Safety Issues Affecting Entrance, Exits and Access to Lower Site at St George's Primary School.

- Simple conundrum is that St George's lower site school is a Victorian building with poor access and limited communal space for up to 690 pupils and their families.

- School has one entrance point for children and families to a small playground.

- Playground does not have any alternative exit points.

- This presents a problem for access, safe collection of young children and fire assembly.

- To address this, the school has:

1. Closed car park to provide another exit point.

2. Staggered collection times to ensure safe entry and exit

3. Created alternative entrance points for 360 children but these are from the pavement on a busy road. These are not deemed suitable for an exit point. There is no space for families to stand, be identified and safely collect children under the age of 9.

Asked council and external health and safety officer to explore these issues using the plans in following slides. No manageable, safe means of pupil entrance or collection has been identified except for road closure for handover of pupils or further staggering of entrance and collection times.

Latter solution create problems because families with siblings would be assembled/queuing on pavements waiting for extended periods to collect siblings with heavy traffic. There are no alternative assembly or collection routes.

	Lower Site						Top Site	
	F1	**F2**	**Y1**	**Y2**	**Y3**	**Y4**	**Y5**	**Y6**
Enter School/Start of Day	8.40am (via playground)	8.40am (via playground)	8.45am (via playground)	8.40am (Y2-3 Entrance)	8.45am (Y4 entrance)	8.40am (Y4 Entrance)	8.30am	8.30am
Play Time	NA	NA	10.00 – 10.15am	10.10 – 10.25 am	10:40 - 10.55am	10:30 – 10.45 am	10.20am	10am
Eat Lunch and Indoor Play	11.30 am 12 am (2 classes on rota)	11.45 – 12.15 pm (4 classes on rota)	11.40 am – 12.00 (In hall)	11.50 – 12.10 pm (In classroom)	12.15 – 12.45pm (In hall)	12.10 – 12.40pm (In classroom)	12.25 - 12.45 pm (In hall)	11.55 – 12.15pm (In hall)
Lunch Play in Allocated Zones	12 am – 12.30 pm (2 classes on rota)	12.15 - 12.45pm (4 classes on rota)	12.00 – 12.30pm Story from 12.30 – 12.40pm	12.10 – 12.40pm Story from 12.40-12.50pm	12.45 – 1.15pm	12.40 – 1.10pm **(exit by Year 3 stairwell)**	12.45 – 1.15pm	12.15 - 12.45pm
End of Day	3.10pm (collect on playground through car park entrance)	3.10pm (collect on playground through car park entrance)	3.20pm (collect on playground through car park entrance)	3.15pm (road crossing point by main entrance)	3.20pm (road crossing point by y4 entrance)	3.15pm (road crossing point by Y4 entrance)	3.00 pm (Collect from yard. Can walk home from 13th of September with parental permission.)	3.00 pm (Collect from yard . Can walk home independently with parental permission)

No issue with drop off and collection times for top site. Times allow for safe movement and parents to move between sites. Road crossing point at top site means children can safely walk to lower site if needed.

Key challenge is safe access, exit and supervision with such limited entrance points and routes at top site.

Two of the entrance/exit points are immediately by the road.

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EYFS and Year 1 Entrance Route (330 pupils) w...

Years 2 and 3 entrance route (no parents) 240 ...

Year 4 Entrance Route (no parents) 120 children

Road Closure

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Lower site entrance routines work well with road closure. Have 3 entrance points. Closed car park to make this safe and manageable(now a pedestrian access point).

360 children access entrance at front of the building with limited pavement space and a very busy road. Road traffic at school time can increase by 1200%.

