

Belgrave Road construction access concerns

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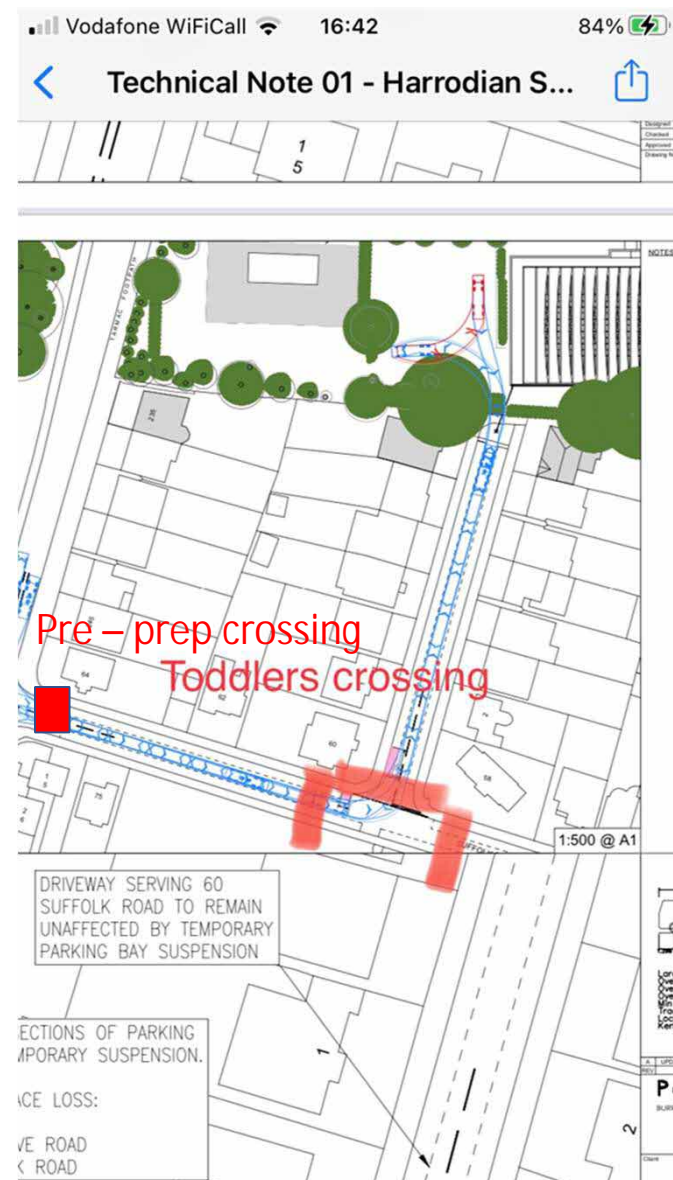
Safety- Concerns Playground / Park

- The turning point of lorries is at the point where hundreds of toddlers / kids / dog walkers cross each day. Arguably the most dangerous point in Barnes for lorries to turn
- The traffic report notes that there have been no accidents in the area, however, the playground is new, popularity is increasing and the risk is high
- Many kids are seen crossing the road unaided each day particularly Belgrave Road which is known as a safe road to cross due to being a cul de sac
- The playground and park are used all day every day by many hundreds of people, especially during holidays and weekends
- There are often over a hundred people in the playground alone



Safety- Concerns School Children

- The proposal is to allow lorries to travel between restricted hours of 9:00 to 15:30
- The pre prep – **the most vulnerable group leave the school at 15:15**
- Their younger siblings will often travel to the school beforehand and will be playing in the playground prior to collection
- Lorries will be stuck in traffic due to the closure of the bridge and will be late so a more prudent restriction would be 2PM for school children for most days
- However, there are also days where the **school ends on a half day as early as 11:30**



