

Devon Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 – Panel Hearings

Pilton Community College – Mr Ricky Knight & Students

Issues / Concerns

- Excessive congestion and air pollution on journeys to school and around school site.
- Difficult in schools to find sustained effort on things such as STPs, recycling, litter etc etc. Individual 'champions' can only sustain efforts for a certain amount of time before they have to pass on responsibilities.
- 50% of those who walk find it difficult with bad facilities such as crossings. The bike sheds aren't sufficient either.
- "We are the future and we need to learn from your mistakes".
- The travel habits developed in younger years will be taken on into later life.
- Needs to be a continuous cycle route to the school. They already have showers and lockers for their possessions.
- "I shame my colleagues every day from the moral high ground of my bicycle seat".
- Down stream bridge – and access across Braunton Road is a big issue.
- Abbey Road has particular road safety concerns.
- "I walk to school because its healthy, when I arrive it gives me a fresh mind".
- Its dangerous walking & cycling. Cycling facilities are only piecemeal with no continuous routes to get too and from school.

Recommendations

- Safer Walking routes to the school with wider pavements.
- Encourage Devon County Council to put bus parking at Clarks Factory Site. If this is not possible then remodel main school entrance and bus turning / parking areas.
- Provide additional bike storage and ensure it is secure. Introduce safer cycle routes with identified crossing points. Would increase cyclist numbers to about 15% or 210.
- Reduce the number of pupils being brought to school by car and educate parents as to where to park safely. Organise a 'drop off' point away from the school gate where pupils can be safely left.
- Encourage, public bus companies to consider additional drop off points near pupils homes and reduce fares.
- Consider car parking charges for staff.
- Offer incentives for those pupils who don't arrive by.
- No. 1 priority are the St George's Road & Abbey Road junctions.