

Below are the notes of a meeting that took place on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. The meeting started on site in Whitehorse Drive, where the afternoon school run was observed from the Rosebery vehicle entrance / exit.

**Attendees:**

Roz Allen  
 Theresa Kenefick  
 Rosebery School Business Manager  
 Tina Mountain  
 Stephen Clavey  
 Nick Healey

**Observations of the afternoon school run:**

- Parents started parking before 2:30pm to get the best places.
- Parents were parking on double yellow lines and across driveways, reducing Whitehorse Drive to single file with few passing places.
- When students started to emerge, it was very busy, but calm, and no safety concerns observed.
- Very high pedestrian flows along Whitehorse Drive.
- A fair number of pedestrians crossed Whitehorse Drive by the school entrance; no problems observed.
- Parents in cars moved off gradually, slowly and carefully.
- A limited number of cyclists observed, who passed along Whitehorse Drive with no observed problems.
- All in all very busy but very orderly with no observed safety concerns.
- It was commented a number of times that the morning school run is unchanged in Whitehorse Drive since the access arrangements to St Joseph's were changed, as by the time St Joseph's children start to arrive, the Rosebery children are already in.
- It was noted that the afternoon school run in Whitehorse Drive has been affected slightly; a small handful of St Joseph's parents (single figures) were observed to be driving in Whitehorse Drive.
- It was suggested that a significantly greater number of children at St Joseph's are now walking (at least the last part of their journey) to school.

**Suggested problems in Rosebank:**

- Traffic lights not detecting vehicles.
- Single file carriageway section near school leading to grid lock of the in-and-out system that the school operates.
- Raised drain cover on approach to traffic signals that people are avoiding and therefore not lining up with the detector.
- Hire car company parking so that vehicles are overhanging the road and disrupting detection as drivers are not able to align with the traffic signals.

**Suggested problems in Whitehorse Drive:**

- Long single file section / lack of passing places / leading to drivers mounting footways (although this was not observed).
- Unlawful parking / stopping (although there were no safety concerns observed in this regard).
- Obstruction of driveways (although there were no safety concerns observed in this regard).

### **Suggested solutions:**

- Fix the traffic signal detector at the end of Rosebank.
- Management of parking in Whitehorse Drive to remove longer term parking and provide space for school parents to park lawfully. We discussed how this would induce more parents to drive into Whitehorse Drive, who would simply fill up any additional space provided. We also discussed how it would undermine the impressive efforts of both schools to encourage children to travel to school sustainably. We discussed the implications for residents, and need for consultation in the development of any proposal to change the parking provision. It was noted that if there was provision for two-way traffic that drivers' speed would increase, which could lead to a road safety concern. Currently the effective single file nature of Whitehorse Drive seems to restrain drivers' speeds very effectively.
- Management of parking in Rosebank to provide two-way section outside school. We discussed how this could only be achieved by removing parking that residents with no off-street parking currently enjoy. We discussed the need for consultation in the development of any proposal to change the parking provision, and the potential need to provide alternative parking for the residents.
- Provision of parking opportunity in St Margaret's Drive and St Elizabeth's Drive for park and stride. We discussed the likely opposition from residents, and need for consultation in the development of any proposal to change the parking provision.
- Identification of on-street parking opportunities for park and stride.
- Identification of off-street parking opportunities for park and stride - for eg Haywain, EEBC car park, Cricket Club.
- Railings at the end of the cabbage patch to prevent children running into the turning area at the end of Whitehorse Drive.
- Pavement around end of Whitehorse Road – currently children on the Rosebery side have to walk in the carriageway to access the cabbage patch.
- Measures to prevent mounting of pavement at bottom of Rosebank.
- Measures to prevent mounting of the pavement in Whitehorse Drive.
- Improved footway leading into the pedestrian entrance to St Joseph's from Rosebank.
- Cycle route connecting to Ashtead.

### **Next steps**

It was agreed that the schools had done as much as they can to make the relevant authorities aware of their concerns. It was noted that the schools only have influence over the children and parents that are part of the school community, and that this influence is very limited. The schools cannot dictate to their respective communities how children should be transported to school, and cannot control the anti-social behaviour of parents.

Surrey County Council officers will explore the different suggestions above and report back in 3 to 4 months' time with a potentially feasible set of options. These options could then be used as the basis for a structured debate, public consultation, and prioritisation of what (if any) measures to implement. During this time it is anticipated that Road Safety Outside Schools audits will be completed, which will inform the set of options that will be developed.

It was agreed that the schools should pass over any further concerns to Surrey County Council.