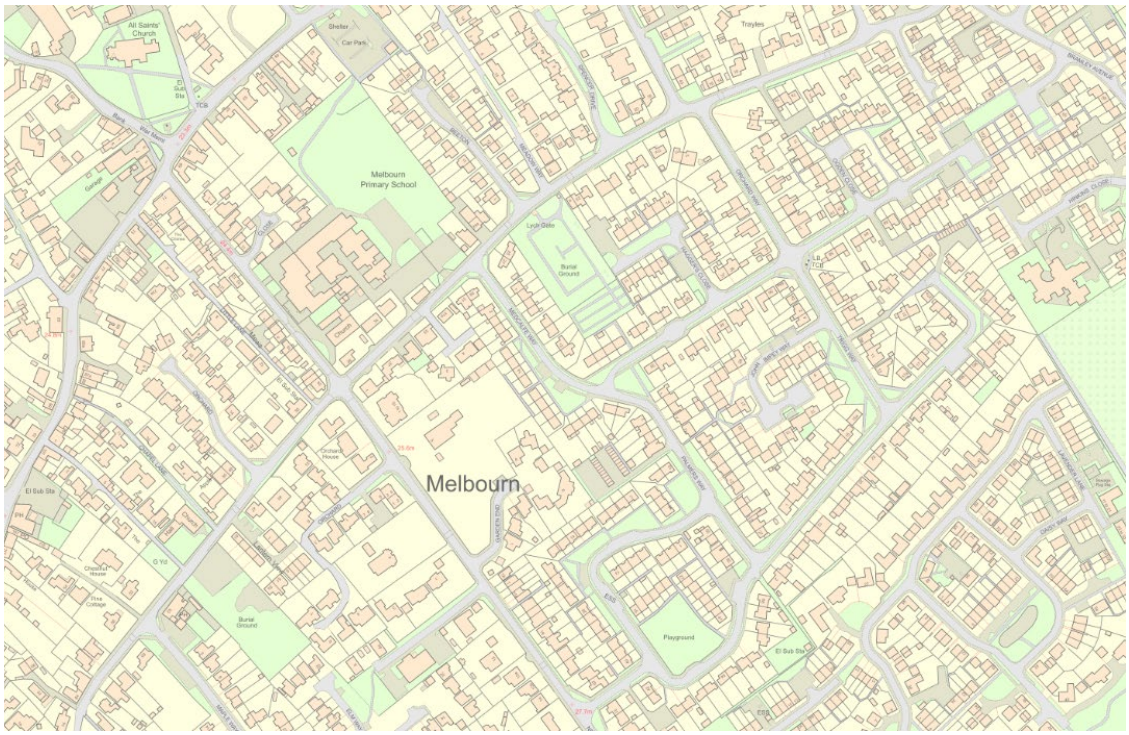
PC090 2627c) School Street update

17 August 2026

Teams meeting between SS (Active Travel Officer), MP (LHI Project Manager), Cllr Clark, Cllr Campbell and Clerk.



SS introduced the concept of a School Street and listened to concerns from Cllrs. Melbourn Primary School approached CCC about the scheme – CCC carried out the assessment and agreed that the area was suitable for the School Street. It was only after the assessment that the Active Travel team were aware of the current LHI.

SS discussed:

- Volunteers – 5 or 6 volunteers are required for the scheme to start – if, after the scheme has started volunteer numbers drop the school street is still valid legally but no barriers will be in place and only signage will restrict drivers.
- Concern around securing volunteers.
- Running the two schemes together at the same time is seen as a positive move by both parties.
- Comms to start through school communications – September School Fayre. Cllr Clark offered the option of an event at The Hub to show Parish Council support.

MP discussed:

- Option to go ahead with both schemes – risk of spending money that wasn't needed if School Street were to work.
- Implement barrier element of LHI at Orchard Road / Mortlock Street crossing – look at delivering the road chicane after a trial of the school street (18 months).
- Shelve the LHI for a period of time (finds ringfenced and available to use later).
- Design for LHI to be available in the next month (September / October). Then joint consultation could take place.

ACTION:

- Abi to send streets impacted by rat runs to SS. (Attached)
- Parish Council to ensure wider community is consulted at the right time.

