

Vibrant and Sustainable City Scrutiny Panel – 28 September 2017

Parking near Schools – Agenda item: 5.2 Schools

Written response to questions 1-5 from The Royal School Wolverhampton

The Royal School is a free independent co-ed all through day and boarding school in Penn, Wolverhampton.

Current pupils on roll 1200 – rising to 1500 by 2021

1. The school has grown significantly in the last 2 years which has meant a significant issue for parking near and outside school. The growth was inevitably going to cause problems.
2. None reported or recorded
3. We communicate regularly with our parents, through newsletters, social media, parent forum. We ask them to follow a voluntary one way system, advise them not to block drives and park on yellow lines. We encourage the parents and pupils who live within a 3 mile radius to walk or use public transport
4. We are aware of the problem. We have communicated and listened to parents and the local community – we have held open meetings and invited residents. We have installed our own management systems so at least 12 staff are on the roads at the start and end of each day. Asked parents to follow a one way system. Our extended day means we finish later and start earlier to help manage the flow on the roads. We constantly monitor and review. We liaise with Highways and police when necessary. Reasonably successful, the traffic flows quite well, there are some parents we have to approach if parked inappropriately and we have received a couple of complaints from neighbours.
5. The Penn Road from Wolverhampton changes from a dual carriageway to a single road and this causes problems at all times of the year not just when school is in operation. An overpass between our site would reduce the need for traffic lights. More patrols from CPS and traffic warden. We have never seen the CCTV patrolling car in the streets around our school. Traffic calming measures and more monitoring of drivers – ensuring they are driving sensibly.