

Policy Area	Business, Employment, Transport and Infrastructure
Policy	Education and Transport
Issue	<p>There are parking concerns in and around the four primary schools in our Parish – namely Blackwater, Mithian, Mount Hawke and St Agnes.</p> <p>There are insufficient parking facilities at drop off and collection times; if more children were able to walk/cycle to school safely this would help to alleviate the problem.</p>
Objective	<p>To discourage further vehicular movements close to the schools by encouraging children to walk or cycle by using designated foot or cycle paths. Allocate places where children can be dropped off and then walk the remainder of their journey safely to school, this could involve a “Walking Bus” or “Park and Stride” initiatives.</p>
Evidence	<p>*Post it notes from initial ward presentations There were many comments regarding parking and vehicular speed across the parish but more specifically, - although a resident in Blackwater commented the school was excellent and two commented that there was a good bus service for the children to Mount Hawke Academy from Porthtowan, - there was a comment regarding the school expansion in Mount Hawke without adequate parking/road safety plans. Also, three comments of concern from Porthtowan regarding the provision of transport to Mt Hawke Academy.</p> <p>*In the Have your Say questionnaire Q9 53% responded that their child did not walk to school. Q 10 the reasons for this were firstly lack of pavement followed by fourthly a lack of cycle lane or track. (In answer to Q22 48.66% stated that current transport provision was not adequate for their needs) ** This might not apply to this policy.</p>

	<p>Q23 Of the 1,123 who answered, over 50% stated that they thought the cycle paths were not adequate.</p> <p>*Feedback from community events.</p> <p>Blackwater – North Road, is too narrow, two cars cannot pass. Widen the road and put in a pavement.</p> <p>Mithian. The speed of traffic. (there is a 20 mph limit outside the school at pick up and drop off times)</p> <p>Mount Hawke – comments were made about the lack of parking, and the need for parking control measures. (This is very evident at school drop off and pick up times).</p> <p>St Agnes – extending the footpath to Pressingoll Barn x3.</p> <p>Porthtowan – Bus to school is the lifeblood, must continue. (Funded by CC?)</p> <p>Pavements and cycle lanes as healthy options in the village.</p> <p>The admission figures for 2017 show that although there will be spaces at St Agnes school, due to the recent school expansion, the reception classes in our other 3 schools are likely to be full. The expansion of St Agnes school will bring extra traffic and parking problems. (Trying to find the figures for 2017 but these may not be available until end March/April).</p>
<p>Policy direction</p>	<p>To ensure that where there are new developments adequate footpaths or cycle tracks are put in place in order that children can walk or cycle to school without the need for being transported by car. To be in line with the NDP vision.</p>
<p>Policy wording</p>	<p>New development must ensure the adequate provision of walking and or cycling routes to link with existing footpaths and cycle routes to the appropriate primary school</p>
<p>Links to other policies</p>	<p>Transport and Infrastructure (Getting Around)</p>

<p>Similar policies in other NDP's</p>	<p>Cornwall Local plan policy 27 paras 2, 4 and 5. Roseland Policy SF2 sustainable transport St Ives Sustainable Transport T1 Truro Policy T3 sustainable transport NPPF4 promoting sustainable transport para 37 Cornwall Council – Sustainable modes of transport Aim 5 (healthy life styles) Sustrans – The school run</p>
<p>Comments</p>	<p>The parish council receives frequent complaints from residents in Mount Hawke and St Agnes regarding traffic congestion and indiscriminate parking when parents drop off and collect children from school. Many parents with children at Mithian school park on the road or verges of the main road outside the school.</p> <p>In Blackwater, there is congestion on North Hill. It is very evident if one visits any of our schools at drop off or collection times that there is a lot of congestion near any of the schools. No school has enough adequate, safe parking close to it and this results in vehicles being parked in inappropriate places.</p> <p>Both the Parish Council and our Cornwall Council members have been working with Cornwall Council and the schools to see how this problem can be alleviated.</p>