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3 September 2026

Email from SS (Active Travel Officer)

Following on from our meeting earlier in the summer, I would like to share with you the attached information we are planning to send out to the local community and ask if you have any alterations before we do. Our intention is to send this out at the end of next week/the start of the week after. We would distribute via school emails and a letter drop to local residents. We would also ask for posters to be displayed locally and would be happy for the Parish Council to share via their communication strategies too.

You did mention that there is an option of a Saturday afternoon at the Melbourn hub. If there are any potential dates for that please do let me know and I can review them against my calendar. If we can fix that up by early next week it can be included in our communications otherwise it will need to be promoted separately.

We will be undertaking some observations on streets during our visits to the area. If there are particular streets of concern do let me know.

- Cllr Clark raised concern over promoting the School Street scheme and not including the LHI as previously discussed.
- Meeting between SS and Cllrs to take place 30 September 2026.
- Cllr Clark to provide update.

Attached:

- Impacted roads map
- CCC engagement letter
- CCC engagement poster

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Proposed School Street
(Orchard Road – Medcalfe Way)

Clear Crescent, Palmers Way, Medcalfe Way

Clear Crescent, Palmers Way, Medcalfe Way, Orchard Way

Clear Crescent, Fordham Way, Trigg Way, Orchard Way

New Road, Mortlock Street

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New Road



Mortlock Street



Palmers Way



Clear Crescent



Orchard Way



Medcalfe Way



Fordham Way



Clear Crescent



Medcalfe Way



Trigg Way

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Dear Residents, Melbourn Primary School families and local businesses,

To improve the journeys to and from school around Melbourn Primary School we are looking into the use of a School Street on Orchard Road. This would create a temporary pedestrian and cyclist zone on the road for a short period at the start of the school day. The School Street would potentially operate between the junctions with New Road and Medcalfe Way.

A small amount of vehicle traffic, such as residents from inside the restriction, will have exemptions but most motor vehicles will need to find an alternative route or make their journeys at an alternative time.

The school street zone could operate from 8:20am to 8:50am and 3:20pm to 3:50pm on school days. A temporary barrier will be placed in the road by a volunteer marshal to help with the restriction and allow access to any exempted vehicle.

We are pleased to invite you to an information drop-in session regarding our proposed School Streets for Melbourn Primary School. These sessions will provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and share your views.

Date: Friday, 18th September
Time: 5pm to 7pm
Location: Melbourn Primary School Fair

Date: Tuesday, 22nd September
Time: 8am to 10am
Location: Melbourn Primary School, Orchard Rd entrance

Date: Wednesday, 30th September

Time: 3pm to 5pm
Location: Melbourn Primary School, Orchard Rd entrance

We appreciate the timing may not suit everyone, so additional questions and comments can be sent to School.Streets@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Further information about this and other school streets can be found on our website https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/school-streets

Following the engagement sessions, we will then consider feedback and look to create an Experimental Traffic Order (ETRO). An ETRO is like a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order - it is a legal document which imposes traffic and parking restrictions. We use ETROs to see if a scheme will work in practice.

An ETRO can stay in force for up to a maximum of 18 months while the effects are monitored and assessed. We welcome feedback throughout the process, however, formal objections to the order must be made in the first six months of it coming into force.

If changes to an ETRO are made, six months are allowed for objection from the date those changes came into operation. A decision on whether the changes introduced as part of the ETRO will be removed or made permanent must be made within 18 months of an order coming into force.

There is opportunity for anyone to feedback comments. The decision to make a scheme permanent will follow our formal decision-making process.

Your input is valuable to us, and we look forward to your participation.

Yours faithfully,

[redacted]
School Streets Team
Cambridgeshire County Council

Creating a healthier and greener school commute

A school street for…

Melbourn Primary School

What is happening?

Melbourn Primary is considering trialing a School Street on Orchard Road. This road could become **a pedestrian and cycle zone for a short period** at the start and end of the school day.

We are running an engagement process to hear what families, residents and other users of the road think.

Why are we doing this?

Reducing motor traffic creates a healthier and safer environment around the school entrance. It encourages active journeys from a young age. Walking to school helps children connect to their local area and gives them the skills to travel independently to school by the end of primary school.

Where can I find out more?

Further information can be found on Cambridgeshire County Council website at **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk\school-streets**

We will be hosting drop-in information sessions at the school at the times shown below where you can ask questions and have your voice heard.

Alternatively, you can share your thoughts by email: school.streets@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

How will it work?

