Danetree School Street Scheme Engagement Results

Background and Purpose:

- A public engagement exercise was completed to gather views for three options for a School Street for Danetree School.
- The proposals were developed to make walking, scooting and cycling safer and easier for children and families walking to and from Danetree School and to reduce the danger and problems caused by drivers of motor vehicles undertaking the school run, or driving past the school.
- The website engagement portal was open from 28th February 2025 until 6th May 2025.
- Two in person engagement events were held on 2nd April and 1st May 2025.

Recommendations From Officers:

- **The outcome of the engagement exercise supports progressing the scheme:**
- A majority of respondents **(59%) were in favour** of the proposed School Street, with **36% against** and **5% neutral**

- Feedback from both residents and parents of pupils attending the school suggested that the School Street proposal is needed at this location to create a safer and more pleasant environment for the children and families walking, scooting and cycling to Danetree Primary School.

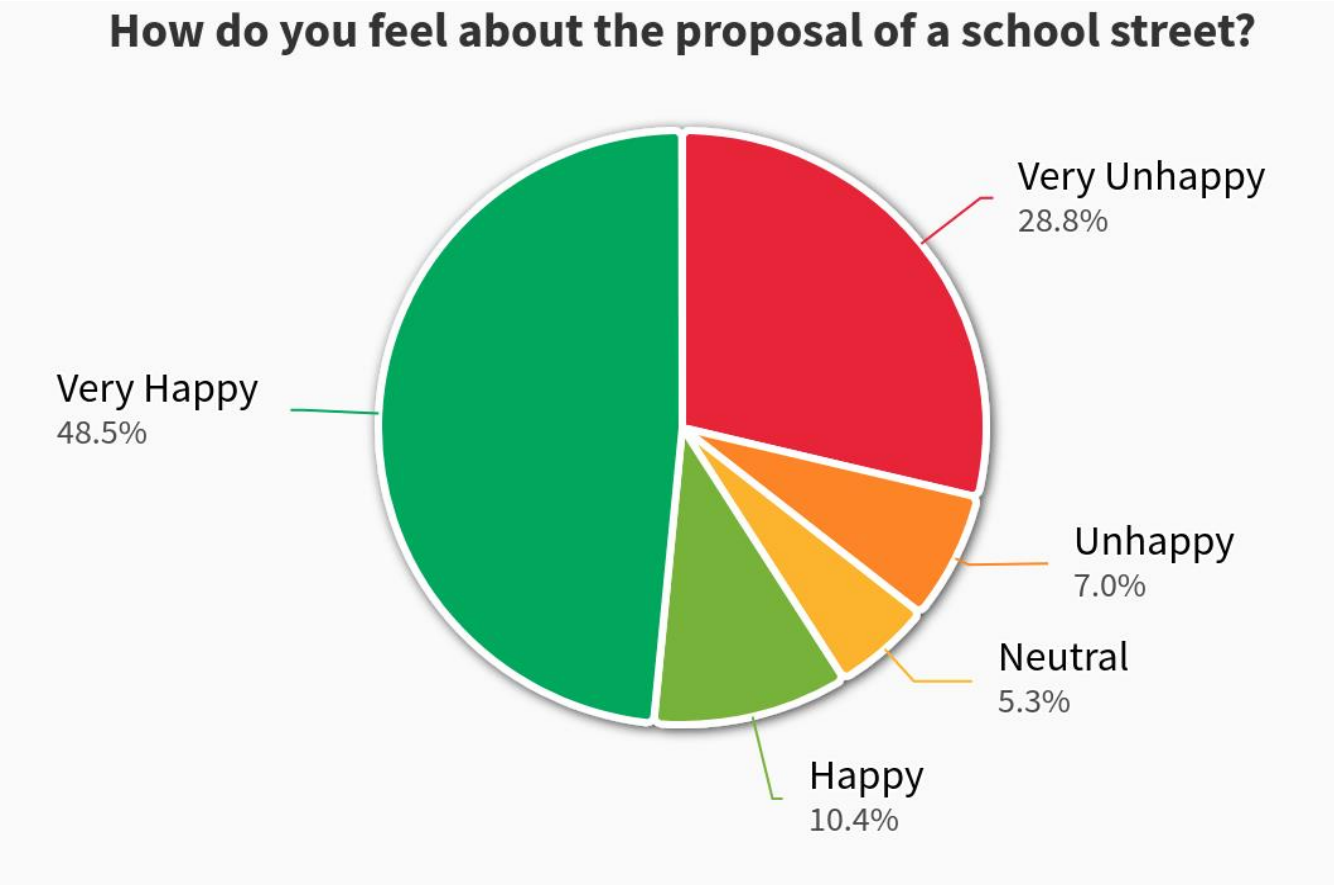
- In response to the feedback, it is proposed that the timing of the School Street be adjusted in the morning to operate from **8:00 to 9:00 am** and in the afternoon to operate **from 2:30pm to 3:45pm**

Key Findings: Overall Support

Methodology: We presented drawing and a description of the scheme on the https://danetree-school-street.commonplace.is/ web-portal. This was advertised using a leaflet drop of surrounding properties and on-street posters.
431 responses to the overall proposals were received via the web-portal.

School Street

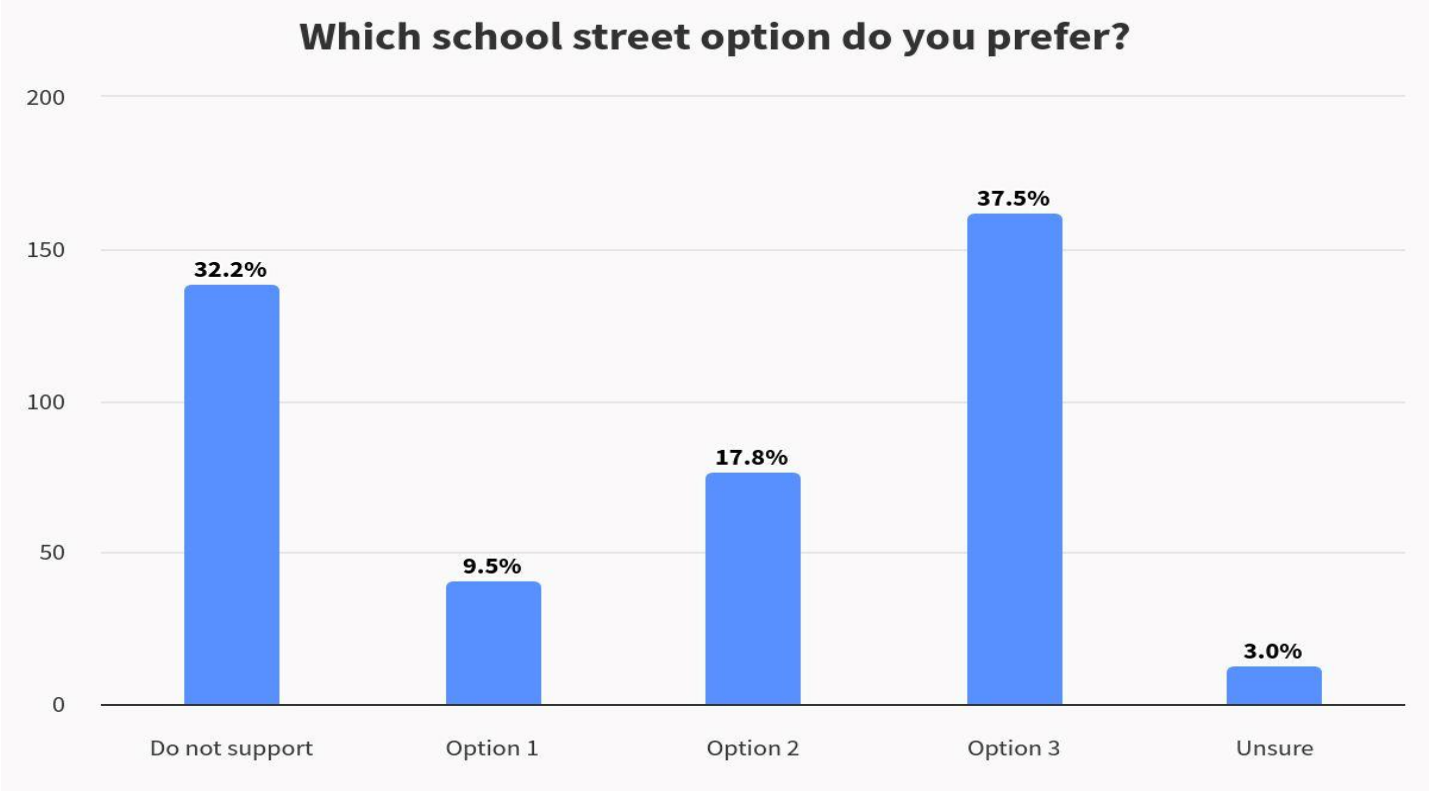
- Overall, 254 **(59%)** of respondents are happy or very happy with the scheme.
- 154 **(36%)** respondents are unhappy or very unhappy with the scheme
- 23 **(5%)** respondents are 'neutral' with the proposed scheme.



