

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Road Safety Around Schools - Lane End Primary School

Report to: (a) Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee
Thursday, 24 June 2021

Date:

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 Lane End Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage; implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; and a footway build out.

Recommendation(s):

The Area Committee is asked to consider and approve the following proposals for the Road Safety around Schools – Lane End Primary School scheme. To consider and comment upon the following proposals, and recommend that the Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the TROs in Appendix A 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.

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

Officer: Caroline Aylmer-Shanks

'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 - Lane End 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 Lane End Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage; implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; and a footway build out.

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 to highlight to passing vehicles that there are likely to be children crossing in the area, Traffic Services consulted with the residents likely to be affected by the proposals shown on Drawing No. 0305/36/001 Rev A.
- 3.2. The proposals include:
 - No Waiting At Any Time is to be introduced around the existing island and at the footpath access to prevent cars from blocking the free movement of traffic in and out of the eastern end of Ramillies Avenue.
 - On-street arrows are to be provided at the eastern end of Ramillies Avenue to encourage vehicles to follow the desired route around the tear drop area at the end of Ramillies Avenue.
 - A small section of footway to the west of the school's main entrance is to be built out to provide a wider, more continuous footway around what is an existing pinch point. This is to aid pedestrian access to the school's main entrance.
 - The existing School Keep Clear road marking is to be extended over the existing 'KEEP CLEAR' and Access Protection Marking. This is to provide an enforceable parking restriction to prevent inconsiderate parking.
 - Provision of dropped crossing points with tactile paving at the school car park access and along Ramillies Avenue at the junctions with: Newhaven Close, Hastings Close and Thornbury Close.

- 3.3. Introduction of 'No Waiting At Any Time' at the junctions of Ramillies Avenue with Hastings Close and Thornbury Close in order to keep these junctions clear of parked vehicles and protect inter-visibility between pedestrians and motorists whilst also ensuring vehicles can negotiate the junctions safely.

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. One alternative measure was considered. This consisted of the formalisation of the car parking around the tear drop turning area at the eastern end of Ramillies Avenue in order to encourage more considerate parking. This proposal may encourage car parking outside of the school drop-off and pick-up times, and was not supported by Ramillies Hall Nursery, so has not been taken forwards.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been consulted and no adverse comments were received.
- 6.2. Ramillies Hall Nursery were consulted ahead of the wider public consultation. They requested that the option of formalising the car parking at the eastern end of Ramillies Avenue not be progressed but were otherwise supportive of the proposals.
- 6.3. Due to the locality of the proposals, 55 letters were delivered of which we received 22 replies (40%) of which 15 (68%) were in favour, 7 (32%) were against and 0 (0%) neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposals.
- 6.4. Whilst the proposals were supported by the majority of the residents who responded, seven residents have disagreed with the proposals. A number of the residents who supported the proposals also raised concern over the impact on parking on the side roads off Ramillies Avenue; the speed of vehicles; and enforcement of the restrictions as discussed below.
- 6.5. Of the seven respondents who disagreed with the proposals four were concerned that the proposals would push school related parking further up Ramillies Avenue or onto the side streets. A further three raised concern relating to speeding along Ramillies Avenue. The following items were raised by one respondent each: request for residents' parking on Hastings Close; objection to the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at the junction of Ramillies Avenue / Thornbury Close; a request for further enforcement of the existing TROs; and concern regarding pavement parking. These concerns will be collated with those received from the residents who supported the proposals and a response provided below.

- 6.6. Eight respondents raised concern that the proposals would move the parking issues further south-west along Ramillies Avenue or onto Newhaven Close and Hastings Close. This point is acknowledged by the traffic team. The proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions around the island located at the eastern end of Ramillies Avenue is however proposed to reduce the amount of inconsiderate parking in the direct vicinity of the school. The proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions at the junctions of Ramillies Avenue with Newhaven Close, Hastings Close and Thornbury Close are proposed to protect clear visibility between pedestrians and vehicles approaching junctions creating a safer environment in which to cross roads and so it is recommended that the proposed restrictions remain.
- 6.7. Five respondents made reference to the speed of vehicles within the area. Most respondents referred to speeding along Ramillies Avenue. The roads within the consultation area are subject to a 20mph speed limit and it is not considered that any additional measures can be introduced within the Road Safety Around Schools budget. It is also noted that one resident who supported the proposals specifically requested that 'no road sleepers' are provided along Ramillies Avenue which indicates a split in opinion regarding traffic calming measures and so no changes have been made to the proposals in response to this feedback.
- 6.8. Four respondents raised concern about pavement parking on Ramillies Avenue and the side roads off it. The comments received expressed concern that this type of inconsiderate parking blocks pavement access for parents with prams and children on bicycles/scooters. This behaviour was not noted during officer site visits with the conditions noted being similar to that shown on Google Street View (as per the following image in Figure 1) which reflects pupil pick-up time in July 2018. It is recommended that this behaviour be monitored.