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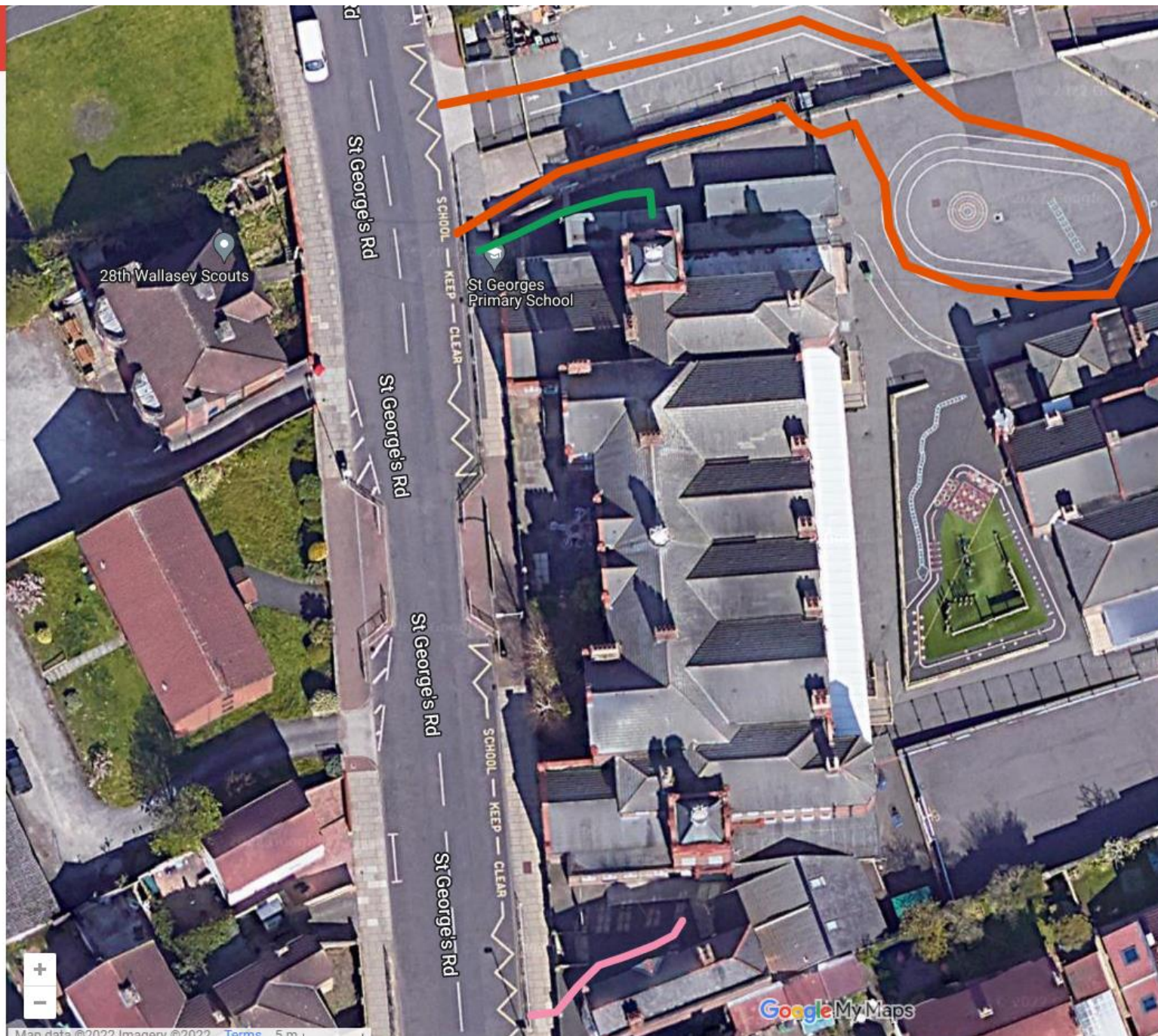
If the road closure is removed we have a safe access challenge but this is easier to manage than the end of the day.

Timeliness is also a pressure. Current staggered entrance times at lower site are quick and between 8.40 - 8.50pm.

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EYFS and Year 1 Collection Route (330 pupils)....

Road Closure Point

Year 4 Collection Point 1

Year 3 Crossing Point x 5 classes

Road Closure Point

Crossing Barrier

Road Crossing Barrier

Year 2 Collection Point

Map below highlights the collection arrangements for lower site. Key challenge is close supervision at the end of the day.

Current road closure helps but if this is altered/removed then we have a real challenge to consider how we safely supervise hand over of pupils to their adult.

Only one playground and officially one entrance and exit point (car park closure has addressed this).

Timeliness is also a pressure. Current staggered exit times at lower site are quick and between 3.10 -3.20pm.

