

Elker Meadows Prohibition of Waiting
Statement of Reasons and Justification Statement

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Following receipt of concerns regarding congestion issues on Elker Meadows and parent parking that might impair visibility splays at its junction with Elker Lane at the start and end of the school day it is proposed to introduce a Prohibition of Waiting at junction areas with kerbside parking permitted where considered safe to do so.

This proposal is to remove the parking at Elker Meadows/Elker Lane junction area that might hinder turning movements hence obscuring children crossing Elker Lane to and from the School and impairing visibility for vehicles egressing from Elker Meadows.

REASONS UNDER Section 1 of the RTRA

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or

JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT

Although the school has a car park and extensive layby on Elker Lane, provided with school use in mind, there is still overflow of parking during school pick-up times and vehicles were sometimes observed parking beyond the layby at its north end and in Elker Meadows on the junction radii, part on footways and making use of the spur to the unbuilt Children's Nursery.

Although Elker Lane does not experience high traffic flow, along with the parking concerns the nature of the road may give rise to a tendency for higher speeds on entering the 30mph limit from the north.

With the full re-opening of schools on 8 March 2021 following partial closure due to the Covid 19 pandemic school traffic volumes will now subsequently increase. Therefore, it is considered that the proposals should now be advertised to respond to the safety concerns.

The proposal is likely to affect only residents and those attending the school. As such, it is considered that site notices would be viewable to any interested party and there is no risk connected to the present Covid-19 restrictions that will compromise the advertisement of these measures.