

Comments Received

1. Support Propose Footway Extension
Sensible proposal. Surface at bottom of Mount Av. needs work.
Concerned that improved parking may make it easier for cars drivers to speed.
This is only alternative to double yellow lines and walking.
If the small car park remains, perhaps there needs to be a pedestrian crossing.
In favour, but drivers park for too long, occupying much needed spaces.
Well done. A sensible/safer solution. Any chance of a pedestrian crossing/St Bedes?
Could the same be done as Dome Hill, Caterham? Large grass verge allowing cars to park off road and allowing traffic to pass more easily.
About time.
Only school authorised vehicles should use this. Avoid extra vehicles seeking the available parking. School could issue parking permits to those living more than 2 miles away.
Difficult to pass large vehicles from cross roads direction. Will parking as far as Rook Farm increase this difficulty? Will parking be restricted on corner to Willey Broom Lane?
In favour of anything to increase safety for children/parents
Problems with parking for school children and parents is a great difficulty.
Appears to be only solution to school parking problem. An urgent Health/Safety issue
While so much effort is being put in, widening this section by 2-3metres providing parking and a footpath by removing some of the bank would be sensible.
In favour due to parking shortage, cars are parked on pavement forcing pedestrians to walk in the road with buggies, an accident waiting to happen. Walking is not an option for those who do not live locally and for those parents who work.
Parking needs to be alleviated. If this will help solve the issue, then I am all for it.
Rook Lane has needed action for years. Volume increasing. Safety of children outweighs politics of funding and appearance of verges.
It will be safer for children and motorists. Do the residents near the school agree?
No other economic solution
Please do not start until the summer holidays
Any alteration that makes the narrow part of Rook Lane safer is welcome.
A good compromise but views of local residents must be considered against the need to ensure safety for school children.
Proposal is for an area for cars to stop, not an extension of the footway.
Can only makes things safer.
This facility is urgently required and should be implemented as soon as possible.
Anything to improve the safety of pedestrians must be good thing.
Continue footway further few metres to include grass verge east and west of No.77.
Humps required either side of bend to slow speeding cars, while parents try to cross.
Fully support recommendation to extend the footway.
Agree in principle to widening in this area. About time.
Get on with it before someone is killed or seriously injured.
Additional parking between No 71 and Village Hall is essential. Is it not only during school opening/closing times that road becomes almost impassable.
A practical problem to an obvious problem.
It must be right to provide a safer way to drop children off/pick them up from school.
Also the terrible congestion in Stanstead Road by Oakhyrst Grange School open/closing times
Good idea but will encourage more parking and be awkward for passing traffic at school times. Could school use more of it's land as a car park for parents?

Gook luck with this project.
Would make more sense to widen the road so that traffic problems associated with school parking would no longer exist. Footway and verges could accommodate 2m.
Purpose is to increase child safety, should be a foregone conclusion.
Fully support recommendation to extend the footway.
Very dangerous for parents with young children crossing Rook Lane. Number of protestors is small compared to 1500 adult residents. Footway extension will alleviate parking difficulties.
Some action required to improve safety.
Very minor effort and does nothing to facilitate passage of traffic with safety. Wide consultation is overkill. Just go ahead with what engineers deem appropriate.
Agree with anything that makes it safer for children to get to school. Doctors Lane is fast and dangerous to cross. Speed limit should be 30mph but this is not respected.
Fully support recommendation to extend the footway.
Seems a good idea for a long-standing problem.
Proposed footway extension is a good idea and would assist traffic flow in Rook Lane.
Aware of the parking difficulties/dangers at present. Support the changes for safety.
Very important for the safety of children, a very long time coming.
Not directly affected but favour anything that will improve safety for the school children.
Any additions to footpaths along the roads in Chaldon get my support.
Extension of footway overdue. Will make this section safer for children and parents.
At last. If Chaldon Mead is developed for housing, additional foot and motor traffic will impact heavily on Rook Lane. A footway extension is definitely needed.
The proposal in Rook Lane will make it far safer for children and parents.
We are concerned about any cost to the village.
We feel that the new parking should reach only as far as opposite No.79
Not just a parking matter, but of safety. Include some traffic calming measures as road is a cut through. Please act quickly.
Strong support for scheme as drawing No. TA0648 109 SK03
Regular user of this part of Rook Lane. This extension would improve safety for all.
If lighting is to be moved closer to homes, please consult with residents as sleep may be affected.
Anything that improves traffic flow must make things safer for all.
Traffic flow can be dreadful. Anything to help must be a good idea.
Fully support recommendation to extend the footway.
Proposed extension of footway most important. Rook Lane is used by much traffic who do not keep to the 30mph speed limit.
Why not continue paving to No.77 access to allow pedestrians to cross over to inner pathway when passing there.
High time this project was carried out. Finalise the 20mph speed limit near No.77
Reduce speed limit to 20mph o/s school and parking areas. Also reduce speed limit from crossroads to top of Shepherds Hill. 60mph is too fast especially for lorries on a narrow road.
Essential contribution to child safety. Should have been completed long ago.
Best solution. Reduce need for parking in Doctors Lane. Time for decision. Consider scheme should go ahead.
Already agreed by Parish Council. Should be coupled with crossing in Rook Lane adjacent to Doctors Lane. Any improvement to children's safety is worth it.
Child attends school. Fully supports proposal.