Key Findings: Preferred School Street Option

Respondents were offered the choice of three locations for the School Street received:
Option 1: School Street on Danetree Road up to the junction with Oakhurst Road (including Danetree Close
Option 2: School Street on the whole length of Danetree Road (including Danetree Close) and Oakhurst Road
Option 3: School Street on the whole length of Danetree Road (including Danetree Close), Oakhurst Road and a portion of Chessington Road, at the southern end of Danetree Road up to the access road to the main B2200 Chessington Road
432 responses were received

- Overall,162 **(38%)** of respondents preferred Option 3
- 77 **(18%)** respondents preferred Option 2
- 41 **(9%)** preferred Option 1
- 139 (**32%)** did not support any option
- 13 **(3%)** respondents were unsure

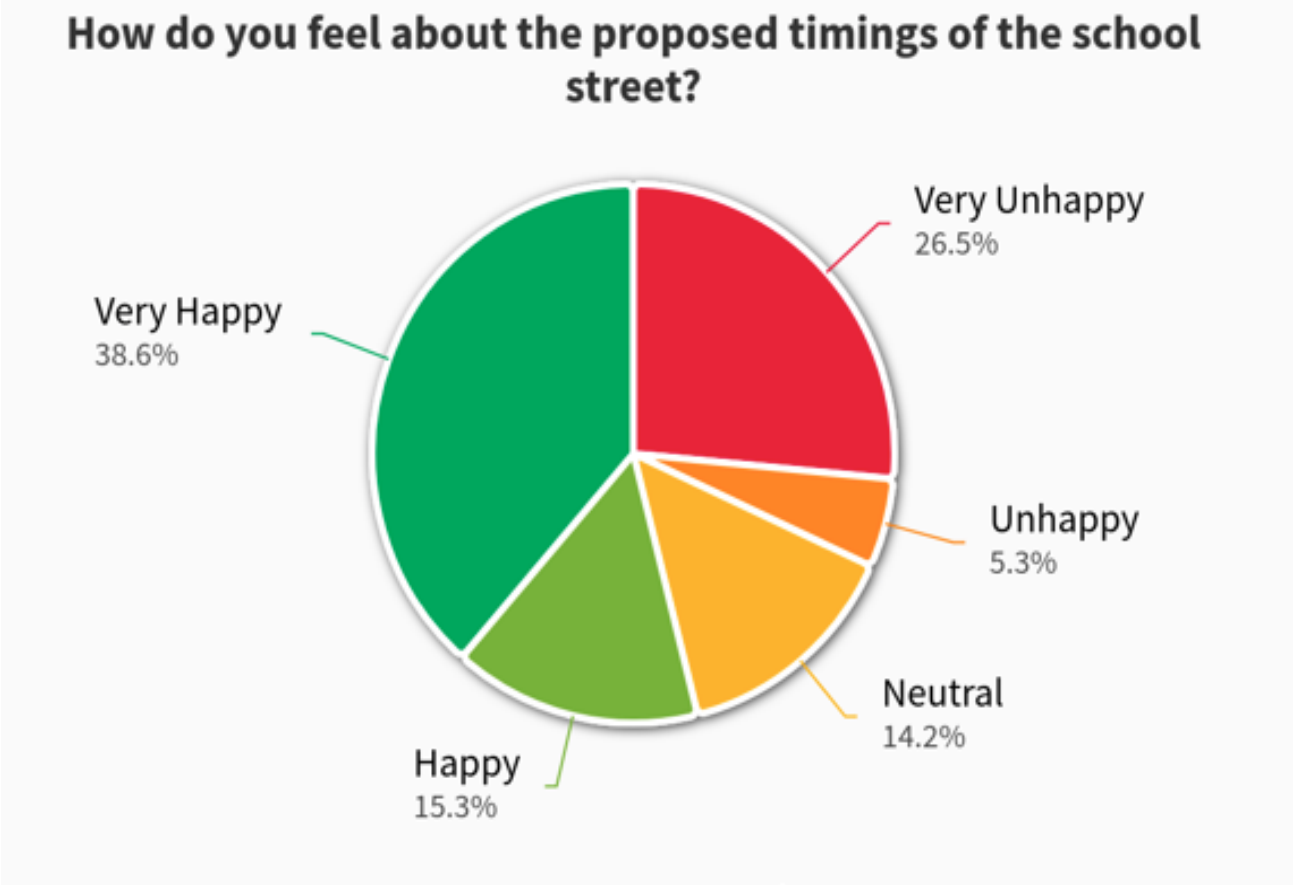


Key Findings: Proposed Timings

The timings proposed for the School Street were 8:15am – 9:00am and 14:45pm – 15:45pm
430 responses to the proposed timings were received.

