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Dear Sirs

I wish to object against your proposal to apply 'school time' parking restrictions at Ingleby Barwick, near to Barley Fields Primary School.

My Daughter attends Barley Fields and I drive her to school each morning. Unfortunately, I have no choice but to use my car for the school run as it's too far for my seven year old Daughter to walk alone and I have to head straight to work afterwards.

I currently park on Holystone Drive, as do a handful of parents. I park my car responsibly and with the utmost consideration for residents and I have not at any time witnessed any other parent not doing likewise. Parents of children attending Barley Fields Primary School are parked up and gone within a period of about 15 minutes. I do not consider that any inconvenience is caused - the stretch of roadway where parents tend to park and where you intend to apply the restriction has a wide section of pathway for pedestrians and is opposite only a small number of houses. If I chose to live so near to a school, particularly on a large housing estate, I would expect to experience some increased traffic at core times. I do not understand what you hope to achieve by applying these parking restrictions as if this is causing such a 'problem' then all you will do is simply move the 'problem' elsewhere.

It's all well and good applying parking restrictions in nearby roads if you can provide sufficient parking at the school but there is a severe shortage of parking on Lamb Lane. The only reason I park on Holystone Drive is because Lamb Lane is chaotic at school drop off/pick up times and earlier this year I had a bump in my car which I don't want to happen again. Lamb Lane is already a serious accident waiting to happen. I fear that your parking restrictions will force more vehicles onto Lamb Lane at very congested times putting children's safety at increased risk. There is a huge, overgrown field on Lamb Lane that would make an ideal car park and offer the perfect solution to the parking shortage.

I am informed that there is an expectation for parents affected by these restrictions to start using Tesco's car park. I have parked there in the past and stopped because of the tail backs and length of time it took to get out when I needed to get to work, so this does not offer me a suitable parking alternative.

Furthermore and finally, I consider it to be unfair to stop road tax payers parking in these residential areas for whatever reason they choose, whether this be for the school run or not.

Yours faithfully



MISS L ARUNDALE