

Broadstone 20mph Zones

The following is our position on the Council's proposals for traffic measures around St John's Church. There is overall agreement that these proposals will worsen the flow of traffic in Broadstone and create greater congestion, while creating serious difficulties for funeral and wedding traffic, as well as hindering church attendance for the elderly.

Main issues:

1. We welcome the introduction of the 20mph zones but believe they would have to be enforced and speed limiting measures constructed to be effective.
2. Blocking Tudor Road or Macaulay Road or imposing one-way restrictions will severely hinder access for church attendance, weddings and funerals, as well as for visitors to the Parish Hall and children attending Hoppers Preschool.
3. Slow-moving funeral hearses will be forced to negotiate traffic queues in The Broadway if Tudor Road is blocked and the direct route to the cemetery and crematorium is blocked.
4. Both options will funnel more traffic to the Broadstone Roundabout and to the 'Toast Rack' already sources of disruptive traffic queues.
5. Despite the stated aim to prioritise cycling there is no consideration given to introducing designated cycle lanes or creating a joined-up cycle network.

St John's would wish for a safer Broadstone, but we do not feel that either Options A or B as proposed by the Council offer appropriate or adequate solutions to the problems outlined. We believe, in fact, that they may worsen the situation by blocking routes, rather than encouraging the safe and steady flow of traffic.

Our proposal for a better solution:

We have identified what we believe might be a better option and which might also help alleviate the congestion on The Broadway, Broadstone Roundabout and the 'Toast Rack' entry, the source of much driver frustration and dangerous driving.

1. Reverse Story Lane one-way to funnel traffic *from* the Toast Rack. Install car parking signs at the entry to the Toast Rack, pointing traffic towards the Story Lane car park. This should help reduce traffic along the residential Kirkway street and may increase parking revenue for the Council.
2. Remove the parking spaces immediately after the entry to Macaulay Road from the Toast Rack to allow goods vehicles room to swing right into Story Lane and to give vehicles queuing at the Toast Rack entrance an escape route. More data would be needed on lorry movements to gauge the impact on traffic flow at Broadstone Roundabout.
3. Restrict the parking on Tudor Road South to evenings and weekends to create a proper two-lane street at peak times, ease entry and exit from Dunyeats Road, and reduce collision risk both on the junction and along the street.
4. Install traffic calming measures along Ridgeway and Macaulay Road
5. Add a bicycle lane to Ridgeway to link to the bicycle lane on Dunyeats Road.