Volunteer marshals will place movable barriers at the ends of the School Street zone. They will enable cycles and pedestrians to flow through and can be moved aside for any exempted vehicles to pass. Barriers will be supervised by trained volunteers throughout the time of operation.

Come to an information session:

Friday 18th September	5-7 pm	Melbourn school fair
Tuesday 22nd September	8-10 am	Melbourn Primary, Orchard Rd entrance
Wednesday 30th September	3-5 pm	Melbourn Primary, Orchard Rd entrance



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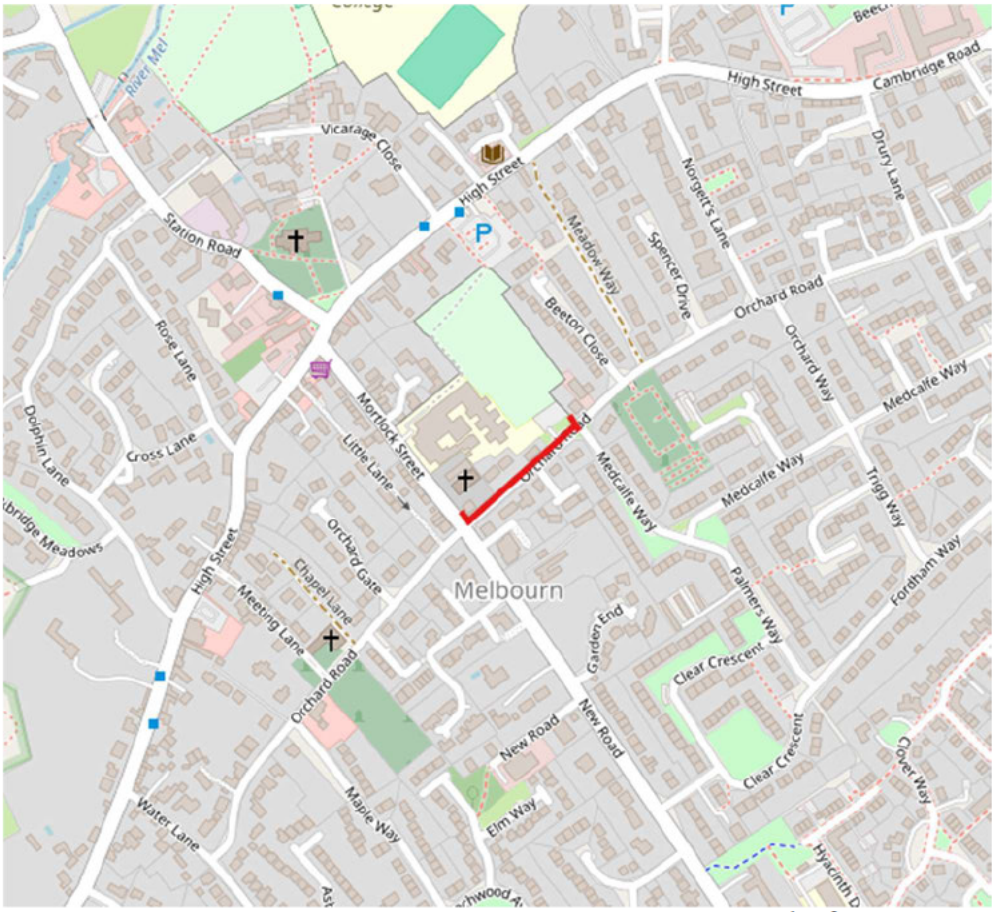
Melbourn Primary School Street

We would like to trial a School Street on Orchard Road. This would create a **pedestrian and cycle zone on the road for a short period** at the start and end of the school day. If you are driving to school, we ask you to find a space to park a short walk away. Get in touch to share your thoughts on how this scheme will work.

Following on from the engagement there will be further communication before any scheme is implemented.



Map data from OpenStreetMap

Residents from within the school street will still have access to drive carefully to and from their homes. A small number of other exemptions will be permitted for essential access.

Temporary barriers will be put in place to enforce the restriction. These will have volunteer marshals present to allow access to those with exemptions. All barriers will be removed when the School Street is not in operation. Can you help by volunteering? Contact the school office if you can support for one session a week.

Melbourn Primary School Street

Mornings 8.20am to 8.50am

Afternoons 3.20 to 3.50pm

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