

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Road Safety Around Schools - St Matthew's C of E Primary School

Report to: (a) Central Stockport Area Committee

Date: Thursday 10th March 2022

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 Matthew's C of E Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage, implementation of bollards and dropped kerbs with tactile paving; road markings; speed limit repeater signs 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 Matthew's C of E 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.

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 - St Matthew's C of E 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 Matthew's C of E Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage, implementation of bollards and dropped kerbs with tactile paving; road markings; speed limit repeater signs 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.
- 2.3 Traffic Services are aware that Stockport has been awarded funding from TFGM to implement eight school streets across the borough of which St Matthew's C of E Primary School is one. A school street is a road outside a school with a temporary restriction on motorised traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times. The restriction applies to all motor traffic, regardless of whether it is associated with the school itself, to create a street environment which encourages cycling, scooting, or walking part or all of the school run.
- 2.4 Planning is currently taking place along with site visits to determine the safest and most suitable points to close the roads. During February 2022, traffic counts are being conducted and schools have been asked to collect school travel data to use as baseline data for monitoring and evaluation purposes. Consultation is being planned for March 2022 with the hope that implementation of trials will take place on a staggered programme in June/July before schools finish for their summer break.
- 2.2. Stockport Council is aware of a 'Road Safety in Edgeley, Stockport' petition which has been organised by local residents and has been signed by 345 people at the time of writing. The petition focuses on road safety concerns caused by speeding vehicles and makes reference to four primary schools within the area (Alexandra Park Primary, Lark Hill Primary, St Matthew's Primary and Our Lady's). The Road Safety around Schools scheme for St Matthew's C of E Primary School has been developed in order to focus on the key issues identified by Officers, in liaison with the school, and align with the budget available.

3. PROPOSALS

3.1. To reduce the impact of inconsiderate parking and to remind drivers of the 20mph speed limit within the area, Traffic Services consulted with the residents and road users likely to be affected with the proposals shown on Drawing No. F/0305/47/SM/001 Rev A.

3.2. The proposals include:

- Review and upgrade of school warning signage;
- Provision of pencil bollards adjacent to the school pedestrian entrances on York Street and Bulkeley Street to highlight that children will be in the area;
- Installation of 20mph repeater signs on York Street and Bulkeley Street to reinforce the 20mph speed limit;
- Provision of 20mph on-carriageway roundels on Bulkeley Street to reinforce the 20mph speed limit;
- Revocation of the existing No Waiting at Times Shown (8am – 5pm) restrictions on the north-eastern side of Lucy Street and replacement with No Stopping Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm on School Keep Clear Markings restrictions;
- Existing 'School Keep Clear' markings on York Street and Bulkeley Street to be re-lined;
- Introduction of 'No Loading at Times Shown' restrictions (8:30am – 9:30am and 2:30-4pm) on Bowdon Street to support the existing 'No Waiting at Times Shown' restrictions which cover the same time periods;
- Installation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving at the junction of Bowdon Street / Bulkeley Street to aid pedestrians to cross and gain access to the primary school;
- Proposed No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) at the junction of Lucy Street / Bulkeley Road. This is to keep the junctions clear of parked vehicles, protecting intervisibility between pedestrians and motorists whilst also ensuring vehicles can negotiate the junction safely; and
- Installation of a dropped kerb on Bowdon Street.

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 alternatives were considered

6. CONSULTATION

6.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been consulted and no adverse comments were received.

- 6.2. A total of 30 letters, with freepost return envelopes, were delivered and 10 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 4 written replies (13%) and 5 online responses. 7 (78%) were in favour, 1 (11%) neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposals and 1 (0%) was against the proposals. 7 (78%) respondents strongly agreed and 1 (11%) respondent strongly disagreed with the proposals. Six responses were received from local residents and 3 from parents / carers with a pupil at the school.
- 6.4. Whilst the proposals were supported by the majority of respondents, a number of the residents provided comments on the proposals as discussed below.
- 6.5. Two respondents (one of whom strongly disagreed with the proposals and one who strongly agreed) advised that some cars/vans park in the area and then walk to the train station to avoid paying parking charges. Both respondents also queried why more pupils aren't walking to school. The scheme proposals aim to create a safer environment for pedestrians walking to/from school and will supplement additional support provided by Stockport Council to encourage pupils to walk/cycle to school such as Road Safety Education training (Step Outside, Headsmart, Child Speedwatch and Bikeability) which is offered on an annual basis, separate to the Road Safety around Schools programme.
- 6.6. One respondent advised that the proposals have been needed for a long time with numerous cars exceeding the 20mph speed limit.
- 6.7. One respondent advised that the proposed measures would move cars from outside the school to other nearby residential streets. The changes to the parking restrictions as part of the scheme are 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 junction of Lucy Street /Bulkeley Street are proposed to protect clear visibility between pedestrians and vehicles approaching the junctions creating a safer environment in which to cross the road. It is therefore recommended that the proposed restrictions remain.
- 6.8. 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 summer/autumn 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 proposals, and recommend that the Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders set out within 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 OF TROs

Revocation of existing NO WAITING MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8AM – 5PM (Grid Ref K23 and K24)

Note: There is a discrepancy between on-site signage (which states NO WAITING 8AM-5PM) and what is shown within the consolidation order (NO WAITING MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8AM – 5PM)

Location	Extent
Bowdon Street (Northern Side)	From a point 35.5 metres north-east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Bulkeley Street to the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Lucy Street.
Lucy Street (Eastern Side)	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Bowdon Street to a point 14 metres south of the northern kerbline of Bowdon Street.
Bowdon Street (Southern Side)	From a point 35.5 metres north-east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Bulkeley Street to the intersection of the western kerbline of Lucy Street.
Lucy Street (Eastern Side)	From the intersection of the southern kerbline of Bowdon Street to a point 7.5 metres south of the southern kerbline of Bowdon Street.
Bowdon Street (Both Sides)	From a point 19 metres south-west from the intersection of the western kerbline of York Street for the full eastern extent of the road up to the pedestrianised area.

PROPOSED TRO SCHEDULE

NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

Location	Extent
Bulkeley Street (North Eastern Side)	From a point 5 metres north-west of the intersection of the northern kerbline of Bowdon Street to a point 5 metres south of the southern kerbline of Bowdon Street.
Bowdon Street (Both Sides)	From the intersection of the north-eastern kerbline of Bulkeley Street for a distance of 5 metres in a north-easterly direction.

NO STOPPING MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8AM – 5PM on School Keep Clear Markings

Location	Extent
Bowdon Street (Northern Side)	From a point 35.5 metres north-east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Bulkeley Street to the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Lucy Street.
Lucy Street (Eastern Side)	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Bowdon Street to a point 7.5 metres south of the projected intersection of the southern kerbline of Bowdon Street

NO WAITING MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8AM – 5PM & NO LOADING MONDAY – FRIDAY, 08:30-09:30 AND 14:30 – 16:00

Location	Extent
Bowdon Street (Both Sides)	From a point 19 metres south-west from the intersection of the western kerbline of York Street for the full eastern extent of the road up to the pedestrianised area.

NO WAITING MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8AM – 5PM

Location	Extent
Bowdon Street (Southern Side)	From a point 35.5 metres north-east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Bulkeley Street to the intersection of the western kerbline of Lucy Street.
Lucy Street (Eastern Side)	From the intersection of the southern kerbline of Bowdon Street to a point 7.5 metres south of the southern kerbline of Bowdon Street.