



St Bede's Catholic Primary School Safer Routes to School Scheme -Consultation Pack

Consultation Pack Content:

- Information about the proposed Safer Routes to School Scheme on Kingsway and Thompson St East.
- Drawings of the proposals.
- Questionnaire with options to respond via pre-paid post, online or QR code.

**Please provide comments on this proposal by
midnight on Sunday 23rd of June**

We need your views.

Darlington Borough Council is committed to giving residents a say in how local services are planned and delivered. We therefore welcome your views on the proposed changes to introduce a 20mph zone around St Bede's Catholic Primary School incorporating Kingsway and a section of Thompson St East.

Darlington's Transport Strategy

Darlington's Transport Plan (2023 – 2030) seeks to improve safety for all road users and reduce the impact of transport on the environment. This includes a safer and more convenient highway network around schools delivered through School 20mph and Speed Management Schemes. All schemes are supported by a programme of education, information, and publicity to inform residents of the travel choices available to them and their impact on the environment.

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What we are proposing (please see attached drawings)

Thompson Street East and Kingsway.

We are proposing to improve road safety around St Bede's School by installing the following features:

- Two raised crossing facilities on Thompson Street East with the eastern location incorporating a refurbished signalised crossing.
- Installation of a more clearly visible raised crossing facility on Kingsway along the school frontage.
- Creation of a 20mph zone along Thompson Street East and Kingsway accompanied by appropriate features, signs, and road markings.
- A refresh of existing parking restrictions and school 'Keep Clears'.
- Installation of a speed indicator device on Thompson Street East approaching the railway bridge in the Northern footway, to prompt drivers to be mindful of their speed.

Physical features have been selected for Thompson Street East to encourage lower vehicle speeds. Traffic speed surveys have demonstrated that lighter measures in the form of road markings (20mph roundels) are appropriate to accompany the proposed 20mph zone around Kingsway.

Why are these measures necessary?

The Council is committed to providing a safer highway network around schools to reduce the risk of road traffic collisions. We believe that these proposed measures will increase the safety of school children and residents in this area whilst encouraging more people to make active travel choices.

What do you need to do?

Please take the time to consider our proposals as indicated on the attached plans and then complete the short questionnaire. The questionnaire has a space for views and comments which will be considered as part of the consultation process.

If you wish to ask specific questions, then you can contact us using the contact details below.

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Following the consultation exercise, we will contact you again with details of the approved package of works. At this stage you would be given the opportunity to object formally to the legal orders required to create the proposed 20mph zone if you wish to do so.

How do you find out more and get involved?

This pack provides information on our proposed scheme and a questionnaire is included to give you the opportunity to make comment on the proposals. However, if there is something you think we have missed or you would like us to consider, please let us know this too.

The scheme details may also be viewed via the Darlington Borough Council website www.darlington.gov.uk/stbede'sprimary. If you would like more detail on a particular part of the scheme proposal before responding, please contact Noel Walecki (Highway Design Manager) on (01325) 406706.

You can provide us with your views by:

- Post using the attached questionnaire and prepaid envelope.
- Completing the online questionnaire at, <https://forms.office.com/e/7UEgg6X2pi>
- Capturing the QR code here.



Our commitment

We will give an undertaking to:

- Consider the feasibility of the scheme as a whole or in part.
- Listen and consider comments.
- Make appropriate changes to scheme.

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- Advise residents of the outcome of this consultation and the next stages.

To have your say on the St Bede's Catholic Primary School – Safer Routes to School Schemes please return the completed questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope or go to the online consultation at: www.darlington.gov.uk/stbede'sprimary

The consultation will close at midnight on the 23rd of June. All responses must be received or postmarked by that date.

Questionnaire

Safer Routes to Schools proposal on Kingsway and Thompson St East.

Please take the time to read the attached consultation pack and comment on the following elements of the scheme. It is broken down into parts so that you may make your view known on the different aspects of the scheme. You may be supportive of some parts of the scheme but have concerns about other parts. Please circle Yes or No.

It is possible to send comments online at: www.darlington.gov.uk/stbede'sprimary

All personal information provided will be kept secure and not shared by Darlington Borough Council for reporting purposes as per General Data Protection Regulations (UK)

More information can be found at: <https://www.darlington.gov.uk/your-council/data-protection-and-freedom-of-information/privacy-notice>

Do you agree? YES/NO (Please circle)

Name

Address

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Email or telephone number

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Do you support the creation of an improved pedestrian route to St Bede's Catholic Primary School? YES/NO

Do you support the creation of the proposed 20mph speed reduction zone? (as indicated on the plan) YES/NO

Do you approve of the type and location of the proposed traffic calming features? YES/NO

Do you support the proposal for a raised Puffin crossing on Thompson St East? YES/NO

Do you support the proposal to install a speed indicator device on Thompson Street East? YES/NO

If you have answered NO to any of the above or have any further comments including suggestions for alternative solutions, please indicate in the space below.

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If you require help completing this form or would like more information before responding, please contact Noel Walecki (Highway Design Manager) on (01325) 406706 or email

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