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Melbourn Parish Council

Improving safety around Melbourn Primary School

Our Proposal

Repeated efforts by the PTFA and School to improve road safety around the Primary School, such as staff monitoring, highlighting safe parking and communication with users have not been successful, underscoring the need for robust action through this application.


This proposal aims to ensure safer access for children while addressing the long-term needs of a growing community.



Reinstating the raised crossing on Orchard Road with the addition of a chicane to increase pavement safety.

The pinch point crossing would slow traffic along Orchard Road – this would improve safety for pedestrians using the narrow pathways and crossing the thoroughfare.

- The more defined crossing area would improve safety by highlighting a safe crossing point to all carriageway users.
- Discouraging rat running along Orchard Road and reducing traffic around the Primary School.

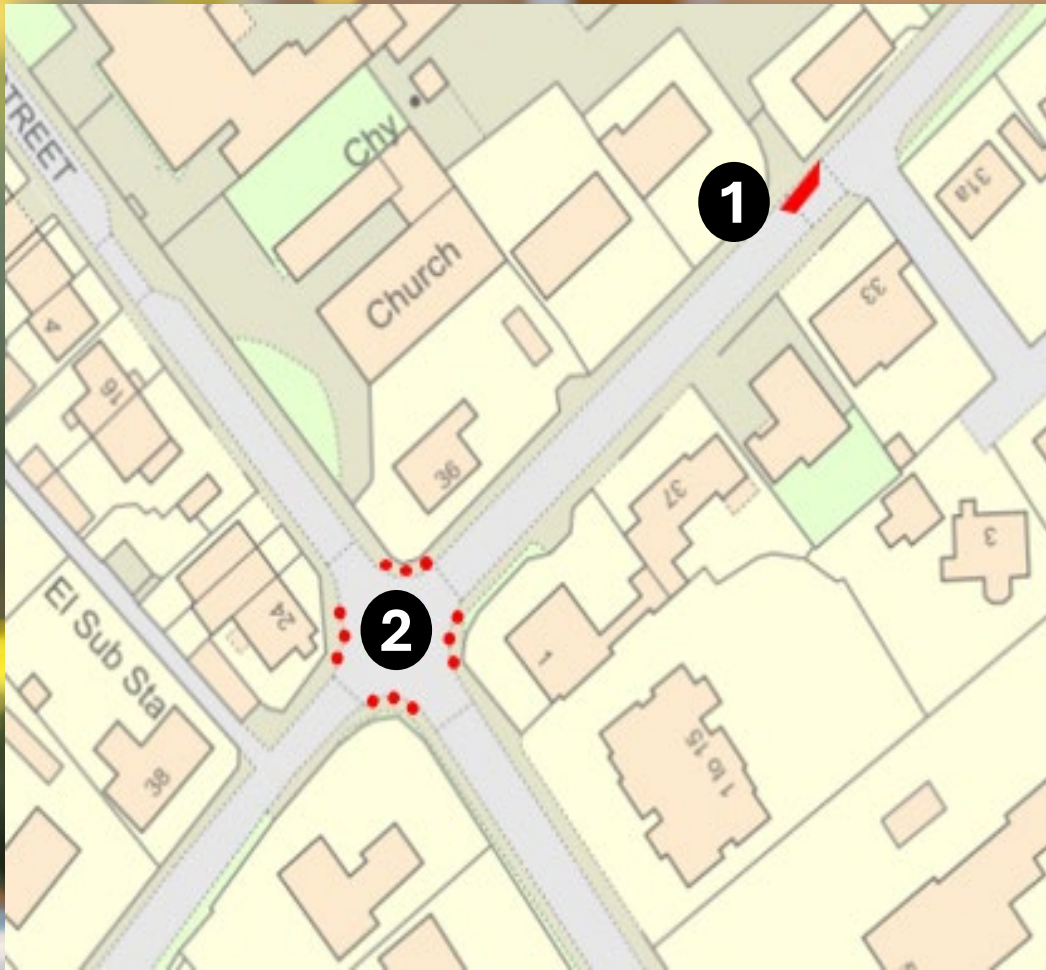


Replacing bollards or adding fencing at the Orchard Road/Mortlock Street crossroads.

The re-installation of the bollards / fencing at the crossing would help to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement when turning the corner and causing a hazard for pedestrians.

- Supporting the Greenways by providing safer crossing and encouraging active travel to and from the school.
- Supporting other initiatives, such as the 20mph village wide speed limit, by reducing vehicle speed on a main pedestrian and vehicle thoroughfare.

