

Road Safety Meeting



Date	09 November 2023
Time	14.00-15.00
Venue	Calderwood Café
Attendees	<p>Ray Kirk (RK) – Head of Projects - Stirling Developments Victoria Mungall (VM) – Development Management and Transportation Planning Manager – West Lothian Council Andrew Mackie (AM) – Property Capital Programme Lead – West Lothian Council Rowena Japp (RJ) – Calderwood Primary Parent Council Kate Robertson (KR) – Calderwood Primary Parent Council Lucy Wright (LW) – Calderwood Primary Parent Council</p> <p>Apologies: Allison Kennedy – West Lothian Council</p>

Introduction

- RJ provided update on situation to date
 - A number of vehicles have been parking down Nethershiel Road and causing significant risks to pedestrians trying to cross. There have been several near misses.
 - This has been exacerbated by the closure of the path in front of Barratt flats and general construction traffic but road safety has been a concern since school opened – high volume of traffic at the school (which will only increase as the school gets bigger) and the junction next to it is a bottleneck.
 - There are also concerns regarding construction traffic movement around drop off and pick up time.
 - PC had approached council previously and were advised that the route to school had been assessed and didn't meet the criteria to have a school crossing patrol guide.
 - PC has been doing what they can to help – moving people on/posting on social media but not sure what else can be done from our side.
 - Have been in discussions with Police Scotland who have said they will do spot patrols.
 - Stirling Developments have provided cones as a temporary measure, which has helped, but some drivers have still not been complying.

Parking on Nethershiel Road

- RK explained that whilst Stirling Developments want to ensure safety, the plans for the development focus on measures other than signage, e.g. landscaped junctions similar to the café. The plan is for all junctions at the school cross to be landscaped this way. RK couldn't confirm timescale for this but likely to be in the medium term.
- KR mentioned that the current layout of the junction causes issues in itself as vehicles have to swing out around the rocks onto the other side of the road.
- RK advised that the path in front of the Barratt flats is still on track to be open in December. This should hopefully help ease the flow of pedestrians.
- LW raised concerns about what will happen when Village square construction starts and the impact of traffic visiting the square once opened. RK advised that parking for the square will be off Nethershiel Lane so traffic will be diverted away from school.
- VM suggested it might be worthwhile adding "Road Closed" (except local access) signs at crossing as a temporary measure until construction traffic eases.

ACTION 1: RK and VM to consider whether "Road Closed" signs can be implemented and provide update.

- RK advised that there had been concerns raised by residents about speeds on Nethershiel Road and Stirling Developments had undertaken some monitoring. Generally speeds have been ok – consistently averaging around 20-25mph.
- KR asked whether it would be possible for path on north side of Nethershiel Lane to be properly surfaced so it could also be used. Currently parents are having to cross over twice at busy junction when they could potentially cross once and then walk further down Nethershiel Lane before crossing to the other side.

ACTION 2: RK to explore and report back on whether making this path more useable would be possible.

- KR and RJ also queried whether the muddy side down Nethershiel Road towards back gate of school could be turned into pavement to provide another space for pedestrians. RK advised this will happen in time but back gate is likely not going to be open until at least August next year.
- RJ queried whether they could put weighted red/white bollards (similar to crossing) on muddy bank rather than cones as some parents have still been moving them.

ACTION 3: RK to explore and report back on whether Stirling Developments can provide red/white bollards.

- KR asked them to consider whether double yellow or zig zag lines could be added to side of school (even as a temporary measure as road will likely be resurfaced after Village Square construction).

- KR raised that almost all other schools in West Lothian have these markings and it's unfair that pupils' safety at Calderwood is being compromised by not having similar markings in place.

ACTION 4: RK to discuss with Stirling Developments and advise on whether double yellow/zig zag lines are possible.

- RK and VM advised that they think this is a temporary issue due to construction but LW raised concerns about longer term issues due to increasing size of school (and corresponding increase in volume of cars). Once temporary cones are removed, it is likely vehicles will start parking there again.
- RJ also mentioned that PC had been looking into whether we could get signs to attach to side of school.

ACTION 5: RJ to look into signs further and provide update.

Construction Traffic

- LW, RJ and RK mentioned concerns from parents and carers around construction traffic movement during peak times (i.e. drop off and pick up)
- VM mentioned that there may be restrictions in the planning consents.
- AM checked and only restrictions in planning consents were 8-6pm on weekdays and 8-1pm on Saturdays. However, AM advised that Morrison Construction will have a contractual obligation to help minimise disruption to school and should also have a traffic management plan in place. LW queried whether further information on this could be shared and AM confirmed that it could.

ACTION 6: AM to provide further information on Morrison Construction traffic management plan.

- AM advised that if parent council have concerns we should be raising with the school in the first instance who can then escalate to council planning if necessary. Any parents who have concerns about construction traffic movements during peak times (i.e. drop off/pick up times) should email calderwoodpspc@gmail.com with details, i.e. 2 HGVs and diggers at 3.15pm on Thursday 9th of November and so on.

ACTION 7: PC to collate and feed any concerns about construction traffic movements to school.

- KR asked whether there are similar requirements for other contractors working in close proximity to school (e.g. Barratt and David Wilson). Likely that their planning consents will likely have similar restrictions to Morrison but not likely to prohibit movement during school drop off/pick up times.
- RK advised that there is going to be a meeting with all contractors in near future. RJ asked whether parent council members could be invited.

ACTION 8: RJ to follow up with RK on contractor meeting.

Next Steps

- All agreed that further meetings are needed.

Summary of Actions

1. RK and VM to consider whether "Road Closed" signs can be implemented and provide update.
2. RK to explore and report back on whether making path on north side of Nethershiel Lane more useable would be possible.
3. RK to explore and report back on whether Stirling Developments can provide red/white bollards.
4. RK to discuss with Stirling Developments and advise on whether double yellow/zig zag lines are possible.
5. RJ to look into signs further and provide update.
6. AM to provide further information on Morrison Construction traffic management plan.
7. PC to feed any concerns about construction traffic movements to school.
8. RJ to follow up with RK on contractor meeting.