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Dear Councillor,

We are writing to you as pupils from Naunton Park Primary School because we are worried about how unsafe the roads around our school feel. Every day, children, parents, and teachers walk, cycle, or scoot to school, and many of us have seen near-misses or felt unsafe when crossing busy roads.

We know that plans to improve road safety at the back of the school were discussed in November 2023 and additional plans were again raised in September 2025 (both proposed plans are included as an appendix), but these changes have not happened yet and we have not heard anything further about their developments. We were really hopeful when we heard about these plans as it felt like the council shared our concerns, therefore we would be grateful if they could be revisited and help make sure they are acted on. Our community has been waiting a long time, and we believe these improvements are still urgently needed.

We particularly feel it is wrong that the front of our school has very few parking restrictions. There is very little parking available nearby, which means that drop-off time becomes chaotic, with cars stopping in unsafe places and making it harder for children to see and be seen. We think this should be a priority, as it affects our safety every single day.

As a school, we are taking our own steps to help make travelling safer. We have informed parents about alternative parking at a local church, we have purchased extra bike and scooter shelters, and we have created special cycle/walk/scoot to school weeks to encourage active travel. We are also looking at introducing positive parking tickets to thank people who park responsibly. However, we cannot do this on our own. We need your support to make the bigger changes that only the council can deliver.

As part of the steps we are taking ourselves, we would also be hugely appreciative if funds could be made available for temporary child-sized signs that we could place around key areas outside the school. These would help remind drivers not to park in dangerous places and would give children a visible voice in keeping their school environment safe.

We would also really appreciate it if someone from the council could visit our school at some of these key times, such as morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up. Seeing the situation in person would help you understand the problems we face every day, and it would give us the chance to meet with you and share our concerns directly.

We are happy to support any council developments by holding fundraising events, because making our school safer is something that is very important to us. We would also really like to be consulted as part of any future development work you have planned, so that children's voices can be included in decisions that affect our daily lives.

We want to be able to travel to school confidently, without feeling scared of fast cars or dangerous junctions. Some drivers speed, some park on pavements, and at busy times it can be very hard to cross safely. We think our neighbourhood deserves roads that protect everyone, especially children.

Clearer road markings, safer crossings, slower speed limits, and better signs reminding drivers that lots of children are nearby would make a big difference. Even small changes would help us feel more protected on our journeys.

We care about our school, our friends, and our community, and we hope you will work with us to improve road safety for everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter. We look forward to hearing how you might be able to help.

Yours sincerely,

The children's school council of Naunton Park Primary School



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2024/2025

APPENDIX 1: Plans to make a safe path across the car park at the back of school (November 2023):



Naunton Park path and car park alterations

1:250

03 November 2023



APPENDIX 2: Plans to improve road markings outside the front of school (September 2025):

