concerning the new parking and restricted access within School Road near Muirfield Primary in Arbroath. I do not stay close to the area and so I'm not directly affected by the new regulations. My concern is in relation to the School Crossing Patrol attendant (the lollipop lady). I often walk past that area and sometimes it coincides with School closing time. The restrictions within School Road have moved the parking problem onto Hospitalfield Road. The SCPA has had her view of traffic, approaching from all sides, taken away from her. This, of course, has made her job more difficult and perhaps even more dangerous. I was a lollipop man for almost 12 years on a major road in Shetland and feel that the SCPA has an almost impossible task in feeling confident in crossing the children safely.

Should it be the council's decision to make this trial permanent I would ask that they look at making the crossing safer by making the crossing more obvious to all by legally ensuring no parking close to her crossing that reduces her ability to view any oncoming cars prior to her stepping out into the middle of the Road.

In regard to the implemented traffic exclusion zone for Muirfield Primary School Road; well done in at least attempting to improve the situation around the access roads to Muirfield Primary School.

I believe the level of traffic along School Road is now somewhat reduced. It is great to see that the majority of people are noting the restrictions and the flashing lights at the end of the road. However, as previously, with

the restricting parking area designated by yellow lines people continue to bring their cars along School Road at the restricted times. Some even park in the yellow-lined restricted section too.

As I say I think it's great that an attempt has been made to improve the situation but it's no use if this is not going to be policed in some way. Once others see that drivers are parking and waiting in the restricted zone then they may think, why should I bother walking.

I must admit that we do get used to drivers acting the way they do. They ignore the flashing lights, they ignore the yellow-lines and they ignore the signage and notices.

I have tried to report drivers in the past but it just gets frustrating as nothing seems to happen. I don't think it's my job to report drivers. We have cars parking on School Road at the restricted times, not only that, some just sit with their engines running and some use our driveway to turn around, which is also very frustrating.

You have labelled this order as being "School Friendly" but what about trying to make it resident friendly.

Just to close, I had a family bereavement [redacted] and some of my family travelled a long way to come to the funeral. The situation arose that I wanted to invite members of the family to my house in School Road but due to the timing and restrictions was not able to do this, it was a bit embarrassing and awkward.

Is it possible that the access restrictions can be policed in some way, and I don't mean personnel in hi-viz jackets, if you do that you'll never get a true picture of what's going on?

Grandmother of child attending Muirfield School and resident.

I welcome the opportunity to make some comments on the recent "trial" of the traffic restrictions around school Road before and after school hours.

While the reasons behind the introduction of the new scheme are on the whole welcome and I welcome the efforts to promote a situation where the children can walk to and from school in relative safety.

Muirfield school, has a large catchment area and there are parents who need to travel, by car, some distance to ensure their child arrives at school on time. This results in a need for safe car parking outwith the safe zone but still relatively close to school road. The restrictions have resulted in an increase in cars parked on Hospitalfield Road and Patrick Allan Fraser street. Many parents, with children at the school or nursery, are heading to their work after dropping their children and the new 'Trial' of traffic management has made it hard for them to get to work on time.

The crossing lady now has help the children cross the road, with cars parked in close proximity, restricting her view of traffic.

The small piece of road as you turn off Hospitalfield Road into Patrick Allan Fraser just before the Kinghorne Street junction now has cars parked very close to both junctions and on both sides of the road. Cars turning in from Hospitalfield Road are unexpectedly confronted by parked cars and a very narrow strip of road.

The same issue is present now on Arbirlot Road West with a sharp increase in the number of parked cars creating unsafe crossing conditions for the children which never existed before.

I hope these issues can be addressed to ensure that both entrances to the school offer a safe environment for all the pupils.

I write in relation to [redacted], my beautiful friend of over 30 years. [redacted] asked me to share my thoughts with Roads regarding this whole zoning situation and how it has affected [redacted] from a friend's perspective.

It would not take someone with [redacted] issues like [redacted] to become distressed at the demands the Council is putting on the residents of School Rd with restricted visitors. I am utterly lost for words! And would also be outraged should this demand be made of me.

[Redacted] has battled through ill health for as long as I have known [redacted]. It has had a massive impact on [redacted] social life and [redacted]

I have not done my weekly visits to see my friend for many months now. The exemption [redacted] got means nothing as [redacted] would not put any of [redacted] friends at risk of getting stopped just to visitor [redacted]. You have put [redacted] in a very vulnerable position and put [redacted].

I am so angry. [redacted] does not deserve this, and I'm sure [redacted] is not the only resident in this area that has been made to feel like some of their freedom has been taken from them, leaving them lonely and isolated.

And to be fair all it has really done is has moved the problem from one or two streets, and put the problem on someone else's doorsteps, why the gate was ever closed at the back of the school baffles me, very poor design and certainly hasn't been thought about properly.

Yours

A concerned member of the public

As a parent of 2 young children both of which attend Muirfield primary school, It is beyond me and my wife at how little care and attention the council have for our Children. You have enforced this Exclusion Zone on school road which is blatantly obvious not attended to be friendly for our Children or other parents. With Major Issues occurring daily on Arbirlot Road West with the new Building site, Flat demolitions and constant traffic light scenerios on the Same mentioned Road, It has become increasingly difficult to find a safe way to transport our Kids to school without worry with constant traffic flow such as HGVS, Farm machinery Amongst other parents battling for parking spaces.

Walking to school or our kids using there's bikes/Scooters is our preferred method of commute however it is now out of the question for our kids to use Bikes or scooters due to finding it impossible to Navigate down towards the lollipop Lady. It is completely unreasonable to expect our children to make this journey without the risk of Injury or something worse due to pavement closures, Poorly erected fencing and no drop down kerbs available.

We personally try to educate our kids to walk, cycle or scooter to school is the best method for them as part of the re daily exercise when we're in constant worry when there faced with this ludicrous Journey.

The advice put out in the school newsletter asking parents to encourage children to walk alone from school to meet the parent waiting on the main road and at the patrollers is laughable when the children cannot be expected to do so safely. Parents are wondering what the hidden agenda is within this school friendly Zone ? You are dictating these areas to control a community who are lacking in any trust in you and your concerns for our children's safety.

We live on Bloomfield road so are witness to Cars coming along this road at speed in order to Find such a space to park. So before anyone questions our Motive's for writing this letter these are the reasons .

please can the team help school exclusions are in place muirfield school and the caller has picture that the lines are not far enough and on the corner - cars are parking and blocking car and the caller has a video of the car blocking bus driver