Not in Parish Son attends St Peter/St Paul school. Scheme will improve children's safety.

2. Object to Proposed Footway Extension
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Scheme will widen/straighten road and increase speed. Spend on calming.

Use more of the school grounds if possible.

Why is getting to school suddenly a hardship? No more roadworks please.

No accidents. Proposal would reduce visibility, likelihood of accidents at junction.
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More parking, more congestion. Will make it dangerous to cross at Doctors Lane.

Too long stretch of parked cars will result in gridlock. Already a problem.

Traffic speed may increase and what happens when faced with large oncoming vehicle?

Traffic approaching the school is faced with vehicles on the 'wrong' side of the road caused by dangerous parking. Could children walk to school? Make a parking area between two footways.

Already existing pavement. Only 4 more car spaces. Access to our drive will be difficult with cars parked either side. Obstructed vision on bend will impede passing traffic.

Demolish/resite village hall to Chaldon Mead green. Create car park on the site.
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Reconsider the proposed scheme. Transfer funds to pot holes, traffic calming in Rook Lane, flooding. No accidents, how can it be any safer? Speed likely to increase/cause accidents. Encourage parents not to linger. School access could be converted to safe drop off point instead.

Resident for 43 years, never been a problem regarding the parking. A waste of money.
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Tend to support petition as they are likely to be informed on proposed details. Do not consider the parking causes sufficient problems to override residents concerns, Pity more do not walk to school.

Double white lines through Chaldon would make parking illegal. Drop off in Doctors Lane. Encourage parents to walk their children. Existing drop-off slows traffic acceptably.
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This road is already an accident waiting to happen. Better spend time/effort organising walking trains/car sharing. Do not agree Parish Council forced into debt for project not needed.
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Why should local taxpayers pay for people outside the area to park more easily? Encourage people to walk to school.
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Only people that seem to have a problem are those that drop-off children. This acts as a natural traffic calming measure. Widening the road will have the opposite effect.
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Extending footway would spoil the area even more. Our children used to climb the bank when dropped off.

Do not believe scheme will ease congestion at school times. Not an 'accident black spot'. Money could be better spent on potholes/traffic calming elsewhere.
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Against proposal due to cost, disruption of work, will cause more problems as more cars parking near school. Alternatives - walk, school mini-bus, car share etc.