School Street- Proposed Timings

- Overall,232 **(54%)** of respondents are happy or very happy with the proposed timings
- 137 **(32%)** respondents are unhappy or very unhappy with the proposed timings
- 61**(14%)** respondents are 'neutral' with the proposed timings

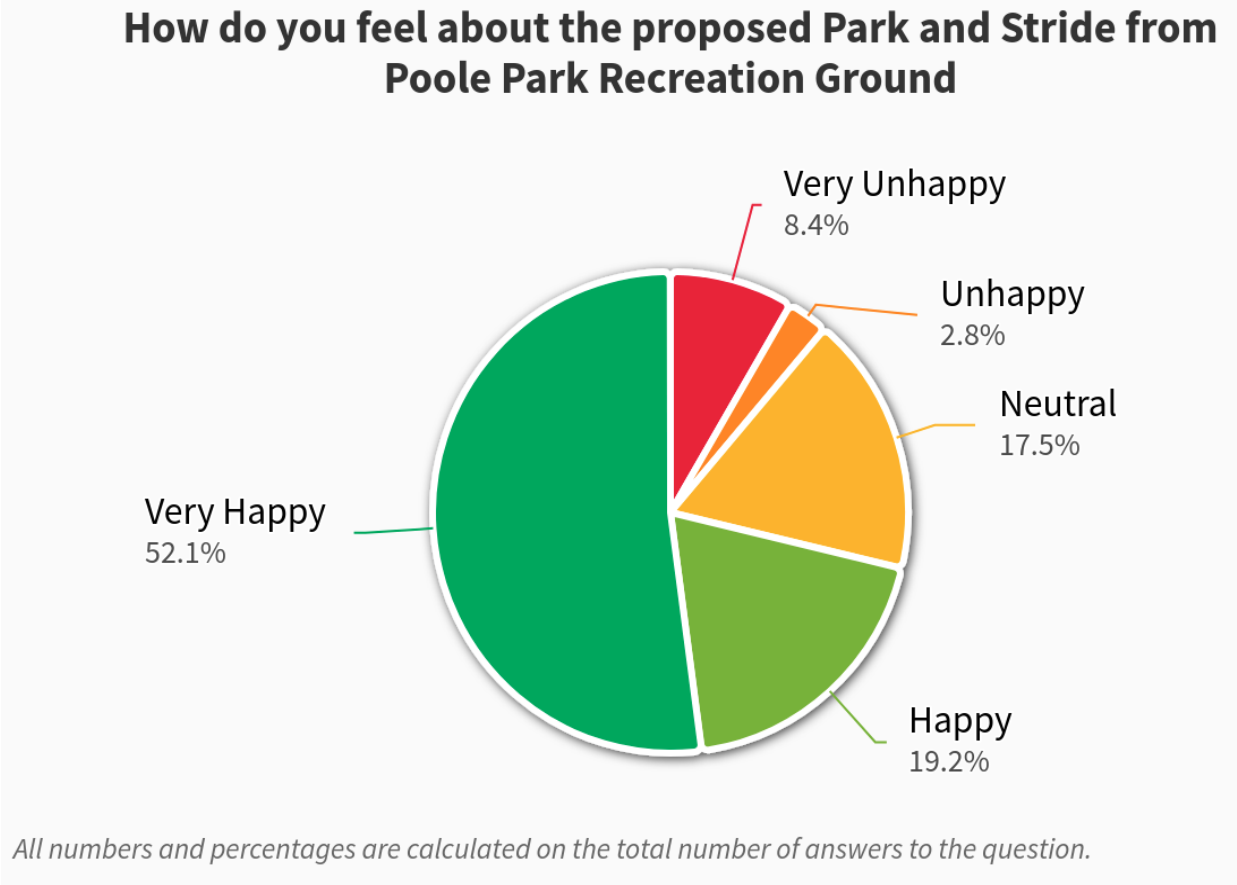


Key Findings: Proposed Park and Stride

428 responses were received on the proposal to use Poole Park Recreation Ground as a Park and Stride

Proposed Park and Stride

- Overall,305 **(71%)** of respondents are happy or very happy with the proposed park and stride
- 48 **(11%)** respondents are unhappy or very unhappy with the proposed park and stride
- 75 **(18%)** respondents are 'neutral' with the proposed park and stride

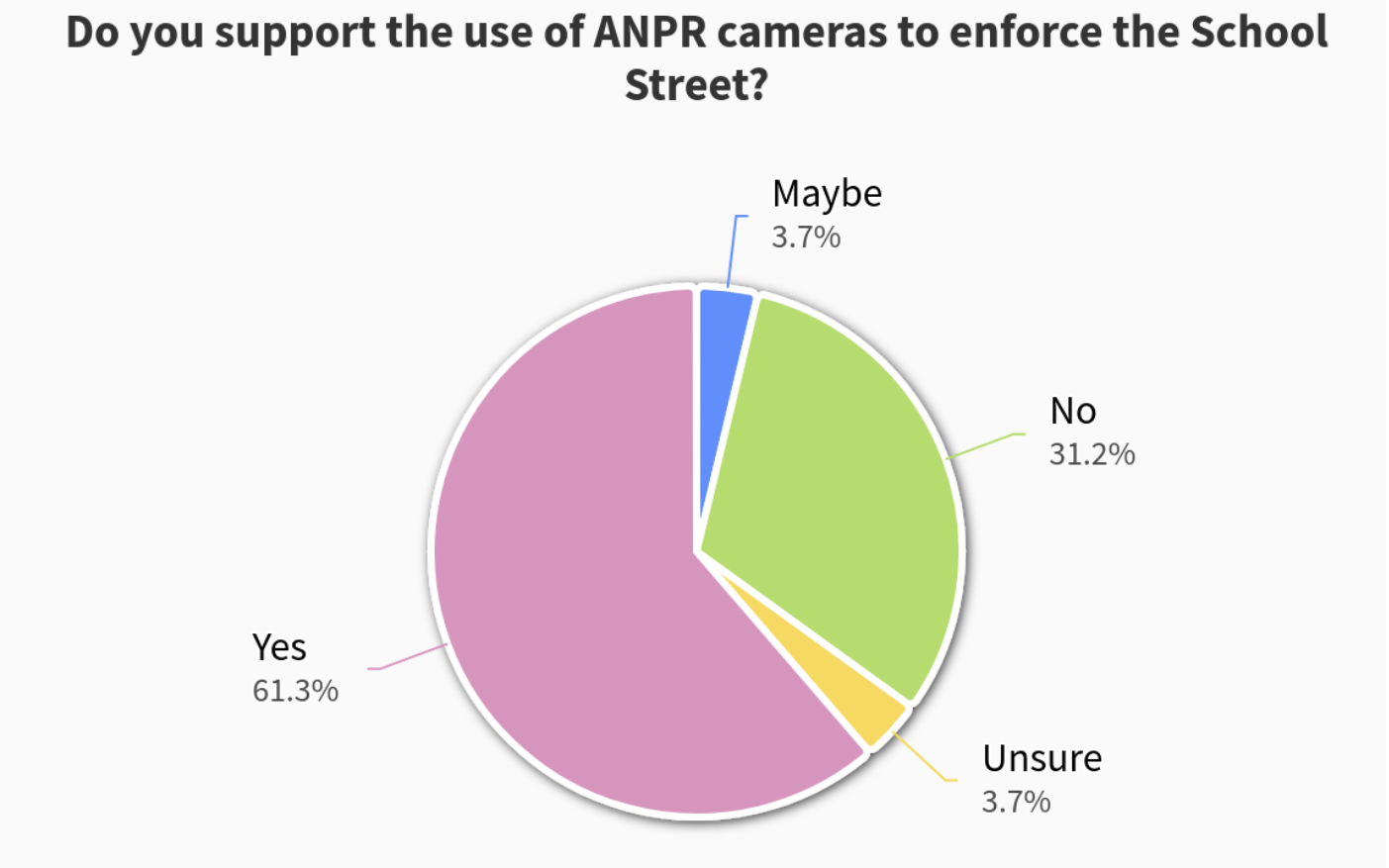


Key Findings: Use of ANPR Cameras

429 responses were received on the proposed use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Cameras to enforce the School Street.

