



Traffic Issues on Jeffcock Road, High Green – Key outcomes from Residents Survey - 2022

Introduction

As a result of concerns received, in early 2022 Ecclesfield Parish Council and Sheffield City undertook a joint survey of households of Jeffcock Road, High Green, Sheffield.

The purpose of the survey was to gather resident's views and opinions on traffic issues along Jeffcock Road and how any issues might best be addressed.

A questionnaire was delivered by hand to all households on Jeffcock Road in February 2022. The questionnaire could be completed in paper form and returned to the Parish Council by hand or by using the supplied stamp addressed envelope. Alternatively, it could be completed electronically.

A total of 17 completed questionnaires were received from the 56 delivered. Of which 3 were received online and 14 in paper form. This represents an estimated 30.4% household response rate.

Key Findings

Q1: Please confirm if you live on Jeffcock Road?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 1

Perhaps unsurprising the vast majority (10 or 94%) of respondents stated that they lived on Jeffcock Road. The other respondent stated that they visited on a regular basis a family member who lived on the road.

Q2: If you do not live on Jeffcock Road, how regularly do you visit/park on there & what are the concerns you have regarding this road?

Answered: 3 Skipped: 14

This was an open-ended question and three responses were received:

"Can be up to five days a week, a bend as we back onto driveway + off =cars etc come round to fast - really don't stop!!= a very bad danger".

"The road is too tight cars go too fast people park on the pavement."

"Visit my mum at least twice a week. Road is very narrow at points almost impossible for two cars to pass. Cars drive too fast for narrowness and blind bends. Too many cars park almost fully on the path. You have to continuously walk on the road which is dangerous with prams and speed of cars".

Q3: With regards to Jeffcock Road - how concerned are you regarding the below issues?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 0

The findings showed that respondents were very concerned about all the three issues identified:

- The main area of most concern was 'speed of cars', with 94% (or 16) of respondents stating that they were extremely concerned about it, and 6% (1) slightly concerned. No respondents stated that they were not at all concerned about this.
- This was followed by 'amount of cars'. 76.5% (13) of respondents were extremely concerned and 17.6% (2) were slightly concerned about this. 1 respondent (or 5.9%) stated that they were not at all concerned.
- 76.5% (13) of respondents were extremely concerned about 'pedestrian safety' and 11.8% (2). 2 respondents (11.8%) stated that they were not at all concerned.

Q4: Please state if you have any other concerns regarding transport issues on Jeffcock Road?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 3

This was an open-ended question, and the 14 responses were grouped by theme frequency. The main themes were:

- Parking (including blocking drives).
- Road too narrow/small.
- Too much traffic along the road.
- Pedestrian safety.

Some typical and illustrative responses are given below:

"It is a generally busy road as cars seem to use it as a thoroughfare."

"The traffic is far too heavy. It has got much worse since Sainsburys, Paces and the leisure centre also it is being used as a short cut to the north (i.e. M1) of the area by people from lower High Green, Chapeltown and Burncross. Most driving at excessive speed"

"Car parking on the corner of Angram Road. It makes this busy access just a single lane carriageway with considerable blind spots, and it could be very dangerous for both".

"People parking in front of driveways making it hard to get off drive, also people parking on pavements people with prams have to go on the road to pass."

"We think the road is too narrow for two way traffic and parked cars".

"The amount of traffic on our road is concerning (evenings mostly affected) passing traffic having to mount the kerb to pass each other on the bend"

"People & mothers with prams & children having to walk on road. Motor bike doing wheels. Cars on pavement and being able to get through gate".

Q5: Please tell us what you think would be the most effective options to improve Highway safety along Jeffcock Road?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 0

The overall message from the respondents was that something needed to be done to improve highway safety, though views differed to this open-ended question on the most effective way to do this. When coded and grouped by theme.

- The options mentioned most by respondents were (i) some form of traffic calming measures (with various suggestions being made including speed bumps and a 20 mph speed limit) and (ii) One way or blocking the road at one end and (ii) some form of parking restrictions. Both of these options were mentioned 9 times.
- Next came some form of parking restrictions, such as the introduction of double yellow lines and resident only parking scheme. This option was mentioned 5 times.
- Of the two other suggested options, one respondent stated that vans should be banned and another that urging that a one-way system should not be introduced.

Some typical and illustrative responses are given below:

“Double yellow lines on the worst areas. Speed reduction to 20mph on Jeffcock Road and Angram Road with penalties for parking with 2 wheels on the pavements”.

“Block road at Circle end to stop motor cars & cycles or 20mph limit.”

“Speed limits signs. When trying to get of your own drive cars are on top of you within seconds.”

“One way system and carefully placed speed bumps.”

“One way system no good at all still got people parking on footpath people having to walk on road with prams and disable scooter or with wheelchair”.

“Make it one way only and make a 20 miles road”.

“To close the road at the Angram Road end, allowing access to Angram road, the park and the shops from Mortomley Road. This area is so narrow vehicles have great difficulty going through, there is no footpath because of parked cars, pedestrians are having to walk in the traffic.”

“Make this road a one way system!!! Reduce speed limit!!!”

Q6: If you feel parking is an issue, what parking control(s) would you suggest be established?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 8

The most common suggestion by a wide margin was introduction of double or single yellow lines. 5 or 56% of respondents favoured this. The introduction of parking permits, restricting parking to one side of the road and the introduction of a one-way system were all suggested once. One respondent simply answered ‘yes’ to the idea of more controls.

Q7: Please feel free to use the space below to make any further comments/suggestions?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 11

The final question gave respondents the opportunity to make any further comments/suggestions. Six responses were received. The majority of respondents used the question as an opportunity to underline their transports concerns. One respondent asked whether that part of Jeffcock Road that used to be called Robin Lane, could revert to its original name.

These responses are shown below:

"In addition to the above many delivery (not delivering to Jeffcock Road) using Jeffcock Road as a link road between the different areas of High Green, Chapeltown and Burncross adding to an already severe problem, also leaving our own driveways because of the shape and bend of the road is dangerous. This causes impatience of drivers transiting Jeffcock Road".

"One way system safer, to be able to go down towards doctors, shops, etc."

"I live on the bend of Jeffcock Rd and have a drive. It is very difficult to see oncoming traffic cars speed round the bend putting me in danger".

"The part of Jeffcock Road that I live on used to be called Robin Lane, this is a much nicer name for our road and I would like to campaign to get it changed back. Can you please help with that?"

"I walk up and down our road regularly on a daily basis. On the bend I have to walk in the road and when vehicles are passing I have been nearly bumped also towards the bottom of the road I have to walk in the road because of the car parked on the pavement this is so unsafe, in previous year passing the bottom of our road while pushing a push chair in the middle of the road drivers looking at you as if you have a death wish not realising that there is no other option you have to walk in the road to get past. Speeding cars is also a major concern we live near the top of the road but had our van knocked (parked on our drive) through speeding cars. Something seriously needs to be done before someone is hurt or worse killed".

"Unfortunately, because there is a sports hall close by the car users may just park there if they are visiting doctors/dentist or shops which could just move the problem elsewhere."