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Re: Question Under Procedure Rule 32

Does the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee agree with me that the situation with car parking illegally and dangerously outside of schools during the taking of children to school in the morning and again when collecting the children in the afternoon can no longer be tolerated.

And does the Chairman agree with me that a meeting should be set up with Headteachers, this Authority and the Police to discuss a solution to this very serious problem.

And can I say this is an accident waiting to happen.

Dear Councillor Wilmott

Thank you for your question to Full Council.

Parking and congestion outside schools has been an ongoing issue for many years and it has been a priority for this Administration to resolve.

Over the last 2 years, 20mph advisory speed limits and enforceable school keep clear markings have been introduced outside the majority of schools across the County.

From March of this year immediately after half-term, we introduced a camera car that is patrolling at every enforceable site issuing Penalty Charge Notices to vehicles parking on the school markings.

This vehicle was introduced as an effective and efficient way of addressing this problem and it was accompanied by local publicity and visits to town centres throughout half-term to aid public awareness.

It has already issued a number of Penalty Charge Notices which will help drive home the message that inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside schools will no longer be tolerated.

The Council has also introduced a web page hosted on the site encouraging the public and Headteachers to request visits from the car to their local school. The initial responses to the publicity included over 35,000 views on Facebook and attracted overwhelmingly favourable comments from parents to this initiative.

We will continue to work with the Police and Headteachers on this very serious matter.

Yours sincerely

Councillor John Peck

(Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee)