

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS - ST CHRISTOPHER'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Report to: (a) Werneth Area Committee
2020

Date: Monday, 9 March

Report of: (b) Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

Key Decision: (c) **NO / YES** (Please circle)

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)

Summary:

To report the findings of a consultation exercise for Road Safety Around Schools – St Christopher's Roman Catholic Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and proposals as detailed in this report.

Recommendation(s):

The Area Committee is asked to consider and approve the following proposals for Road Safety around Schools – St Christopher's Catholic Primary School scheme. To consider and comment upon the proposals, and recommend that the Cabinet Member (Sustainable Stockport) approves the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order shown in **Appendix C** and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date the orders can be made.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(d)**
Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(e)**

There are none.

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'Urgent Business': (f) **YES / NO** (please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on _____ /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS - ST CHRISTOPHER'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report the findings of a consultation exercise for Road Safety Around Schools – St Christopher's Roman Catholic Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) as detailed in this report.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Council's overall strategic transport ambition is to increase the number of children walking or cycling to school, both to reduce congestion on roads, improve local air quality, and improve health outcomes. In order for this to be achieved, it is important that walking or cycling to school is a safe option for children and their families.
- 2.2. To support this ambition, the Traffic Services Team have been working to tackle key concerns which have been raised by schools, residents and local Members. Site investigations have been undertaken to review the operation outside each school and the surrounding roads.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. To improve the road safety of children and all road users in the area around St Christopher's RC Primary School it is proposed to introduce the following measures:
- Installation of 2no. School warning signs with flashing ambers on Berrycroft Lane;
 - Introduction of dropped kerb on Berrycroft Lane at the location of the school crossing patrol;
 - Introduction of No Waiting At Any Time and No Loading At Any Time on the southern side of Berrycroft Lane (as detailed in the TRO schedule in Appendix C) to protect the intervisibility of the School Crossing Patrol and oncoming traffic;
 - Installation of bollards covering the length of the proposed Traffic Regulation order outlined above on Berrycroft Lane to prevent footway encroachment by vehicles (2no. pencil bollards to be installed adjacent to school crossing patrol point);
 - Introduction of No Waiting At Any Time at the junctions of Berrycroft Lane/George Lane, King's Road/George Lane, Ruskin Grove/King's Road and Warwick Road/The Quadrant as detailed in the TRO schedule in Appendix C.
 - Installation of tactile paving at the crossing points on King's Road at its junction with Berrycroft Lane, Warwick Road at its junction with Berrycroft Lane (with the addition of pencil bollards) and The Quadrant at its junction with Warwick Road (with the addition of pencil bollards).

- Introduction of No Waiting Monday to Friday 8.00-9.30am & 2.30-4.30pm on The Quadrant for the lengths indicated in the TRO Schedule in **Appendix C** and the proposals **Drawing No.0305/28/002** in **Appendix B**.
- Provision of access protection markings at properties with dropped kerbs on Warwick Road & The Quadrant.

3.2. The above proposals are shown on the Proposals **Drawing No.0305/28/002** in **Appendix B** to this report.

4. LEGAL POSITION/IMPLICATIONS

4.1. The Traffic Management Orders would be made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Council is required by the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 to give notice of its intention to make a Traffic Order (by publishing a draft traffic order). These regulations also require the Council to consider any representations received as a result of publishing the draft Order.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

5.1. There were a number of requests regarding residents parking schemes and the various pressures around parking. Stockport Council adopted its most recent general parking policy in 2013 which included resident's parking schemes and various other general parking policies.

5.2. Since then there has been substantial changes in a number of associated areas and policies including increasing use of electric vehicles, air quality concerns and increasing car ownership which are starting to impact on delivery of the various policy objectives.

5.3. We have been requested to undertake a review of our existing parking policies which would also support the local plan development. This review is currently underway and will include a review of the overall framework and also of potential options for the future delivery of residential parking schemes.

5.4. Whilst this review is taking place, no further resident parking schemes are being progressed and therefore not something we would be looking at introducing as part of the Road Safety Around Schools programme.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1. The Local Ward Councillors and St Christopher's RC Primary School have been consulted and no adverse comments were received.

6.2. To reduce the impact of inconsiderate parking and to highlight to passing vehicles there are likely to be children in the area, Traffic Services consulted with the residents who may be affected with the proposals shown on **Drawing No. 0307/08/001** in **Appendix A** of this report.

6.3. Due to the locality of the proposals, 45 letters were delivered by hand and the consultation letter and plan were published on the Council's website. We received 20 (44%) replies, 75% (15) of which were in favour of the proposals.

- 6.4. Concerns were received from residents of The Quadrant in relation to inconsiderate parking at school drop off and pick up times. Concerns regarding difficulty manoeuvring off/on driveways as well as access for emergency vehicles due to parking on both sides of the carriageway.
- 6.5. The proposed double yellow lines at the junction of The Quadrant and Warwick Road are necessary to keep the junction clear of parked vehicles at all times in order to improve the safety at the junction. Following the consultation exercise it is now proposed to introduce single yellow lines on each side of The Quadrant up to the first access driveways on The Quadrant to keep this narrow section of carriageway clear of parked vehicles and ensure manoeuvring in this area is as safe as possible during peak times.
- 6.6. It is also proposed that access protection markings be introduced on The Quadrant and Warwick Road to highlight the presence of driveways which should be kept clear of parked vehicles.
- 6.7. Parking on footways was an issue raised by a number of respondents, especially on Berrycroft Lane near the shops. A proposal for a length of No Loading to match the lengths currently covered by the double yellows at the junction of Warwick Road with Berrycroft Lane is shown on the proposals **Drawing No. 0305/28/002**.
- 6.8. The provision of bollards can be an effective measure to prevent vehicle encroachment on the footways on Berrycroft Lane, however, budget constraints for this scheme make this prohibitive at this time however this may be something which could be addressed should funding become available in the future.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. The estimated cost of this scheme is **£13,500** to be funded from the Road Safety around Schools 2018-19 programme budget allocation.

8. TIMESCALES

- 8.1. Expected works to be completed Spring 2020 subject to objection to the legal advertising of the TRO.

9. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1. Equal Opportunities

- To provide a suitable and safer environment for pedestrians and other road users. The scheme contributes to the Council's vision statement "Promote equal life outcomes for all by tackling known inequalities across the borough of Stockport".

9.2. Sustainable Environment

- To develop and sustain a healthy, safe and attractive local environment which contributes to Stockport. Stockport Council understands the responsibility it has to lead by example and help the broader community make a positive contribution to the local environment.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1. The Area Committee is asked to consider and the proposals for Road Safety around Schools – St Christopher’s Catholic Primary School scheme. To consider and comment upon the proposals, and recommend that the Cabinet Member (Sustainable Stockport) approves the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders shown in Appendix C and, subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the orders can be made.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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