

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Road Safety around Schools - St Philip's Catholic Primary School

Report to: (a) Stepping Hill Area Committee

Date: Tuesday, 21 July 2020

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 the Road Safety around Schools scheme around St Philip's Catholic Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage; amendments to the existing guard rails; and implementation of dropped kerbs with associated tactile paving and pencil bollards.

Recommendation(s):

The Area Committee is asked to consider and approve the following proposals for Road Safety around Schools – St Philip's Catholic Primary School scheme. To consider and comment upon the following proposals, and recommend that the Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the following TRO and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the following orders can be made:

NO STOPPING MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8am – 5pm on School Keep Clear Markings

Location	Extent
Half Moon Lane (North East Side)	From a point 81.5 metres north-west of the projected northerly kerblines of Teesdale Close, for a distance of 31.1 metres in a north-westerly direction.

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

Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

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

There are none.

Contact person for accessing background papers and discussing the report

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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 Philip's Catholic 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 the Road Safety around Schools scheme around St Philip's Catholic Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage; amendments to the existing guard rails; and implementation of dropped kerbs with associated tactile paving and pencil bollards.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Council's overall strategic transport ambition is to increase the number of children walking or cycling to school. In order for this to be achieved, it is important that there are safe route options for children and their families.
- 2.2 To support this ambition, Traffic Services 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 reduce the impact of inconsiderate parking and improve pedestrian crossing facilities, Traffic Services consulted with the residents likely to be affected with the proposals shown on **Drawing No. 0305/STP/29/001**.
- 3.2. The proposals include:
 - Installation of dropped kerbs, tactile paving, h-bar marking and pencil bollards on Half Moon Lane;
 - Installation of bollards at the junction of Half Moon Lane / Tanhill Close;
 - Provision of extended School Keep Clear markings; and
 - Amendments to the location of existing guard rail outside the school gates.

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. No other alternatives were considered.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been consulted and support the proposed scheme.
- 6.2. Due to the locality of the proposals, 10 letters were delivered of which we received one reply (10%), of which 0 (0%) were in favour and 1 (100%) was against the proposals.
- 6.3. The one resident who responded, disagreed with the location of the dropped kerbs and tactile paving. The resident suggested that the crossing could align with the main school pedestrian entry gate and that the existing School Keep Clear markings be extended to the south to improve visibility at this revised crossing location. It is considered that the location proposed by the resident could pose a risk to safety with pedestrians continuing onto the carriageway from the school path. It is recommended that the location of the proposed dropped kerbs and associated tactile paving therefore remain as per the proposals. The existing School Keep Clear marking will retain adequate visibility at this crossing location and so it is considered that there is no requirement to extend the markings to the south.
- 6.4. The resident also raised concern over parking at the junction of Half Moon Lane / Tanhill Close with vehicles parking on both bends and on the pavement at the corner. As a result of this comment, changes have been made and it is proposed to provide bollards on either side of Tanhill Close to prevent vehicles from parking on the pavement and causing an obstruction. This is indicated on **Drawing No. 0305/STP/29/001 Rev C**.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. The scheme will be funded from the Road Safety around Schools programme budget allocation.

8. TIMESCALES

- 8.1. Should the proposals be approved, the scheme should be ready for implementation in Summer 2020.

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. To consider and comment upon the proposals, and recommend that the Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the following orders can be made:

10.2. Proposed TRO Schedule

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Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

Anyone wishing further information please contact Pam Hibbert on telephone number Tel: 0161-474-4840 or by email on pam.hibbert@stockport.gov.uk