

Re: Re: Parking/No waiting-Bishops Lydeard Primary School

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Dave,

I recommend that the matter is considered by the Parish Council and if it's agreed that the existing yellow zig zag lines by the pedestrian entrance on Mount Street and the vehicle entrance on Quantock View require enforcement the Parish Council need to contact SC Highways for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

It would be helpful to have the active support of Cllr Rigby in taking the application forward to Somerset Council.

I have previously spoken to James about road safety concerns in relation to the school. The school actively promotes pedestrian access to the school and safe routes for parents and children to use. So, the Parish Council's decision to resurface the streamside footpath has significantly improved a key pedestrian route to the school. The pedestrian route to school continues up Hamber Lea and into Quantock View via the footpath.

Additionally, parents who need to use a car are encouraged to park in the VH car park and to continue their journey to school via Hamber Lea and the footpath into Quantock View.

However, there is a continuing problem with this access route as the footpath from Hamber Lea to QV routinely floods in the winter/spring and makes this key route impassable for parents and children. The section of Quantock View adjacent the footpath floods and inundates residents gardens.

The repair of the soakaway drain has been logged as an MP Enquiry (on behalf of a QV resident) with Somerset Council and I am still awaiting confirmation of when the drain will be repaired.

Rachel Gilmour MP has expressed her support for all measures to improve road safety in and around the school entrances.

The parking on Mount Street and QV seems to be increasingly chaotic and needs better management. It would be helpful to work with the school to encourage safe parking & promote road safety messages to parents and residents at drop off and collection times.

An early consultation with James Dakin and the Community Speed Group would be advisable.

I am happy for my email to be shared with Parish Councillors and the public.

Regards

Phil

From: Parish Clerk <clerk@bishopslydeardparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 June 2026 13:59

To: DURBAN, Philip <philip.durban@parliament.uk>

Subject: Re: Parking/No waiting-Bishops Lydeard Primary School

Hi Phil,

I would like to share this email with the councillors ahead of the Parish Council meeting next week. Is it OK with you for me to share this email and if so would you like me to share it with your details redacted or as it is?

Kind regards

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Clerk/ RFO

Bishops Lydeard & Cothelstone Parish Council

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From: DURBAN, Philip <philip.durban@parliament.uk>

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Date: Wed, 24 Jun 2026 11:47:27 +0100

Subject: Parking/No waiting-Bishops Lydeard Primary School

Dave,

There seems to be an opportunity to improve road safety for children and parents accessing the Primary School.

The school actively promotes safe routes to the school entrances on Mount Street and Quantock View. Families are encouraged to park at the VH car park and walk their children via Hamber Lea and the footpath to the QV entrance.

Ensuring that a no parking/waiting on the zig zag lines at the start and end of the school day will improve road safety and meet the Parish Council's objectives in relation to simple and cost-effective road safety improvements in the village.

A request from the Parish Council for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) needs urgent consideration.

I have no doubt the school will be very supportive, and Rachel Gilmour MP is clear about the need for improvements to road safety in the immediate vicinity of all schools.

In addition, I suggest you consult with Cllr Bainbridge and lead member of the BL Community Speed Watch Team for her view.

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Given the Parish Council's current links with Highways, with input from Cllr Rigby, and Parish Council endorsement, this matter could be resolved reasonably quickly.

Regards

Phil

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