



17th November 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

**Re: Plaistow village road safety**

In June 2021, the Parish Council conducted a public consultation, the results of which can be found on the Parish Council's [website](#). This was a wide-ranging survey, however many of the questions sought to ascertain community support for several Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for traffic safety measures around the school and preschool in Plaistow.

TROs are legal documents that enable West Sussex County Council (WSCC), as the local highway authority, to manage traffic in the County and are prioritised on **safety, traffic conditions**, environment, economy, and **community support**. The Parish Council can make TRO applications on behalf of the community.

The TRO applications the Parish Council is considering making with respect to road safety around the school and preschool are:

1. Changing the speed limit to 20mph along Loxwood Road, Plaistow (past the shop, village hall, school, and church) – consultation results: 65% very supportive | 13% supportive (78%)
2. Better signage that Loxwood Road is unsuitable for HGVs – consultation results: 64% very supportive | 8% supportive (72%)
3. Additional school safety signage within the village - consultation results: 56% very supportive | 5% supportive (61%)
4. Additional speed signage within the village – consultation results: 43% very supportive | 13% supportive (56%)
5. Safety crossing at the three-way junction by the church/Sun Inn pub - consultation results: 42% very supportive | 8% supportive (50%)\*

Road safety around the dangerous three-way junction by the church / Sun Inn pub in Plaistow village during the 'school run' is of particular concern to the Parish Council. The hazards are not just for those families who live in Plaistow village and walk to the schools, but also for anyone who parks along The Street and then walks their children into school, navigating the junction.

Two key requirements of the TRO application process are to 1) gain the support of the County Councillor, Police, and key community partners such as the schools and 2) demonstrate the need for these measures. For this reason, the Parish Council has arranged a road safety walk-about with these key organisations/people:

Date: 15th December 2021

Time: 8:45am

If you would like to help demonstrate the need for these additional road safety measures, particularly the safety crossing point and speak to the County Councillor and Police about your concerns, then please do look out for the walk-about party when you are dropping your child(ren) to school on 15th December.

The walk-about will start promptly at 8:45am from the Nell Ball junction along Dunsfold Road and will walk to the school and preschool, across the three-way junction, and down Loxwood Road.

If you have any questions, please do contact the Parish Council Clerk on 01403 871 652 | [clerk@plaistowandifold.org.uk](mailto:clerk@plaistowandifold.org.uk)

Yours sincerely



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\*When the safety crossing result (level of support) was further 'interrogated', whereas 50% overall were supportive, this rose to 72% of those aged over 71 and 56% amongst the under 55s' who may be more likely to have younger families. Certainly, of those who have children under 18, 62% of respondents were supportive. It must also be noted that the *type* of safety crossing was not specified in the consultation, which may have influenced how people answered. However, the type of crossing being considered is a lolly-pop person at the three-way junction at key times during the day when families are arriving/collecting on the 'school run'.