

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Road Safety Around School - Great Moor Primary School

Report to: (a) Stepping Hill Area Committee
September 2021

Date: Tuesday, 14

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 Great Moor Junior and Infant Schools and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage, implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; bollards; and new school warning signs.

Recommendation(s):

The Area Committee is asked to consider and approve the following proposals for the Road Safety around Schools – Great Moor Junior and Infant Schools scheme.

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 School - Great Moor 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 Great Moor Junior and Infant Schools and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage, implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; bollards; and new school warning signs.

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 with the proposals shown on Drawing No. 0305/GM/22/001 Rev C.
- 3.2. The proposals include:
 - Installation of 4 no. new School warning signs;
 - Extension of No waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) on Southwood Road and Cedar Road to protect intervisibility between pedestrians and motorists;
 - Remarking of School Keep Clear markings on Claremont Road;
 - Extension of the School Keep Clear markings on Southwood Road to keep the junction clear of vehicles and improve visibility for pedestrians crossing Southwood Road;
 - Installation of 15 no. middleton bollards to prevent pavement parking; and
 - Installation of dropped kerbs and tactile paving at informal pedestrian crossing points on Cedar Road and Southwood Road.

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. A previous consultation was undertaken in November 2019 which was based on wider measures which included additional 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions on Moorland Road, a footway build-out on Moorland Road and two additional bollards on Southwood Road. The 2019 proposals are shown on Drawing 0305/GM/22/001.
- 5.2. The Council received several responses which did not support the proposed road safety measures. As there was a consultation relating to residents parking which followed in early 2020, the consultation also appeared to receive a number of comments in relation to this particular parking scheme. It was therefore difficult to ascertain the overall consensus for the road safety measures that were being proposed.
- 5.3. As such, the proposals have been scaled back to reflect the comments received within the 2019 consultation whilst still providing a scheme which focuses on pupil safety and complies with the funding available within the Road Safety Around Schools budget.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been consulted and no adverse comments were received.
- 6.2. A total of 39 letters were delivered of which we received 4 replies (10%) of which 3 (75%) were in favour, 1 (25%) was against and 0 (0%) neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposals.
- 6.3. Whilst the proposals were supported by three-quarters of the residents who responded, 1 resident has disagreed with the proposals. The one respondent who disagreed with the proposals raised concern about the existing difficulty with parking and that the proposals would only provide parking to be more difficult. The proposed parking restrictions are placed strategically to protect visibility between pedestrians and vehicles approaching the school. This creates a safer environment in which to cross roads and so it is recommended that the proposed restrictions remain.
- 6.4. One respondent requested residents' permit parking in the area around the school. 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>
- 6.5. Two respondents requested additional enforcement. This point is acknowledged by the traffic team and additional enforcement visits will be undertaken following the introduction of the new measures.

6.6. One respondent requested speed humps to help reduce the number of speeding vehicles in the area. Due to the Road Safety Around School's budget, this will not be financially feasible to implement. However, if further funding was to be made available in the future this is something that could be looked into further.

6.7. The respondent who agreed with the proposals provided no further feedback.

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 set out 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.

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