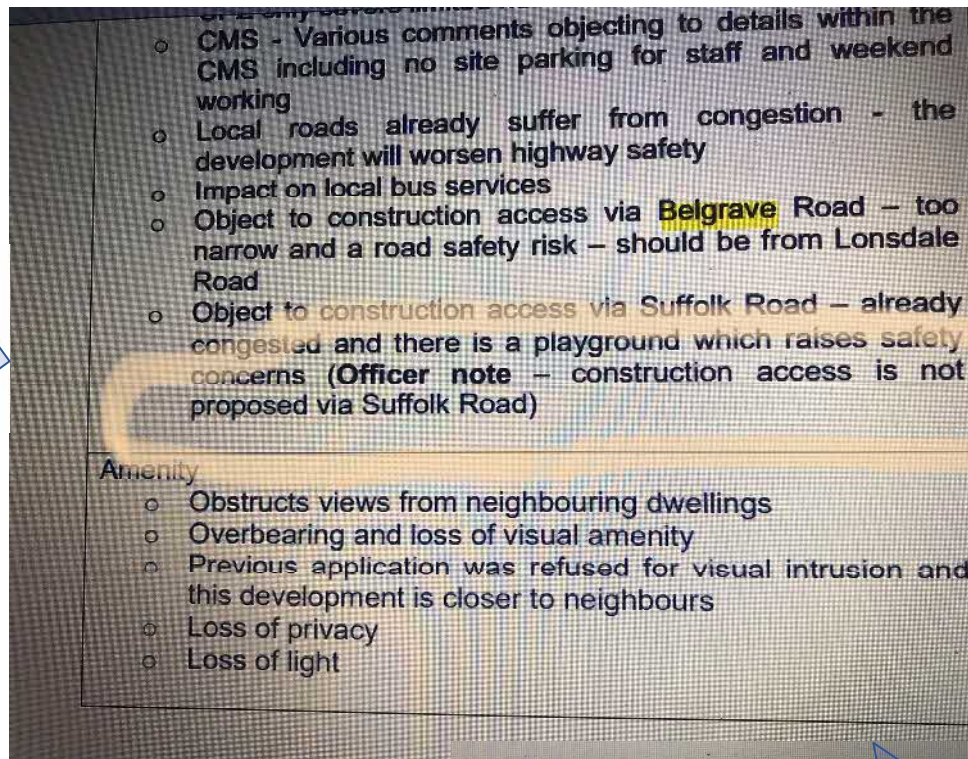
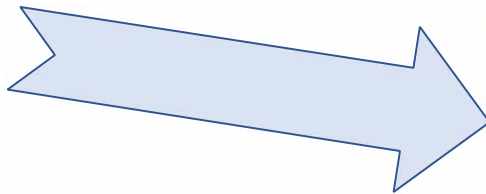
Safety Concerns- Buses

- The proposed turning point of the construction vehicles is **next to 3 bus stops**
- There are no actual bus stops, but this is where the 419 bus stops
- When bus meets bus or lorry, there is often total gridlock

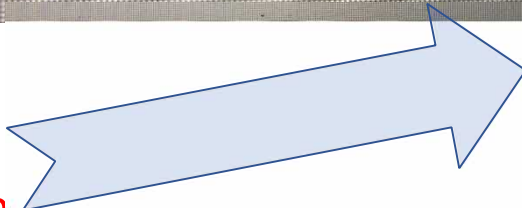


Officer Note

• NO



• Not only is construction access through Suffolk road, 'siege-like' traffic is proposed at the most dangerous part of Suffolk road with lorries turning next to 3 bus stops, and with toddlers, school pupils and dog walkers crossing

