

From: [Dave Sinclair](#)
To: [Andy Edwards](#)
Subject: FW: Buses parked on pavement outside Boroughmuir High School
Date: 17 November 2023 10:05:40
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Morning Chief,
I here you've been involved with this in the past. Crawford's responsibility to resolve education operational issues...

Catch-up with you and Gavin later.

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From: Gareth Barwell
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2023 8:52 AM
To: Dave Sinclair ; Peter Watton ; Crawford McGhie ; Paul Lawrence
Cc: Andrew Easson ; Debbie Webster ; Daisy Narayanan ; Gavin Brown
Subject: RE: Buses parked on pavement outside Boroughmuir High School

Hi Dave

As a quick starter for ten, can we not just tell the coach contractor to turn up at a designated time and park on the carriageway? The school should then have the pupils ready and waiting for that time? Looking at Google street view, Viewforth appears to just have DYLS as opposed to any loading restrictions – is this still the restriction that is in place?

I think this is more of a management issue than an engineering solution from what I can see but happy to take views to the contrary.

Gareth

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Subject: RE: Buses parked on pavement outside Boroughmuir High School

Afternoon Gareth,

Could Cliff's team help Crawford out here ?

There are 4 staff in the Road Safety team, we just don't have the capacity to deliver operational infrastructure for a school or be advisors for project delivery (Currently, we don't have the resource to deliver our own project programme).

I totally appreciate Crawford's situation. I'd suggest he needs help to appoint a transport consultant to design up a solution, engage with stakeholders (including ourselves), promote the necessary TRO/Redetermination Order (including possibly objections), fund and deliver a solution.

Considering the statutory orders process we're looking at around a 2-year delivery timespan.

Apologies again for a less than positive response, content to offer advice as part of the design process, however, the Road Safety team are not able to lead on this issue.

Dave

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Dave,

FYI.

Regards,
Andrew

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Subject: Buses parked on pavement outside Boroughmuir High School

Hello all,

An appropriate day to raise this issue again.

We're only a few weeks from the pavement parking ban. What is the plan for Boroughmuir High School?

Of note, there's still no substantive reply to my last email on the subject (24 Oct) and that's now over a year since my very first email on this. By any measure that's not really good enough, I'm afraid.

Grateful for a comprehensive response within 10 days.

Thanks.

Yours,

David

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Subject: RE: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir - media enquiry.

Good morning David

Thanks for your email, I have raised this with our Road Safety Team and asked for a response to be provided.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

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Gentlemen,

If you read the email trail below you'll see that I have now been waiting nearly a year for a response to the issue raised about parking at Boroughmuir High School.

I'd be very grateful if someone could grasp this particular thistle and find a solution. And provide a timescale. And keep the HT and the ward councillors in the loop.

Thanks,

Yours,

David

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Subject: Re: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir - media enquiry
Hi Daisy,
Much appreciated, thanks,
Yours,

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Subject: RE: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir - media enquiry
Hi Cllr Key,
Apologies, I know this isn't an excuse but we have gone through a restructure and the road safety team no longer sit within the remit of my team. I had passed this on to the new team but they are having to rebuild having lost a few colleagues - including Stacey, who was leading on getting a PM in place for delivering this action.
I am meeting the road safety team tomorrow for a couple of other issues and I will raise this with them and see how it can be picked up and progressed.
I will send a collective email to everyone after that meeting, but just wanted to let you know the status.
Thank you for your patience and understanding, I will come back to you as soon as possible tomorrow.
Regards
Daisy

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To: Daisy Narayanan <Daisy.Narayanan@edinburgh.gov.uk>
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Subject: Re: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir - media enquiry
Hello Daisy,
I'm still waiting on a reply to my original email. Grateful for action here please, thanks,
Yours,

David

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Subject: Re: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir - media enquiry

Hello Daisy,

I hope you're well and had a good summer. I'd be grateful for an update please on where we are with this issue - it's been some 8 months now since our last correspondence and there seems to have been no progress towards a suitable solution.

Thanks,

Yours,

David

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Dear Cllr Key,

Please accept my apologies for such a delayed response to your query. We have been working internally across teams to find the appropriate resource to progress this and I wanted to give you a quick update.

