

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Road Safety Around Schools - St Ambrose Catholic Primary School

Report to: (a) Central Stockport Area Committee
2021

Date: Thursday, 21 October

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 Ambrose Catholic Primary School and to seek approval for the implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; road markings and new school warning signs.

Recommendation(s):

The Area Committee is asked to consider and approve the proposals for the Road Safety around Schools – St Ambrose Catholic Primary School scheme.

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 Ambrose 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 Ambrose Catholic Primary School and to seek approval for the implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; road markings 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 and road users likely to be affected with the proposals shown on Drawing No. 0305/55/SA/001 Rev A.
- 3.2. The proposals include:
 - An upgrade of the school warning signage on Adswood Road including provision of 'School 20 When Lights Show' signage to encourage vehicles to slow down at school times;
 - Provision of 'SLOW' road markings on Adswood Road;
 - Provision of a new school warning sign on Roslyn Road;
 - Provision of dropped kerbs and tactile paving at the vehicular entrance to the school on Rostrevor Road to assist pedestrians; and
- 3.3. Provision of hatching at the junction of Roslyn Road and Rostrevor Road to encourage vehicles to slow down when turning left from Roslyn Road.

4. LEGAL POSITION/IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There are no Traffic Management Orders proposed to support the Road Safety around Schools – St Ambrose Catholic Primary School scheme.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

- 5.1. No alternative proposals or solutions were considered.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been consulted and no adverse comments were received.
- 6.2. A total of 26 letters, with freepost return envelopes, were delivered and 6 on-street notices were placed on lighting columns in proximity to the proposed works. The letter and on-street notices provided a link to the 'have your say' webpage (www.stockport.gov.uk/haveyoursay) where information was posted about the proposed scheme along with a copy of the proposal drawings to enable residents to provide feedback online. Additional hard copies of the survey could have been requested by contacting SchoolRoadSafety@stockport.gov.uk but no such requests were received.
- 6.3. As part of the consultation we received 6 written replies (23%) and two online responses. 6 (75%) were in favour, 1 (13%) neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposals and 1 (13%) was against the proposals. 4 (50%) residents strongly agreed and 2 (25%) residents agreed with the proposals.
- 6.4. Whilst the proposals were supported by the majority of the residents who responded, 1 resident disagreed with the proposals. A number of the residents who supported the proposals also provided comments on the proposals as discussed below.
- 6.5. The resident who disagreed with the proposals advised that cars park on the school zig-zag markings and across driveways, not in the location of the proposed works. The responded suggests that an enforcement camera would be more beneficial. The resident who neither agreed nor disagreed also suggested that a permanent enforcement camera should be provided and one respondent who agreed with the proposals also requested additional enforcement for the restrictions. This point is acknowledged and whilst it is not possible for the parking enforcement team to be present daily the team do visit all schools twice per term. The parking enforcement team also have access to a camera car which is used to enforce the School Keep Clear restrictions. A request will be made for additional enforcement visits following the introduction of the new measures.
- 6.6. Another comment raised by the resident who neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposals related to the School Crossing Patrol with the resident believing that this was removed from the school. The School Crossing Patrol has not been removed but is rather currently vacant; the position can be applied for online via the Greater Jobs website.
- 6.7. No amendments are proposed to the Road Safety around Schools scheme in response to the consultation feedback received.

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/summer 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 approve the following proposals:

- An upgrade of the school warning signage on Adswood Road including provision of 'School 20 When Lights Show' signage to encourage vehicles to slow down at school times;
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Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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