Is a concern that adults and children use road as a pedestrian space due to this arrangement.

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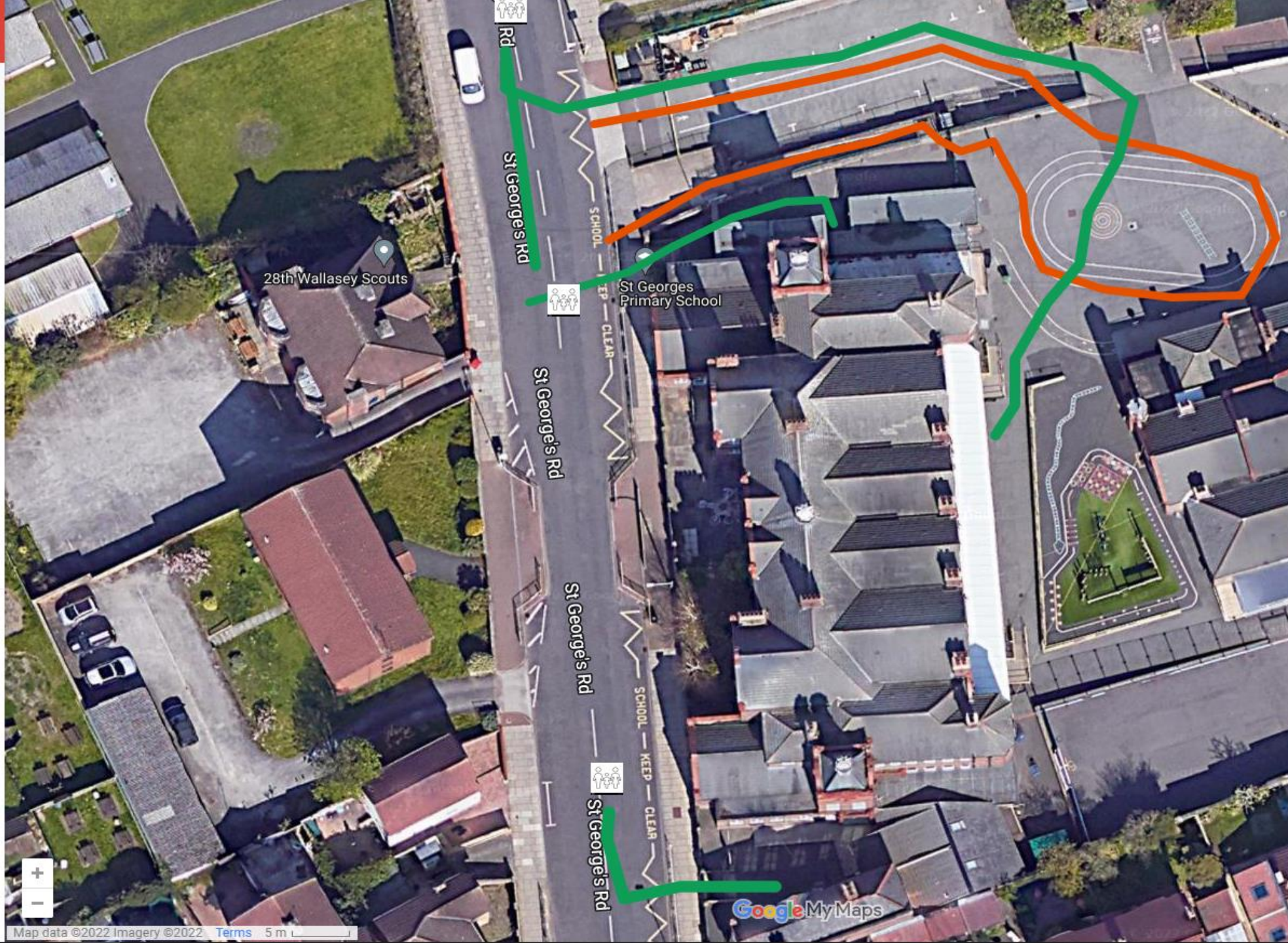- EYFS and Year 1 Collection Route (330 pupils)....
- Crossing Barrier
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- Exit route for children
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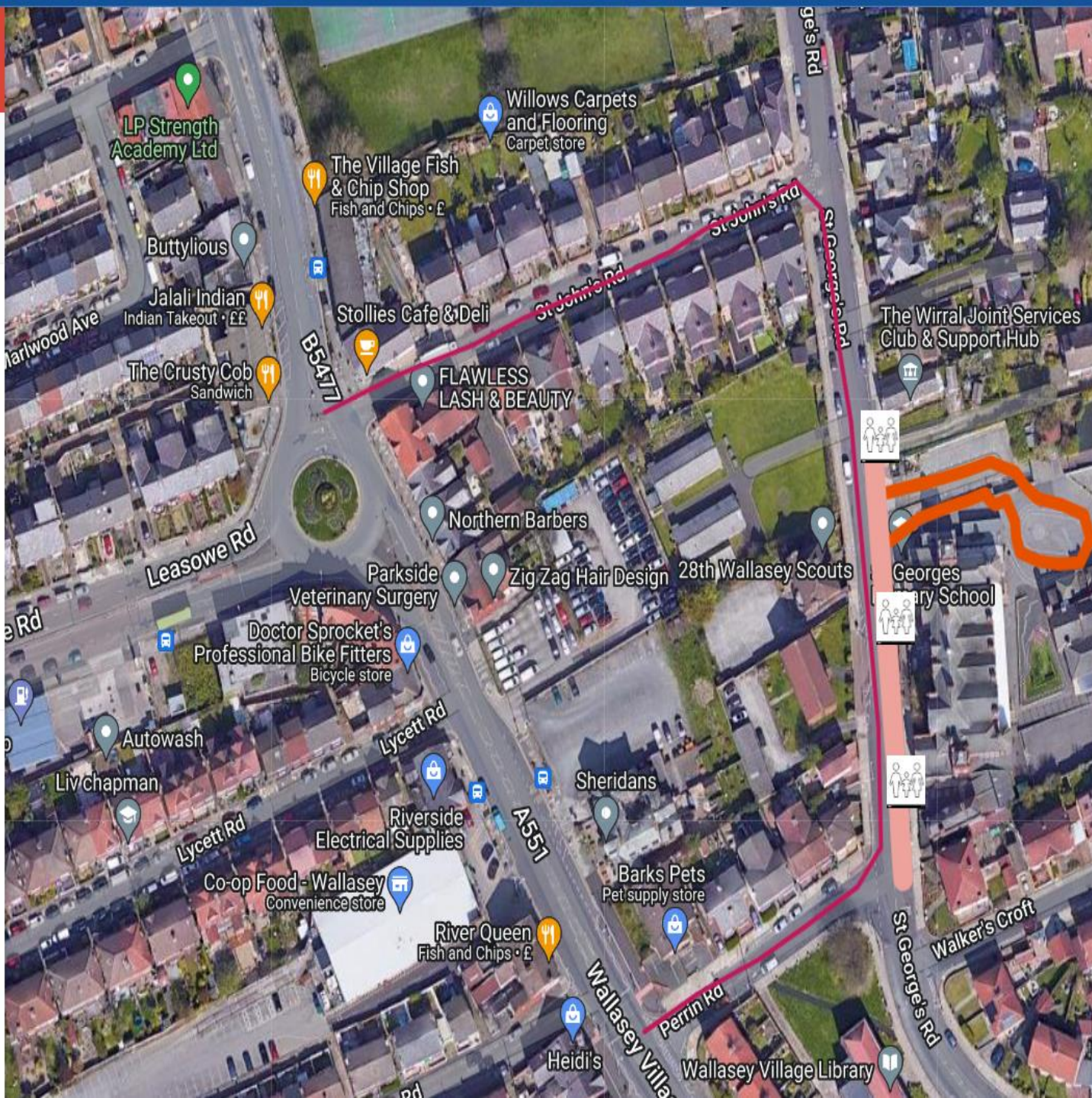
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Proposed one way route to create single line tr...

Proposed pedestrian zone (with barriers to enc...

External health and safety advisors approved the school's current safety plan as robust and appropriate.

Only alternative proposal was drafted below. However this would be subject to extensive capital investment.

It would create a single lane-one way traffic with no obstacles for entry to residents' property.