We are in the process of getting a project manager to take this forward who can deal with technical issues as well as coordinate some of the conversations and local consultation that will need to happen.

I appreciate the frustrations articulated by the Head Teacher and the school community and apologise for the time it has taken so far, but hopefully we will be able to see progress on this work soon.

I will keep you posted.

Thank you for your patience,

Regards

Daisy

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Subject: RE: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir - media enquiry

Dear Councillor Key

Thank you for contacting Amanda Hatton. We will liaise with our colleagues in the Place Directorate and with Learning Estate colleagues to look at this as a matter of urgency. We will be in touch as soon as possible.

Kind regards

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Subject: Re: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir - media enquiry

Good morning David,

Thanks for the extra information and I now fully understand the issue and your concerns.

Clearly there needs to be a sensible and timely solution and I'm happy to be of assistance in any way possible.

I wasn't aware of the work led by Ian Perry and I suspect that's no longer ongoing now.

However, it appears this discussion has now been regenerated so let's see what happens under the new administration, Stay safe,

Yours,

David

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Subject: RE: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir - media enquiry

Morning David,

I have been in discussion with the council about this issue and the need to find a proper solution to allow an urban school like us to

operate. Please see emails below.

We have been given no consideration in the area of pupil curricular transport, something we use every day of the week.

I raise this issue with Ian Perry, the ex-convenor of Education and he formed a group to look at it as he agreed a solution was essential.

No progress has been made.

There is literally no place for coaches to stop, pick up or drop off.

The drivers have an impossible job and I'm surprised they take our contract.

Any assistance you could lend in having a suitable lay-by formed on Viewforth would be much appreciated.

David.

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Subject: Pavement parking (fao HT/DHT)

Hello again,

Assuming these are BHS coaches, is there any reason they are parked on the pavement? Clearly, they shouldn't be and grateful if alternative arrangements can be made in future.

Thanks,

Stay safe,

Yours,

David

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Subject: RE: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir - media enquiry

Gavin,

The issues you raise are all ones I have raised over several years but the fact of the matter is we have a school with no transport strategy around it and the issues you raise will continue going forward unless we are assisted by the Council in creating a strategy – which includes practical, workable measures.

I'd be happy to meet you urgently (and anyone else for that matter) to discuss.

David

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Subject: RE: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir - media enquiry

Hi All

There's been no dispensations granted to coaches or any other vehicle in Viewforth today. We certainly wouldn't grant one for any vehicle to park on the footway. I believe this is a double yellow line only at this location, so the coaches could wait there will they pick-up and drop-off passengers, but ideally they should arrive only at the required times and not be parked there for long periods before or after.

I'd also suggest that they don't park on the footway as this will damage the paving and is unlikely to maintain two way traffic anyway. This is probably also the main reason that has generated this media enquiry, rather than them waiting in the street itself.

Thanks
Gavin

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Subject: RE: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir - media enquiry

Noel et al,

As a school we have raised the issue of no suitable bus parking for some considerable time now. There is no car park that buses can access and all access roads into the building are unsuitable for buses.

Therefore they have to stop on the main carriageways. Dundee street has been realigned for spaces for people so Viewforth is literally the only place they can stop.

I have highlighted with the Council but progress in creating a layby for them on this street (the agreed solution) is extremely slow. A working group has been sitting for over a year now with no real progress made.

I'm afraid that these buses will continue to park there until a solution (that should have been provided) is eventually found. They are for curricular PE and are required multiple times every day.

DD

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Subject: FW: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir - media enquiry
Importance: High

All,

See below from pesky Edinburgh Live.

David – don't suppose you know how long the buses may have been there or what trip was for? Will try and limit sensationalist headlines by E Live but....

Would buses usually park there or is there a reason why they couldn't get in car park etc

Gavins – did buses have dispensations?

Any info/advice appreciated.

Noel

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Subject: Buses Parked outside Boroughmuir



Hi Noel,

I hope you had a good weekend.

I'm with Edinburgh Live today and it's been flagged to us that a couple of school buses were parked up on the pavement outside Boroughmuir High School this morning, and a resident has asked whether these buses have special dispensation to do so.

I have attached the photo above – just looking to get a comment from you.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,

[Redacted signature]