Figure 1: Google Street View Image of On-Street Parking Along Ramillies Avenue – July 2018



Source: Google Maps (accessed June 2021)

- 6.9. Two respondents requested additional enforcement. This point is acknowledged by the traffic team and additional enforcement visits will be undertaken following introduction of the new measures.
- 6.10. One respondent objected to the proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions at the junction of Ramillies Avenue with Thornbury Close as it would impact on the availability of on-street car parking, and the fact that it is a private road. Whilst the Highway Code Rule 243 states that no vehicle should park within 10 metres of a junction, as a compromise our proposals have been amended to reduce this length to 5.0 metres to ensure that the impact on residents is minimised. However, 'It should be noted that any motorist(s) who chooses to park within 10 metres of the junction (contrary to the Highway Code) does so of their own volition – and not with the endorsement of Stockport MBC as the local Highway Authority'.
- 6.11. One respondent requested residents' permit parking on Hastings Close. The Road Safety around Schools budget cannot accommodate a proposal for a Resident Parking Scheme. Should there be sufficient support for this, residents would need to follow the process by reading the policy and submitting a petition; visit <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/parking-permits/request-a-new-resident-parking-scheme>.
- 6.12. The amended proposals are shown on Drawing No. 0305/36/002.

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 Spring 2022.

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 Traffic Regulation Orders in Appendix A 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.

Anyone wishing further information please contact Caroline Aylmer-Shanks by email on c.aylmer-shanks@stockport.gov.uk

Appendix A

REVOCATION

Revocation of NO STOPPING MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8am – 5pm on School Keep Clear Markings, Ramillies Avenue, as referred to in the Consolidation order. (J35, J36 and I36)

PROPOSED

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

Location	Extent
Ramillies Avenue (South-Eastern Side)	From a point 14.0 metres north-east of the intersection of the north-eastern kerbline of Newhaven Close for a distance of 25.5 metres in a north-easterly direction.
Ramillies Avenue (South-Eastern Side)	From a point 39.5 metres north-east of the intersection of the north-eastern kerbline of Newhaven Close for a distance of 43.5 metres in a north-easterly direction.
Ramillies Avenue (North-Western Side)	From a point 7.0 metres north-east of the projected north-eastern kerbline intersection of Newhaven Close and Ramillies Avenue for a distance of 31.5 metres.
Ramillies Avenue (North-Western Side)	From a point 38.5 metres north-east of the projected north-eastern kerbline of Newhaven Close for a distance of 31.5 metres.

NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

Location	Extent
Ramillies Avenue (Turning Head)	Around the whole internal island of the turning head situated at the north-eastern extent of Ramillies Avenue.
Ramillies Avenue (South-Eastern Side, at the entrance to footpath Ramillies Avenue to Tenement Lane)	From a point 113.5m north-east from the intersection of the north-east kerbline of Newhaven Close for a distance of 8.0 metres in a north-easterly direction.
Hastings Close (Both Sides)	From the intersection of the south-eastern kerbline of Ramillies Avenue for a distance of 11 metres in a south-easterly direction.
Ramillies Avenue (South-Eastern Side)	From a point 14 metres north-east of the intersection of the north-eastern kerbline of Hastings Close to a point 13 metres south-west of the intersection of the south-western kerbline of Hastings Close.
Thornbury Close (Both Sides)	From the intersection of the south-eastern kerbline of Ramillies Avenue for a distance of 5 metres in a south-easterly direction.
Ramillies Avenue (South-Eastern Side)	From a point 5 metres north-east of the intersection of the north-eastern kerbline of Thornbury Close to a point 5 metres south-west of the intersection of the south-western kerbline

of Thornbury Close.