

**Statements taken from School Crossing Patrols (Lollipop Crossings)  
DUNKIRK LANE AND SCHOOL LANE**

**A. Statement from School Lane School Crossing patrol (northern end of Ulnes Walton Lane)**

1. The school crossing patrol operates across School Lane immediately south of the junction with Slater Lane and School Lane. It serves St James' Church Of England Primary School on Slater Lane.
2. Slater Lane is used as a parking area by parents and as a pick-up and drop-off point for children and is very busy at school opening and closing times.
3. About six "close-call incidents" could be recalled in the last year. One in particular involved a white 'transit van' turning left out of Slater lane to head south on School Lane/Ulnes Walton Lane. The van driver looked right to check for traffic but had failed to observe the Lollipop Patrol person stepping into the road to facilitate crossing. Driver turned left from a 'rolling stop' and had to brake immediately in front of the Lollipop Patrol. Pedestrians already in the road were very shaken as was the Lollipop Patrol person and the van driver.
4. Drivers regularly exceed the 20mph speed restriction and approach the School Crossing point at 30mph plus.
5. The volume of traffic has definitely increased since construction of the 'Test Track' housing development.
6. The 111 Bus service turns into Slater Lane off School Lane. Vehicles directly behind the 111 Bus regularly try to overtake the bus on the opposite side of the road, as it slowly rounds the corner into Slater Lane. A skip delivery and collection lorry has been observed overtaking in this dangerous manner, as well as cars. As the bus rounds the corner, it obscures the view of the School Crossing.

**B. Statement from Dunkirk Lane School Crossing patrol (Paradise Lane junction)**

7. The school crossing patrol operates across Dunkirk Lane (B5248) at the junction with Paradise Lane. It serves the Leyland Moss Side Primary School on Paradise Lane.

8. Dunkirk Lane B5248 is a busy 'connector route' across rural hamlets and farms from the A59 to Leyland and onward to the A582 and wider motorway network.
9. It is used by rigid and articulated HGVs, as well as PSVs and commuter traffic, along with lorries and superstore vehicles carrying produce from the farms nearer Southport.
10. It is one of two routes away from the 'Test Track, development site.and there is no doubt that the 'Test Track' Development has generated more traffic on Dunkirk Lane.
11. There are deliveries to local residents by courier vehicles which park on he
12. the kerb or double park.
13. It is difficult to find space safely in the traffic using Dunkirk Lane, and it is only experience and anticipation that keeps the School Crossing Patrol person and pedestrians safe.
14. In the last year alone, around 30 to 40 'close call incidents' could be recounted. There were three accidents requiring attendance by ambulances. One involved a pram and a young child. Another involved the police, after a car had struck the Lollipop Patrol and taken the handheld lollipop sign out of the patrol person's hands.
15. As well as the volume of traffic, the patrol has to cope with and anticipate drivers' actions, who are often 'rushing, impatient', 'looking at phones', and abuse.
16. Traffic can be 'backed up' to the School crossing point from the the traffic signals at the junction of Dunkirk Lane, and Flensburg Way A582, causing congestion and impatience.
17. The School Crossing Patrol also assists equestrians to cross the road and access the bridleway opposite to get access to Slater Lane further south and onto School Lane and Ulnes Walton Lane.