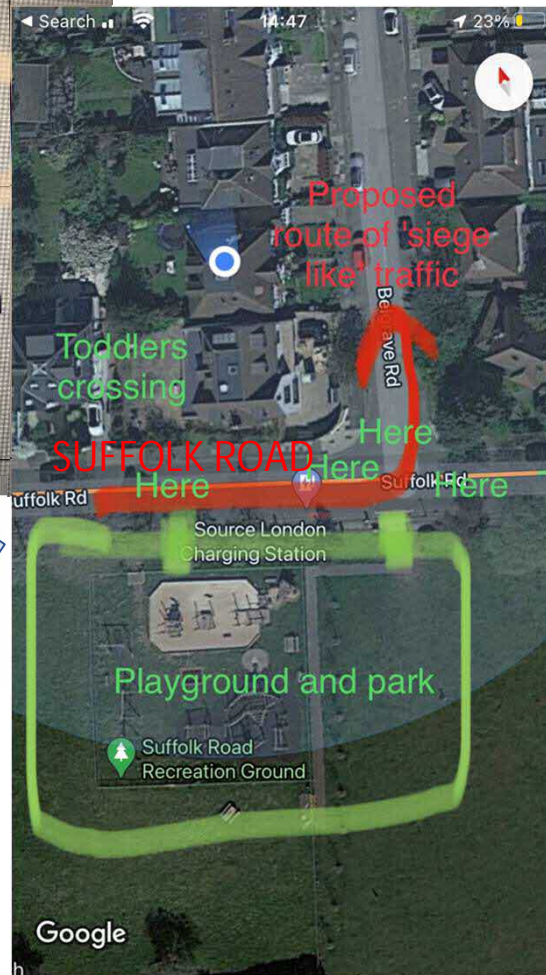


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There would be a compound effect on the Pre-I Lonsdale entrance and then driving within meto would experience siege like conditions with no pollution etc.

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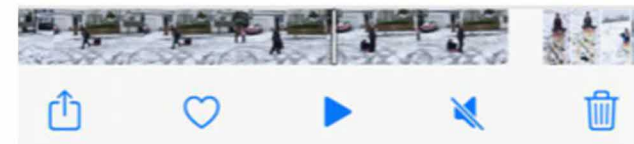
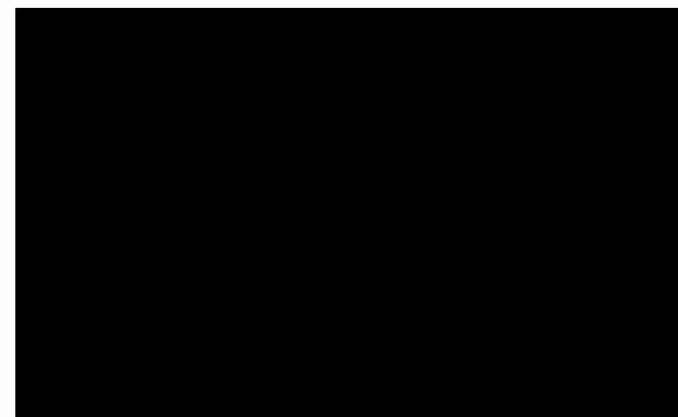
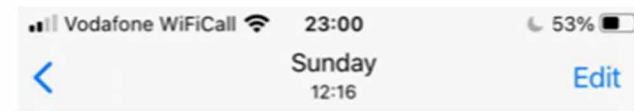
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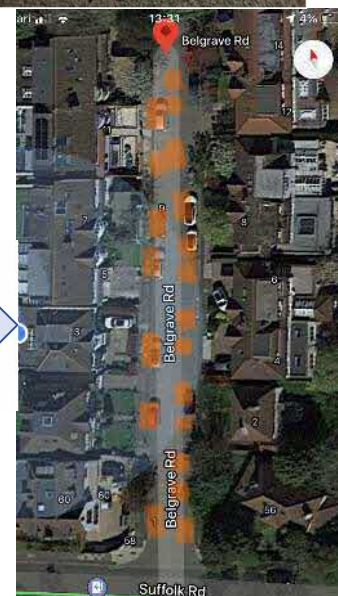
Safety concerns - Belgrave Kids

- Belgrave road is a quiet cul de sac
- The kids very frequently play in the street
 - roller skating, biking, football, hide and seek etc... and often in large groups
- There are around 20 under 18s in the street



