

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Road Safety Around Schools - Cheadle Heath Primary School

Report to: (a) Central Stockport Area Committee
2022

Date: Thursday, 10 March

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 Cheadle Heath Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage; implementation of pencil 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 – Cheadle Heath Primary School scheme. To consider and comment upon the following proposals, and recommend that the Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the TROs 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 - Cheadle Heath 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 Cheadle Heath Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage; implementation of pencil 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 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. 0305/46/CH/001 Rev A.
- 3.2. The proposals include:
 - A review and upgrade of the school warning signs on Edgeley Road;
 - Provision of six pencil bollards on the southern side of Edgeley Road and one on the northern side of Edgeley Road to emphasise the school entrance and highlight to drivers that pupils are likely to be using the signalised pedestrian crossing to travel to/from school;
 - Provision of 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) at the junction of Huntley Road / Edgeley Road in order to keep the junction clear of parked vehicles, protecting intervisibility between pedestrians and motorists whilst also ensuring vehicles can negotiate the junction safely;
 - Provision of 'No Loading' blips on the kerbs along Edgeley Road to reinforce the existing 'No Loading' restrictions (7:30-9:30am and 4-6:30pm); and
 - Provision of 'No Loading' restrictions (8:30-9:30am and 2:30-4pm Monday to Friday) on Heathside Road to provide additional support to the existing 'No Waiting' restrictions (8am-6pm Monday to Friday) at school drop-off and pick-up times.

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. Describe alternatives or state no other 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 50 letters, with freepost return envelopes, were delivered and 9 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 8 written replies (16%) and 14 online responses. 15 (68%) were in favour, 1 (5%) neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposals and 6 (27%) were against the proposals. 11 (50%) respondents strongly agreed and 4 (18%) respondents strongly disagreed with the proposals. 7 of the responses received were from parents/carers with a child at the school, none of whom disagreed with the proposals.
- 6.4. Whilst the proposals were supported by the majority of the respondents, 6 local residents disagreed with the proposals. A number of the respondents also provided comments on the proposals as discussed below.
- 6.5. Five of the six residents who disagreed with the proposals, and nine respondents in total, make reference to the proposed parking restrictions. Four disagreed with the extent of the parking restrictions at the junction of Huntley Road / Edgeley Road and two disagreed with the proposed 'No Loading at Times Shown' restrictions on Heathside Road. Two respondents, who both agreed with the scheme in general, requested that the parking restrictions be time based. One local resident considered the parking restrictions proposed at the junction of Huntley Road / Edgeley Road to be long overdue. These are discussed separately below.
- 6.6. The four residents who disagreed with the No Waiting at Any Time restrictions at the junction of Huntley Road / Edgeley Road raised no other objection to the proposed scheme. One advised that all other aspects were supported. Three advised that parking in the area is already difficult and raised concern regarding the impact on residents. One respondent currently parks a works vehicle within the area identified for the restrictions due to the size of the vehicle and the inconvenience it would cause to neighbours should it be parked outside their own property. Several respondents who support the scheme acknowledged the benefits of the restrictions to pedestrians wishing to cross but requested that the extent of the restrictions be reduced in order to limit the impact on local residents. In response to this feedback

the restrictions have been reduced by 8m on both sides of Huntley Road in order to reduce the impact on on-street car parking.