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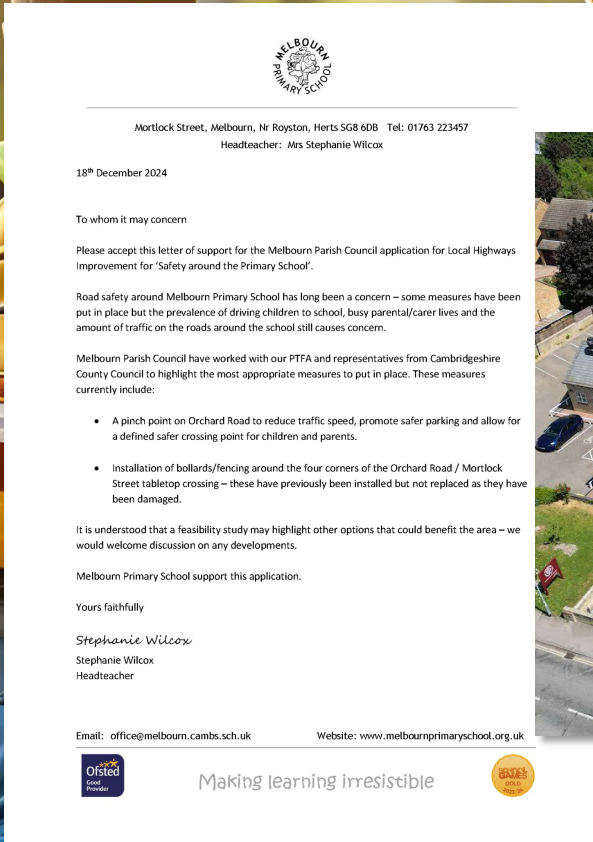
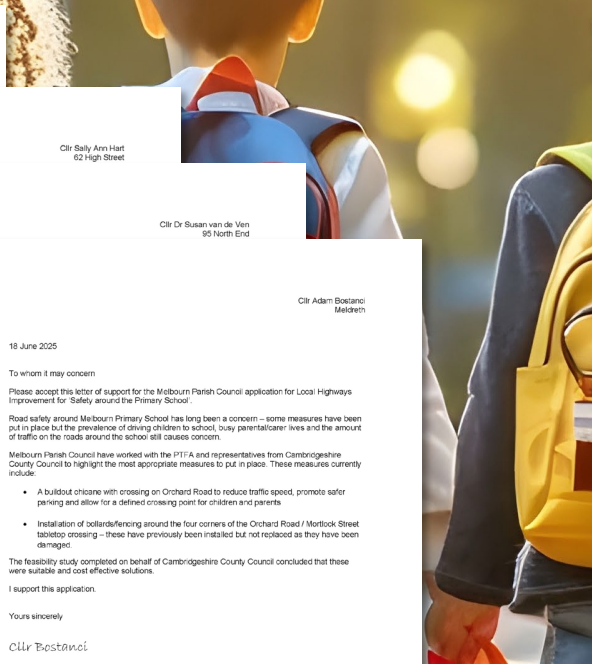
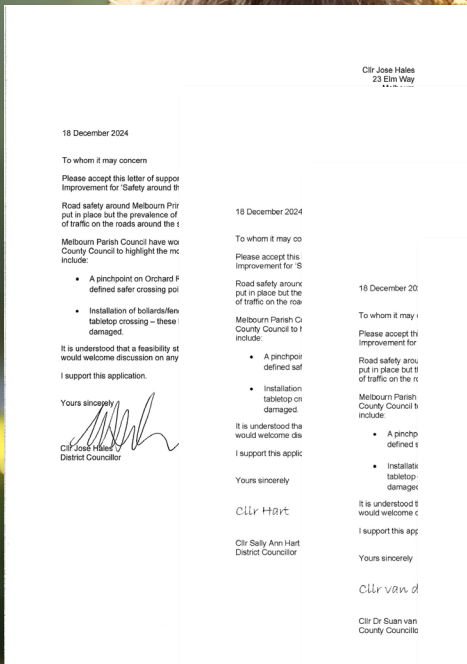
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Supporting the community

Local, District and County support has been demonstrated for the project – community engagement is currently underway to inform residents, parents and children of the plans.

Delivery of this improvement would support the 20mph speed limit project, support the Melbourn Greenway developments and support the school in delivering improved safe passage to and from School for all.



Feasibility

Melbourn Parish Council worked with Highways to complete a feasibility study. Cllrs walked the route with Evans and discussed the options –ensuring proposals had the least impact on residents, parking and traffic flow, while delivery the most benefit.

It was concluded that the option for road marking refresh (which the Council intend on implementing), a chicane with build-out modifications and pedestrian guardrails at the crossroads would be the most beneficial.

Melbourn Parish Council are committed to contributing 50% of the funds for these essential works.

Melbourn Parish Council extend our thanks to the team at Highways and Local Projects for their advice and consideration of this application.

Any questions?