Safety - no accidents 5 years, Security - scheme does not improve security, benefit to community - seen by many as a retrograde step for community to adopt.
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How will non-school vehicles be prevented from using this lay-by? Parents hang about chatting depriving others of a parking space.
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Cost to Chaldon residents? Accidents likely when traffic flow increases. Money should be spent on more worthwhile cause.
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Marginal benefit of proposal does not justify expense, in relation to higher priorities.
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Support a proposal for roadside drop off facility but do not agree to just extend the footpath eastwards. Increase the scheme to widen the road to avoid traffic chaos.
Extension of footway will not ease congestion. Increasing parking capacity will result in more car journeys made on 'he School Run'. Suggest more parents/children walk.
Demolish old village hall/convert to car park. Purchase Chaldon Mead (for sale) in Rook Lane and replace as village hall/community centre.
Current situation tends to slow traffic. Will take away the country feel of Chaldon.
The constant flooding at Doctors Lane/Church Lane should take priority funding.
Proposal will encourage additional parking on narrow road and close to j/w Doctors Lane and bend will be dangerous. Road needs widening to provide lay-by, even if only half cars width.
Extension will encourage more drivers, more parking and heavier traffic congestion.
A waste of money to provide a drop off/collect that will only be used 9 months a year.
No safety study conducted. Existing parking and extending footpath is dangerous. Parish should not finance proposal, taking on debt. Parish ignored its consultation.
Proposal destroys 900 yr. village. Encourages more and faster vehicles in Rook Lane.
This proposal allows passing vehicles to maintain speed, even at school drop-off time, the opposite of safety first. Use funds on traffic calming elsewhere.
Proposal will enable drivers west along Rook Lane to travel faster. People parking here will be opening both vehicle doors on the offside and therefore children will be near the path of oncoming traffic.
A lot of money on a project causing disruption with little improvement. Wrong for Chaldon residents to part pay for something local children do not need as they can be walked to school. A school bus would be better and parents could contribute as they would be saving on expense.
Extending the pavement will add to the chaos. Need to maintain green areas. During the snow, drivers of 4x4's were parked in the school field. Perhaps this could be permanent with a 'drop-off' in the school drive. I was nearly mown down by a 4x4 being driven on the pavement by a driver claiming she did not see me! There is nowhere to go when meeting oncoming vehicles and a longer line of parked cars in Rook Lane.
Reconsider proposal. 0 accidents here, how can it get any safer? Congestion provides traffic calming effect. Parking o/s schools is against local/national policy. Consideration of a £15k loan is not democratic. Everyone I ask is against it.
Why is scheme being considered in period of financial restraint? 0 accidents. Straightening will encourage drivers to travel faster. Why should Chaldon residents pay for something that is no benefit to Chaldon. Nearly all local children walk to school. Spend it on improving the roads surface in the County.
Although there is a lot of traffic at school times, road widening will encourage greater speed and increase accident possibility. Will also detract from the country feel.
Great inconvenience to traffic trying to pass. Increasing footway will exacerbate the problem. In a few years time more of Rook Lane will be required. If allowed, place a time limit and police it.
No problem in Rook Lane on school days. If anything, it slows traffic making it easier to exit Doctors Lane. More concerned about pothole nr school. £15,000 should be directed to maintaining our local roads, especially in winter when they are snowbound and rarely gritted.
Not needed. In term time traffic is self-regulating. Proposal would allow faster traffic past the school and would result in needing traffic calming measures at further cost.
Against the scheme and concerned about consultations both Parish Council & SCC.
Scheme extending parking by 6 cars and still parking on pavement. Why not a lay-by, keeping existing path close to the houses? Parents should be encouraged to walk.

Will increase parking issues for residents who can walk to school. Those from further a field should devise a solution at their cost, not that of Chaldon.
Unhappy Parish council spending £15,000 on this. Would be better spent on traffic calming/pothole repairs. Proposal would not act as safety scheme. No accidents here. The congestion that occurs at school times slows the traffic like traffic calming.
Not a worthwhile expense. Cannot Seven Brothers Field be used? Why spoil the green field and daffodils. Our children went to this school and we managed.
Extending length of parked cars will make the road more impassable. There are no 'passing places' for larger vehicles. Could result in vehicle damage and road rage. Cars will park on pavement so that traffic can pass which is unsafe for children. Only solution would be to remove lower footpath, allow safe parking spaces which permits 2-way traffic on Rook Lane and use upper footpath to keep the children safe.
This scheme will make Rook Lane a faster road. Make use of ground at front of school. Stagger drop-off/collect times. Do not allow parents to stand around chatting.
Consideration has not been given to our sightlines when exiting 77 Rook Lane. Enough difficulty already. Would prefer double yellow lines with parking areas elsewhere, eg school grounds?
The proposal does not solve the issue of safety. Do not support Village council incurring debt over this issue.
Proposal does not seem to provide sufficient parking for the school.
It will only accommodate a few extra cars but block the road for large vehicles trying to pass with less places to pull over. Buy Chaldon Mead to resite the village hall. The school can use the old plot for parking.
Should be encouraging more children to walk to school.
Money would be better spent on upkeep of current roads
Something needs to be done but this scheme will cause even more congestion with vehicles battling for priority passing parked cars. Better to construct lay-bys between existing crossovers. Pedestrians have the higher footpath so would be clear of cars entering/leaving the lay-bys.
Should walk to school.
More effective to get the flashing lights working.
Will not solve the car parking problem. New footway closer to road and more dangerous. Loss of daffodils. Cars park on new footway. Unnecessary cost.
Park in Doctors Lane and walk.
No need as been no accidents. Money could be better spent elsewhere.
Not cost effective for limited number of new parking spaces.
Support idea but not way it is to be funded.
Prefer limited budgets to be used to encourage parents not to drive to school.
Has no long-term impact as new spaces immediately filled and demand for more spaces. Encourage walking to school.
Previous consultation on financing rejected scheme. Perfectly adequate footway. Numbers parking decreased. Park with two wheels on footway. Are no safety issues. Will cause a hazard to safety. Walk to school.

