

Turney Road School Parking Proposal Consultation – May/June 2014

The Consultation

Turney Road Residents' Association (TRRA) emailed or hand delivered a notice and drawings to ALL Turney Road houses between Burbage Circus and Dulwich Village between 29th May and 6th June (12 in Roseway and 34 in Turney). We also delivered to all houses in Boxall and Aysgarth (approx. 75 houses) between 30th May – 6th June with 10 households in Mitchell's Place in Aysgarth Road receiving the letter later by email around 14th/15th June. Some residents in Pickwick Road also had the letter. We followed up with specific calls/emails to individual Turney residents.

In addition, the proposal was sent to the TRRA committee who are drawn from all parts of Turney Road and their comments are also recorded.

We asked residents to contact the Chair of TRRA [REDACTED] with comments on the proposals. Overall the response rate has been low.

Turney Road

Even numbers side

The resident at [REDACTED] has not responded. She is elderly but has visitors and they would need to park elsewhere in the road.

[REDACTED] (Boxall and Turney)

"Re: the proposals, the main point we would make is that the yellow lines don't go very far into Boxall outside No. 29. This is where the sight line for traffic leaving Boxall is poor.

We are having a major demolition/rebuild of our house between August 2014-Jan 2015 with vehicles delivering. Obviously there will be vehicles delivering etc. and we will talk to the head of DV Infants to monitor things correctly. Is there anyone to talk to at Southwark about this? Perhaps they could delay the road markings until the works are done. Not a big issue to us but we want to be as cooperative as possible to all."

[REDACTED]

Has been very concerned about the excessive restrictions on parking and the impact on residents but says the current proposal looks by far the most reasonable suggestion.

"One additional thing that I think would improve the traffic flow would be to make Boxall Road and Aysgarth one way streets, one in each direction obviously. This would prevent traffic backing up into the main roads which it does sometimes do, especially at peak times when there are few passing spaces due to the number of parked cars."

Ceri has also asked whether other alternatives have been properly considered. “For example, positioning of the lollipop ladies at present to me seems bizarre - why is one required where there are traffic lights?? Surely she could be used on Turney Road or maybe even an additional one employed at Turney Road island crossing?”

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Has also experienced issues with crossing the road and nearly being run over by a vehicle on the wrong side of the road. It is understood that the parking controls are aimed at improving sightlines and road safety. Ideally we want a solution with restrictions only during school hours 8am – 5pm. This will ensure there is off-peak parking for residents and visitors, evenings and weekends.

“My serious concern is the yellow lines running around the corner of Turney to Boxall and Turney to Aysgarth – the residents are there 24/7 not just school hours and this area is heavily congested as it is.

It is a major problem already and having the extended double yellow lines on these corners exacerbates the existing problem beyond workable.”

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Was worried about access to her off street parking via dropped kerb but understands there is no change and she can continue to use the dropped kerb as now. She is aware she will not be able to park on the yellow lines across her driveway entrance.

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Had concerns about parking impact, and local shops but experienced for herself on 7th June the road safety problems when she and her daughter were almost run over. A driver was on the wrong side of the pedestrian island going so fast Lucy didn’t get a chance to take their registration. “So I have now witnessed first-hand that this is serious accident waiting to happen. The sooner this is sorted out the better”

Lucy has commented further (24th June) that the traffic islands are very low and Lucy has seen cars drive over the edges of them, not actually properly around them. Could they be made slightly higher to avoid this?

Odd numbers side

The residents at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] with dropped kerbs have not responded, and they have been sent a chasing note.

[REDACTED]

Doesn't want yellow lines around his house (there are none under this scheme). Concerned about inconsiderate parking near the junction with Roseway and Turney Road by 171 and 173 Turney Road. Fraser is concerned about the displacement of parking along the road as a result of the proposed scheme. Fraser has been badly affected by the school run chaos (he has complained to TRRA about this for several years). He has some good photos and car registration numbers of inconsiderate parkers near his house.

Boxall Road

No comments received

Aysgarth Road

[REDACTED]

Christine has general concerns about parking and congestion in Aysgarth. She has spoken to other residents in Aysgarth and many share her concerns.