School Street- ANPR

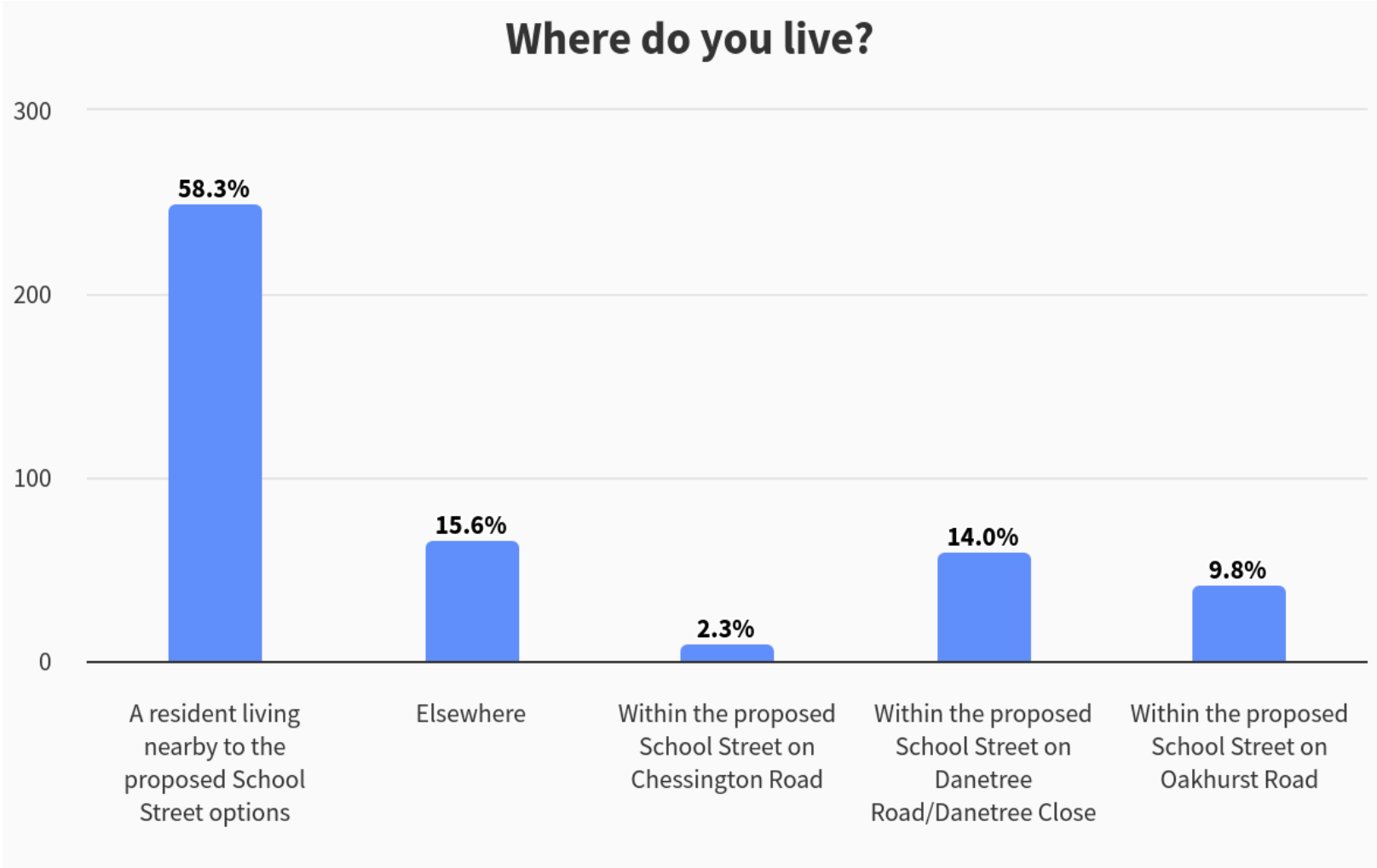
- Overall,263 **(61%)** of respondents are in support of the use of ANPR
- 134 **(31%)** respondents are not in support of the use of ANPR
- 32 **(8%)** respondents are unsure or maybe in support of the use of ANPR



Key Findings: Where do you live?

The question on “What is your connection to the area?” received **429 responses**

- Overall,250 **(58%)** of respondents are residents living nearby to the proposed school street options
- 67 **(16%)** respondents are residents living elsewhere
- 60 **(14%)** respondents are residents living on Danetree Road and Danetree Close
- 42 (**10%)** respondents are residents living on Oakhurst Road
- 10 (**2%)** respondents are residents living on Chessington Road



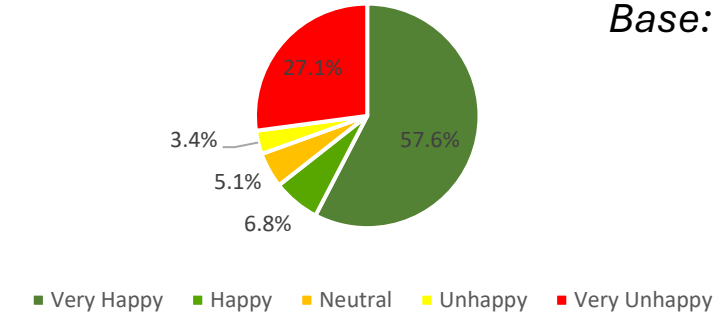
Consultation Overview: Key Findings – residents living within the proposed school street on Danetree Road/ Danetree Close

Residents living within the proposed school street on Danetree Road/ Danetree Close (59 respondents)

- **38** residents in this zone are 'happy' or 'very happy' with the proposal.
- **18** residents living in this zone are 'unhappy' or 'very unhappy' with the proposal.
- **3** residents selected 'neutral' in response to proposed scheme.

How do you feel about the proposal of school street?
Residents on Danetree Road/ Danetree Close

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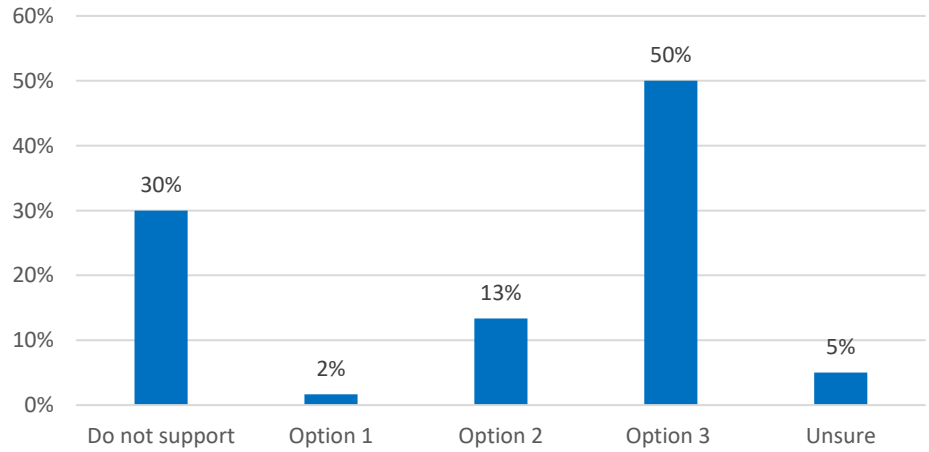
Preferred school street option – residents living on Daneetree Road/ Danetree Close (59 respondents)

Residents living in Danetree Road/ Danetree Close preferred choice is '**Option 3'** with **29** responses

- Option 3: **29** responses
- Do not support: **18** responses
- Option 2: **8** response
- Option 1: **1** response
- Unsure: **3** responses

What is your preferred option?
Residents living on Danetree Road/Close

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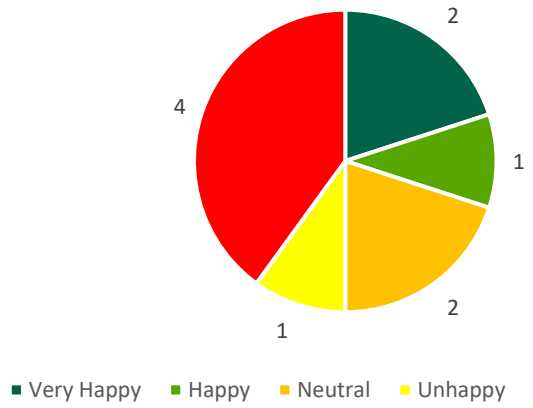


Consultation Overview: Key Findings – residents living in Chessington Road

Residents living in Chessington (10 respondents)

- **3** residents living in Chessington Road are ‘happy’ or ‘very happy’ with the proposal.
- **5** residents living in Chessington Road are ‘unhappy’ or ‘very unhappy’ with the proposal.
- **2** residents selected ‘neutral’ in response to proposed scheme.

How do you feel about the proposed school street?
Residents living on Chessington Road



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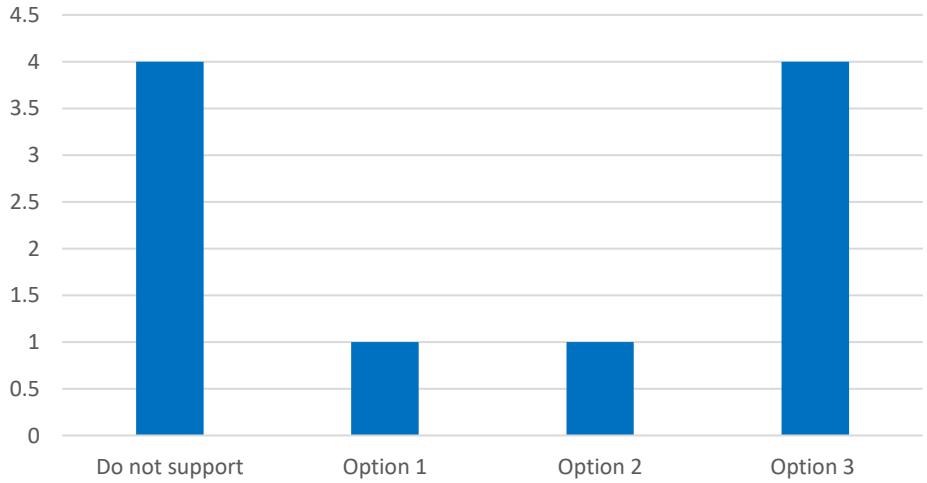
Preferred school street option – residents living in Chessington Road (10 respondents)

Residents living in Chessington Road are in equal support of ‘**Option 3**’ and ‘**Do not support**’, with **4** responses for each.

- **Option 3: 4 responses**
- **Do not support: 4 responses**
- **Option 2: 1 response**
- **Option 1: 1 response**

What is your preferred option?
Residents living within Chessington Road

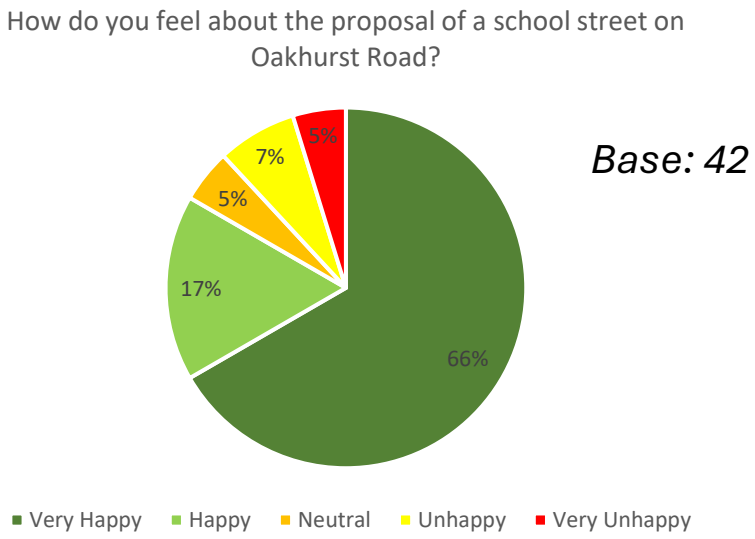
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Consultation Overview: Key Findings – residents living within the proposed school street on Oakhurst Road

Residents living within the proposed school street on Oakhurst Road (42 respondents)

- **35** residents in this zone are ‘happy’ or ‘very happy’ with the proposal.
- **5** residents living in this zone are ‘unhappy’ or ‘very unhappy’ with the proposal.
- **2** residents selected ‘neutral’ in response to proposed scheme.

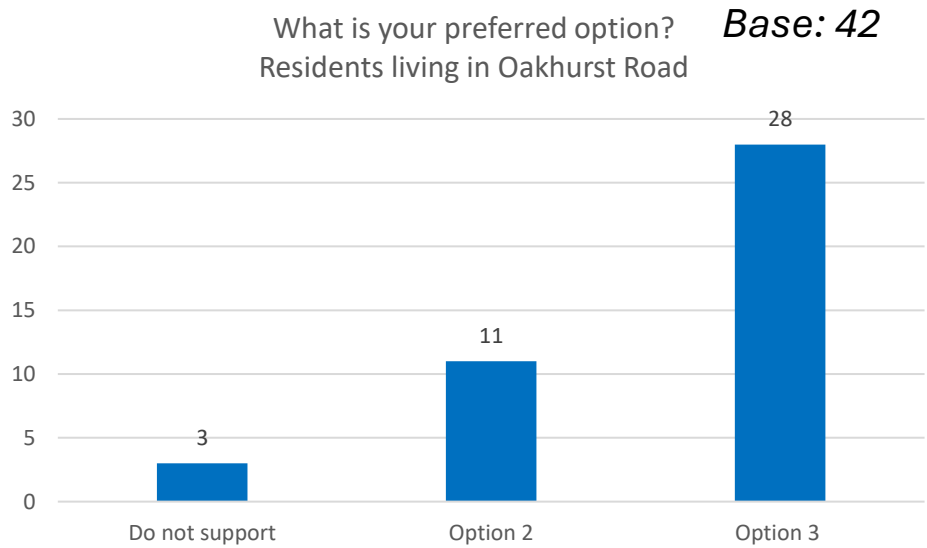


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Preferred school street option – residents living on Oakhurst Road (42 respondents)

Residents living in Oakhurst Road preferred option is ‘option 3’ with **28** responses

- Option 3: **28** responses
- Option 2: **11** responses
- Do not support: **3** responses
- Option 1: **0** responses



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Consultation Overview: Key Findings – residents living nearby to the proposed School Street Options

Residents living outside of the proposed school street zones (250 respondents)

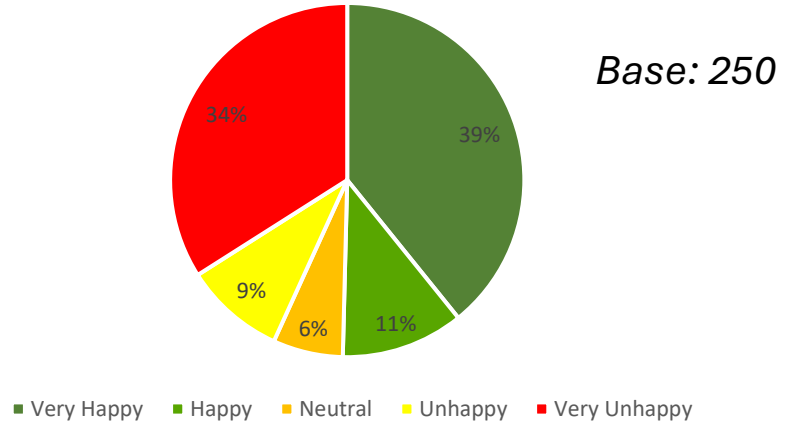
- **126 (50.4%)** residents in this zone are ‘happy’ or ‘very happy’ with the proposal.
- **108 (43.2%)** residents living in this zone are ‘unhappy’ or ‘very unhappy’ with the proposal.
- **16 (6.4%)** residents selected ‘neutral’ in response to proposed scheme.

Preferred school street option – residents living nearby to the proposed school street zones (250 respondents)

98 (39.2%) of residents living nearby to the proposed school street zones do not support the introduction of a school street

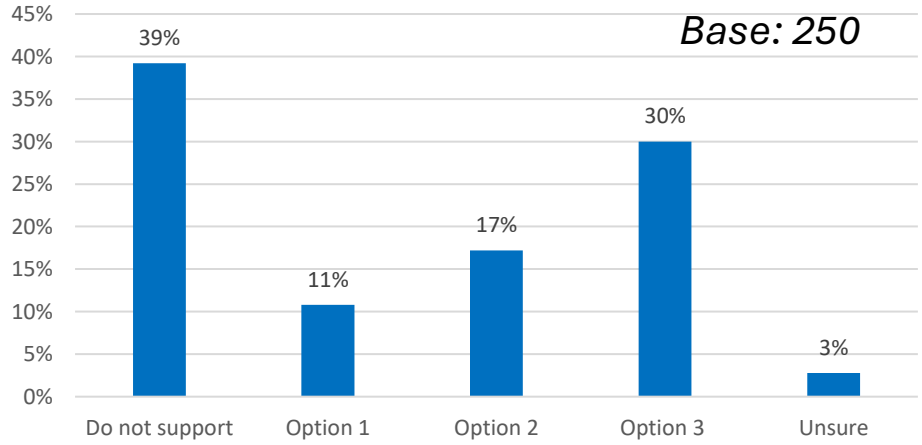
- Do not support: **98 (39.2%)**
- Option 3: **75 (30%)**
- Option 2: **43 (17.2%)**
- Option 1: **27 (10.8%)**

How do you feel about the proposed options?
Resident living nearby to proposed options



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What is your preferred option?
Residents living nearby to the proposed options



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Consultation Overview: Key Findings – Parents/ Carers of a child attending Danetree school

Parents and carers of a child attending Danetree school (161 respondents)

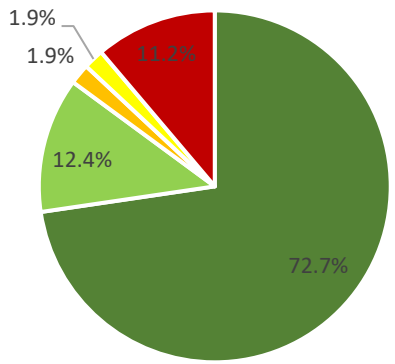
- **137 (85%)** parents/carers feel 'happy' or 'very happy' with the proposal.
- **21 (13%)** parents/ carers are 'unhappy' or 'very unhappy' with the proposal.
- **3 (2%)** parents/ carers selected 'neutral' in response to proposed scheme.

Parent/ carer preferred option: Which school street option do you prefer? Received **162** responses in total

- Option 3 is the preferred choice for parents and carers with **78 (48%)** responses
- Option 2 is the second most preferred for parents and carers with **46 (28%)** responses
- Option 1 is the third most preferred for parents and carers with **19 (12%)** responses
- **17 (10%)** parents/carers do not support any of the options.
- **2 (1.2%)** responded 'unsure'

How do you feel about the proposal of a school street on Potters Gate and Beavers Rd? - parents/carers

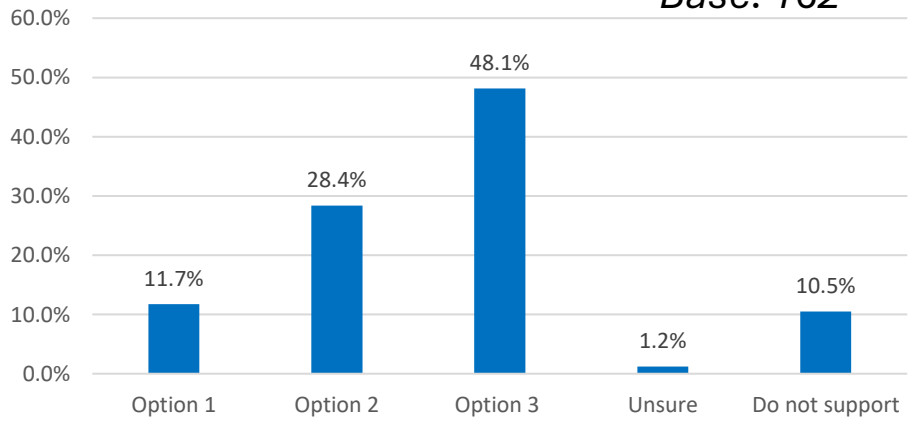
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Very Happy Happy Neutral Unhappy Very Unhappy

Which school street option do you prefer? - parents/carers

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Residents living in all 3 School Street options: Key Themes Raised in Support of the Scheme

1. Safety Concerns

Residents are highly concerned about the safety of children and pedestrians due to negligent driving and poor parking practices

- " The road at drop off is dangerous, busy and loud, it should reduce the chaos in these roads at these times. Having a quieter street free of traffic during the school run will increase the safety for my daughter. The traffic also tends to create an atmosphere of tension between drivers which can (and has) led to unsafe driving"

- "Removing risk from the cars badly parked and speeding down the road and putting children's lives in danger"

- "The current situation is genuinely dangerous on a daily basis with bad parking, no policing and speedy drivers. Thank you for sorting this out before someone gets run over"

2. Support for the School Street Scheme

Many residents support the implementation of the School Street scheme to improve safety and reduce traffic

- " Very happy. We are retired and feel the current situation is beyond dangerous. Please do all you can to ensure smooth flow of traffic and the paramount safety of the children"

Residents living in all 3 School Street options: Key Themes Raised in Support of the Scheme continued…

- " Restricting when and who will be able to enter the street at those times will help so much, I have been blocked in so many times by parents that have left their cars across my drive"

- **"** Very happy, its long overdue, Oakhurst Road takes the brunt it the inconsiderate parkers since bays were introduced in Danetree Road

3. Park and Stride

Residents support the proposal for parents to park their cars at the and walk to the school gates

- "The park and stride is a fantastic idea; I fully support this scheme as the driving and parking by the school is dangerous for children. It's far safer that the cars dangerously driving and parking in Danetree Road."

