

Appendix A :

Notice of Motion to Council - Safer School Streets

Proposed by Cllr Suzie Akers Smith and Seconded by Cllr Lata Anderson.

Motion:

That Council creates a process that allows a Safer School Street to be created for all schools, where supported by those schools, which will provide a safer environment and enable children to walk and cycle to school safely.

Background

Many towns and villages across the Borough have asked for a Safer School Street. It is a big change but is necessary if we want to bring in the benefits to children as described below.

The School Streets Initiative is an advisory group that provides resources to school communities interested in promoting a school street

<http://schoolstreets.org.uk/>

A Safer School Street is a road outside a school with a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. The restriction applies to school traffic and through traffic. The result is a safer, healthier and more pleasant environment for everyone.

School Street Schemes offer a proactive solution for school communities to tackle air pollution, poor health and road danger reduction. A School Street Scheme will encourage a healthier lifestyle and active travel to school for families and lead to a better environment for everyone.

Recently in Congleton a young girl was knocked over by the driver of a car. Luckily, she escaped with cuts and bruises, but if the school had a Safer School Street, there would have been no cars to knock her over and would create a safe place for children to access their local school without worrying about speeding motor vehicles.