“You will understand the concern about the Turney Road parking proposals which will **increase** the growing problem with traffic and parking in Aysgarth.

There are already mounting problems caused by the rapidly increasing number of cars from developing restaurants at one end of the street, as well as those from parents and staff at The Hamlet and Village schools, at the other end. As the cut-through from the cafes to the school, many children run up and down Aysgarth and yet traffic speeds through, ignoring the speed limit on the road surface, which many say cannot be seen when busy. We have tried for restrictions, to no avail.

Residents from Turney Road also use Aysgarth for parking, even those with double gates to their garages with their own signs for no parking outside. In effect they take up a disproportionate amount of parking spaces.

This is of concern particularly to Aysgarth residents who are frequently unable to find a single parking space in their own road, amongst whom are elderly and disabled residents.

Aysgarth Road seems to be well-known for parking and we have recently had the addition of large vehicles transporting a number of cycles for events at the Herne Hill Velodrome, with a space to leave them overnight or longer.

Many of us see the only solution is to have some residents-only parking restrictions. As said, we do have a significant number of retired and elderly residents who have down-sized from other areas of Dulwich. Mobility can be an issue and having to park several roads away is more of a problem to them than to many others.”

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“I fully support plans to improve safety and control parking in Turney Road by Dulwich Hamlet and Infant Schools.

I support double yellow lines on the corners of Aysgarth and Boxall to enable pedestrians to cross the pavements safely (also at the village end of Aysgarth by Café Rouge).

The schools need to help with the teachers’ car parking in Aysgarth Road – all day and coming & going so nothing for the residents.”

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“I have just been out to have a proper look at the proposals. I have to say that today (Sunday 15th) people had parked in completely stupid places near the bollards which was making it really difficult for ordinary cars to get round them so if an ambulance/fire engine had to get down the road quickly it would have real trouble. Therefore I can see that the only solution is indeed the double yellow lines as proposed near the bollards.

Also I would support the double lines on the corner of Aysgarth, even it does shift parking further into Aysgarth making the parking problems even worse. The yellow lines on the corner would have the advantage of preventing a car meeting another one coming from the village end having to back out into Turney Road as I have had to do on many occasions. This is really dangerous, especially at school times when small children may be crossing the road and out of the sight line of the reversing car. At least with the double yellow on the corner a car turning into Aysgarth could "hover" while a car coming down the road from the Village could pass.

I would also dearly love to see double yellow lines on the village end of Aysgarth at both corners, outside Cafe Rouge and on the bus stop side. People park ridiculously close to Dulwich Village and again cars have to reverse out into main road if they meet another one coming from the other direction. Same problem as at the Turney Road end. But I guess that is another consultation.”

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Thank you for sending us the information about the new parking proposals.

We support any measures that improve safety.

Pickwick Road

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“We don't have any criticisms of the proposals. They sound well thought through and sensible to us.

Good luck with it all, and thanks for spending the time on this. We welcome any changes that may improve road safety in the area.”

TRRA Committee members' comments:

██████████ “I have concerns about the imposition of permanent parking restrictions to keep the street clear so that cars are not obstructed on their passage. This means they can go faster which is the opposite of what is safe!

The big issue is the fact that we are driving too fast and will not wait when there is a holdup but will drive down the wrong side to sustain our unlawful speed and expect others to pay to enable us to do so. Let's address the real issue: high speed.”

██████████: “My wife, ██████████, reminded me of what happened 20 years ago at Oakfield School on the South Circular ./ Croxted road Which had a huge problem with parents illegally parking and dropping kids off impacting other road users. They simply brought in a traffic warden and everyone got tickets for just one week, no excuse was accepted. Very quickly parents stopped the illegal parking and dropping and the situation improvedit is within the power of the school to request such action and they should.”

██████████: “Good to see that there is potential agreement about managing the school parking issues outside the schools. Whatever is put in place still needs common sense from drivers and parents dropping children off, which often seems to be lacking.”

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For Turney Road Residents' Association

24th June 2014