

Statement of Reasons

- For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads, or any other road, and for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- For facilitating the passage on the road, or any other road, of any class of traffic (including foot passengers) or of vehicles.

Lytchett Matravers lies only a mile and a half from Lytchett Minster School and is within walking distance. Two bridleways (SE17/5 - SE18/17) connecting Foxhills Road to Post Green Road have been improved to make them acceptable as a walking route from the village to the school. Pupils are then expected to walk along Post Green Road for 160m to reach the school entrance. The volume of school traffic makes this route unsuitable due to the queuing of vehicles waiting to drop children off within the school in the morning peak.

To ensure a safe environment for pupils on Post Green Road, Dorset Council are proposing a 'virtual' footway on the north side of the road. Presently, however, there is insufficient width on the road for two-way traffic and a footway to be provided.

The proposed solution is therefore to make a traffic regulation order for a prohibition of motor vehicles along part of Post Green Road, westbound from the school entrance, reducing the potential for conflict between two-way traffic and pedestrians on the section of road and Bridleway SE18/17.