- " It makes sense for anyone who needs to drive to school to be parking in the free car park. Danetree Road is extremely dangerous in the mornings and afternoons"

4. Walking and Cycling will be Safer

Some resident support the scheme for encouraging more walking and cycling to school.

- "I think this scheme will make Danetree Road safer for children and residents, reduce emissions and help children ger more exercise by encouraging walking to school, even if only from the car park.

Residents living in all 3 School Street Options : Key Concerns Raised

1. Impact on Residents and Visitors

The schemes impact on residents and their visitors is a significant concern:

- **“**it will restrict residents and will effect anyone trying to visit or deliver to residents within the school street”
- “Stopping residents from having deliveries etc at those times is not good practice, as most companies do not specify delivery times”
- “Residents should not be penalised or have restricted use on their own properties – unable to order Taxis; Visitors not being able visit our homes”

2. Traffic and Congestion

There are worries about the scheme increasing traffic congestion in surrounding roads:

- “Traffic will be directed to use Lansdowne Road, where there is already a problem with parking and blocking driveways”
- “With the traffic then be rerouted around the school street at these hours, there maybe more dangers to children walking from the recreation ground to the school”
- “I think it will create more problems and more stress for people in the surrounding roads”

Residents living nearby to the proposed School Street: Key Themes Raised in Support of the Scheme

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1. Support for the School Street Scheme

Many surrounding residents support the reasons for implementing a School Street:

- " Good initiative"
- "I like the aim of safer roads by the school. Cleaner air at the gate will help children with asthma. The Park and Stride idea is positive because it keeps most cars away from Danetree Road and encourages walking"
- "Certainly, ANPR cameras. No one seems to abide by the lines on the roads"
- "Encouraging walking and cycling to school to lessen traffic is good"
- "Safer for children walking and cycling to school"
- "This scheme is very welcomed by me and long overdue. Since the expansion of Danetree School, the traffic due to parents driving their children to school has increase phenomenally and a lot of parents drive and park inconsiderably. This scheme will make the roads safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers in vehicles and will reduce congestion and pollution "

Residents living nearby to the proposed School Street: Key Concerns Raised:

1. Traffic and Congestion

Many surrounding residents are worried about the effect of additional traffic and parking on their roads:

- "All you are doing is increasing traffic and congestion in neighbouring roads, some of which are currently used as rat runs now. Also, it increases pollution levels as well."

- "The people who live in adjacent roads, so far unaffected by the school, will have cars parking in their street causing their air quality to suffer as a result together with additional noise"

2. Park and Stride – Poole Road Recreation Ground

There are concerns over using this site to promote parking:

- "The entrance is too narrow to have too many cars coming in and out within a short time frame. I would suggest widening the entrance"

- "Maybe have a suggested place to cross Poole Road by the Recreation Ground clearly identified for children and parents walking to Danetree Road"

Residents living nearby to the proposed School Street: Key Concerns Raised:

3. Widen the area of the School Street Zone

Many residents would like the School Street Zone to include other roads:

- “Cover Scotts Farm Road and Poole Road, Including the Bellway Development”
- “Lansdowne Road is terrible for parking and should be considered in the plan”
- “Needs to also cover part of Gadesden Road, as there is a back entrance to school here and traffic will just be pushed there”

4. School Street is not needed

There are views that the proposal is not needed, and other measures should be considered:

- “All that is needed is a Zebra Crossing or a Lollipop Person”
- “Other option should be considered. Enforce the illegal parking on the double yellow lines. The school should stagger their start and finish times therefore limiting the people on the road”
- “There is no need to close the Street, make the roads resident permit parking only “

Parents and Carers:
Key Themes Raised in Support of the Scheme:

1. General Support for the scheme

- " I like the whole concept; there are some really inconsiderate drivers and always illegal parking"
- "It is completely in line with common sense and what should happen anyway. Most parents park in Poole Road but it the small number of parents who make the road dangerous"
- " Danetree Road is so dangerous at the moment. I have been pushing for this for years"
- "The road is way too hectic in the mornings and at pick up, and it is too dangerous with so many children walking and on bikes and scooters. The road needs to be closed for better access for families to their children to school safely"
- "Effectively closing the street to give greater levels of safety and for folks to be healthier and greener"
- "Will surely reduce the vehicle traffic and become safer for us who walk to school"
- "I think this is something that has been long lacking in the area and wholeheartedly support the plans"

Parents and Carers:
Key Concerns Raised:

1. Park and Stride – Poole Road Recreation Ground

There are concerns for safety:

- "Would like speed cushions on Poole Road. Poole Road is busy, and it might be difficult to cross to access Danetree Road"
- "Is there enough parking spaces to accommodate everyone"
- "A pelican crossing will be needed to get people across Poole Road Safely"

2. Other concerns raised

- Traffic displacement onto Lansdowne Road and Chessington Road
- The restricted times are not long enough
- Being late to get other children/siblings to their schools
- Timings should include the after-school clubs
- 20mph limit is needed too.

School Street Timings
Key comments made by all:

- “Possibly too long I feel that 8:15-8:45 and 15:00-15:30 would be more suitable to avoid congestion building in surrounding roads”

- “Makes sense, but maybe extend morning operating time to 9.15, as otherwise the parents who don't care about road safety(and already abuse the rules/guidance in place) will just drop their children as late as possible to avoid the ANPR recognition”

- “It needs to start earlier in the morning and earlier in the afternoon as people often get to Danetree school earlier than the proposed times in order to get a parking space (not always a legal space). In which case they would still be parked in dangerous places restricting pedestrians' views and would also then need to leave as children are still coming out”

- “8.15am is too late for it to start, 8am would be more effective. Parents will arrive and park up very early just to get a parking spot and would simply come into the zone at 8.10am and wait 20 minutes before the school gates open at 8.30am, which would render the scheme pointless”

- “Agree with the times, these are the busiest”

- “It could start at 8 as I think some people will try to arrive and already be in the school street between 8-8.15”

Officer Response to Main Concerns

Concern	Officer response
Concerns around traffic displacement to surrounding roads	• We understand these concerns and have considered it carefully during planning. Evidence from other School Street Schemes shows that most traffic disperses evenly on the surrounding roads within a short period of time. • To help manage any potential displacement we are encouraging parents/carers to use the Poole Road Recreational Ground free car park. • SCC will be monitoring the expected displacement of traffic once the scheme is installed and will take appropriate action where necessary to reduce the impact of increased parking in the surrounding roads • We will continue to work with the school and parents to encourage active travel and provide clear guidance on safe parking alternatives.
Make the road safer by installing pedestrian crossings rather than shutting the road.	A pedestrian crossing (Zebra Crossing) would not address the problems caused by the volume of traffic and anti- social driving and parking outside the school. No other measures implemented by SCC over the years (parking restrictions; buildouts; parking bays) have mitigated the concerns raised by parents, the school and residents.