Belgrave Road Amenity Concerns- Parking

- The proposal states that construction vehicles can park in the road and that it's wide enough for HGVs
- The report states 24 parking spaces, and a 2 way road 3.7m wide
- The facts are different:
 - The width is 3.1m
 - The road is one way
 - There are no places to turn unless cars are not parked
 - There's parking for around 21 cars if everyone parks perfectly (which they don't)



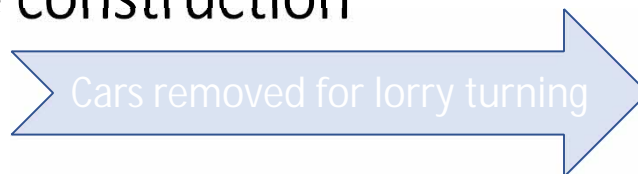
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- The report states that only 2 residents parking spaces will be removed, however, the road is so narrow, this will not likely hold up and more will need to go to ensure the free flowing of endless lorries and construction vehicles
- The parking report was made when 3 out of 13 of the houses on the street were unoccupied (23%)
- Right now, even without school drop-offs and pickups or any active construction work, residents parking is often used up
- When all the parking on Belgrave road is used up, the overspill into Suffolk road turns Suffolk road into single track road for buses and lorries and causes gridlock



Belgrave Road Amenity Concerns- Current construction

- There is a construction project underway at 2 Belgrave at the entrance to the road
- Lorries often completely block the road
- Parked cars are frequently required to move to enable the lorries to pass and to turn into 2 Belgrave construction site



Construction access- Options comparison

Construction Access Analysis		Options			
Category		Suffolk Road + Belgrave Road	Suffolk Road + Lowther Road	Front School Gates - through French Garden	Verdun Road and down side of Playing fields *
Residents	Huge disruption to residents who do not benefit from the construction	✓	✓	✗	✗
Residents	Access via Single track Resident Cul De Sac	✓	✓	✗	✗
Residents	Loss of resident parking spaces	✓	✓	✗	✓
Residents	New entrance need to be built	✓	✗	✗	✗
Residents	Repair entrance / road after construction	✓	✓	✗	✗
Residents	Possibility of blockage from meeting 419 bus	✓	✓	✗	✗
Residents	Problems when deliveries are late due to traffic	✓	✓	✗	✗
Residents	Possibility to run over toddlers going to Suffolk Road playground	✓	✗	✗	✗
Residents	Possibility to run over dogs / dog walkers going to suffolk road park	✓	✗	✗	✗
Residents	Possibility to run over school kids when school closes early	✓	✓	✗	✗
Residents	Loss of School Putting green	✓	✗	✗	✗
Residents	Loss small portion of playing field	✗	✓	✓	✓
Residents	Restricted hours of delivery	✓	✓	✗	✗
School	Disruption to pupils through lorry noise	✓	✗	✓	✗
School	Possibility to impact student safety	✓	✓	✓	✗
Assumptions:	Verdun road fence will be replaced as part of the process				
	School sometimes ends early				
	Suffolk Road playground is in use all day by toddlers				
	* Footbridge or manned gate could be positioned to allow pupils to access art block				

SUMMARY

- The proposed route through Suffolk and Belgrave is arguably the most dangerous route in Barnes with lorries turning in a road often gridlocked, next to 3 bus stops, a toddlers playground, school kids crossing, and a park entrance where dog walkers frequent, into a very narrow single track cul de sac with limited parking where kids play in the street
- A route through the school would be far less restrictive to the construction process particularly in the school holidays
- The pre-prep will be listening to “vehicle reversing” noise all day anyway as the turning circle proposed is next to the pre-prep. Moving the turning circle to the cricket nets would solve this

The Belgrave road access option is the worst option for all:

- It's the most dangerous access
- It's the worst for residents
- The worst for pupils
- The worst for toddlers
- The worst for the construction process