Officer Response to Main Concerns

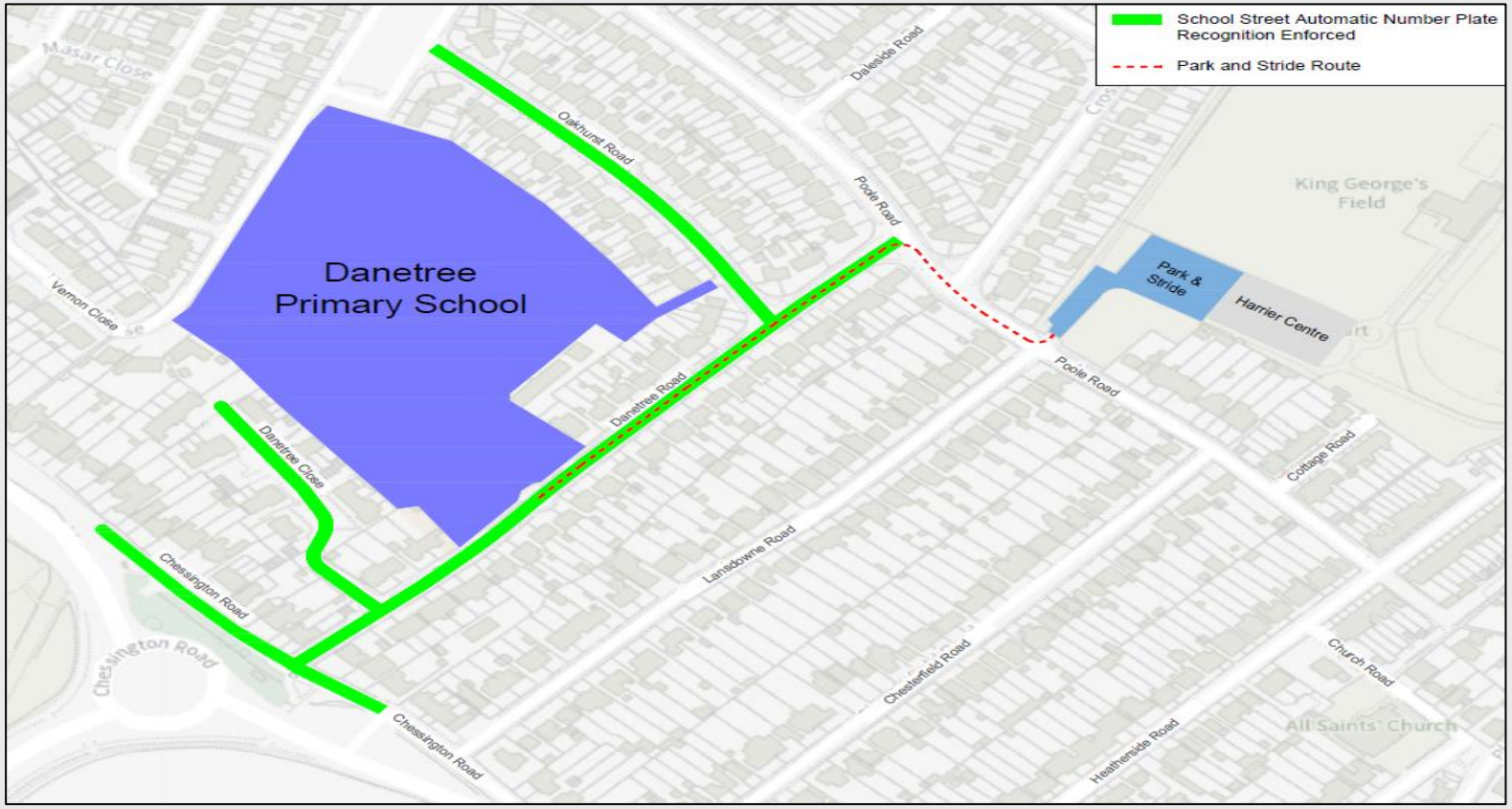
Concern	Officer response
Unfair to parents/carers who have no choice to drive to school	It is acknowledged that some parents/carers have no choice but to drive their children to school. The School Street proposal does not prevent parents/carers accessing the Poole Road Recreational Ground Car Park to then “park and stride” which takes approximately 5 minutes to walk each way
Enforce the existing Parking Restrictions	Danetree School has been assessed as a high priority for parking enforcement and is already visited once per week by Enforcement Officers. With about 500 schools in Surrey there are only enough Civil Enforcement Officer’s to attend 18 schools per day
The proposed restriction times	After reviewing the feedback from the Public Engagement, we are now proposing the following times: **8:00am – 9:00am** **2:30pm – 3:45pm**

Officer Response to Main Concerns

Concern	Officer response
Concerns over the Park and Stride proposal on Poole Road	Many parents and carers already use this car park and cross Poole Road and walk to the school. Poole Road has traffic calming measures in place which will reduce the speed of traffic using the road. However, we do recognise that by asking more parents to use this car park, the entry/exit point may become congested with both vehicles and pedestrians. Once the scheme goes 'Live' Officers will monitor the site closely and take appropriate action to mitigate this.

Conclusions and Next Steps

- The results and feedback from this Engagement have been shared with your local County Councillor, and a **decision has been made to progress with OPTION 3.**



Conclusions and Next Steps

- **An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO)** for Danetree Road/Danetree Close/Oakfield Road/ section of Chessington Road, imposing a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone on Mondays to Fridays (inclusive) Term time only **between 8am and 9am and between 2.30pm and 3.45pm will be made.**

- We are using the **ETRO process** to provide flexibility and enable changes to be made following feedback from the public and statutory consultees on the changes made as part of the school streets initiative.

- **Comments received during the first 6 months** after the scheme has been launched will be used to assess how the school street is working. These comments will be taken into consideration when deciding if the school street should be amended or become permanent.

What happens next ?

- **START DATE:**

We are aiming for the School Street to go 'LIVE' from **Monday 9th March 2026**
Letters and emails will be sent confirming this start date in January 2026 (we recommend signing up to receiving updates via email using this Commonplace platform)

- **EXEMPTIONS:**

Details on who are eligible to apply for a School Street Exemption can be found here School Street schemes in Surrey - Surrey County Council
Once the online system is ready to receive applications, letters and emails will be sent with instructions on how to apply.

Several Pop-In Events at the school will be held in February 2026, for those entitled to Exemptions to provide technical support in making their applications.

- **KEEP UPDATED**

From January 2026, regular updates will be posted on Commonplace here Have Your Say Today - Danetree School Street – Commonplace