- 6.7. Two local residents disagreed with the 'No Loading at Times Shown' restrictions (8:30-9:30am and 2:30-4pm Monday to Friday) which are proposed on Heathside Road to reinforce the existing 'No Waiting at Times Shown' restrictions which cover the same times. One respondent advised that local residents are fined but parents of school children are 'getting away with it'. Another respondent who strongly agreed with the proposals considered the main issue to be enforcement of the restrictions. During officer visits to the school vehicles were observed stopping on the existing 'No Waiting at Times Shown' restrictions on Heathside Road. These restrictions have an exception which allows loading, as long as the vehicle does not cause an obstruction and there is no loading ban in place. The proposed 'No Loading at Times Shown' restrictions remove this exemption and would make the existing restrictions easier to enforce at school drop-off and pick-up times. The geographical distance of the restrictions is not proposed to be extended and the benefits of the restrictions are considered to outweigh the impact on loading opportunities for local residents. It is therefore proposed that these restrictions be retained as part of the proposed scheme.
- 6.8. In relation to the request for the parking restrictions to be time based, the No Loading restrictions proposed for Heathside Road are focused on the school drop-off and pick-up times only. The purpose of the No Waiting at Any Time restrictions proposed for the junction of Edgeley Road / Huntley Road is to keep the junction clear of parked vehicles, protecting intervisibility between pedestrians and motorists whilst also ensuring vehicles can negotiate the junctions safely. It is therefore not considered that this should be time restricted.
- 6.9. Three respondents, two of whom agreed with the proposals, requested additional enforcement to support compliance with the parking restrictions. It is acknowledged by the traffic team that enforcement will be important to the success of the proposed measures and additional enforcement visits will be requested following introduction of the new measures.
- 6.10. One local resident who strongly disagreed with the proposals made reference to the use of Churchley Road by school traffic. The respondent requested that additional measures are implemented to protect residents and pupils using Heathside Road and Churchley Road with a Schools Street suggested for Churchley Road. The ward members have also raised concern regarding Churchley Road and have proposed to look at this separate to the Road Safety around Schools programme. In addition, Stockport Council is currently working with eight schools to trial School Streets further to funding secured from TfGM. Should further funding become available in the future to support additional School Streets, Cheadle Heath Primary School would be given the opportunity to bid.
- 6.11. One respondent requested additional bollards to discourage drivers from parking on the pavement on Edgeley Road, close to Churchley Road. Pavement parking in this location was not noted during officer site visits at school times. It is recommended that this behaviour be monitored.
- 6.12. One respondent who strongly agreed with the proposals also requested that the pedestrian refuge islands on Stockport Road be reviewed due to a concern that they are insufficient to accommodate the number of people utilising them. The proposals

have been developed in order to focus on the key issues identified and align with the budget available. The Road Safety around Schools budget cannot accommodate a review / amendment to these traffic islands.

6.13. In addition to the above, it is considered by officers that it would be beneficial to extend the existing No Loading at Times Shown (7:30am – 9:30am & 4pm-6pm) restrictions on Edgeley Road to cover the proposed No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on Edgeley Road to the east of Huntley Road. The proposals have been amended to include this extension.

6.14. The amended proposals are shown on Drawing No. 0305/46/CH/001 Rev B.

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 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 following Traffic Regulation Order 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.

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

Appendix A

REVOCATION OF EXISTING TROs

REVOCATION OF NO WAITING AT ANY TIME / NO LOADING 7:30am-9:30am and 4pm-6:30pm (Grid Ref: H25)

Location	Extent
Edgeley Road (Northern Side)	From the intersection of the south-eastern kerbline of Stockport Road to the projected north-easterly kerbline of Huntley Road.
Edgeley Road (Southern Side)	From the intersection of the western kerbline of Heathside Road to the intersection of the western kerbline of Huntley Road.

NO WAITING MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8AM-6PM (Grid Ref:H25)

Location	Extent
Heathside Road (Eastern side)	From a point 8 metres south-east of the intersection of the south-eastern kerbline of Churchley Road to a point 14 metres north-west of the intersection of the north-westerly kerbline of Churchley Road.
Heathside Road (Western side)	From a point 7 metres south-east of the intersection of the projected south-eastern kerbline of Churchley Road to a point 15 metres north-west of the intersection of the projected north-westerly kerbline of Churchley Road.

PROPOSED TRO SCHEDULE

NO WAITING AT ANY TIME / NO LOADING 7:30am – 9:30am and 4pm – 6:30pm

Location	Extent
Edgeley Road (Northern Side)	From the intersection of the south-eastern kerbline of Stockport Road to the projected north-easterly kerbline of Huntley Road.
Edgeley Road (Southern Side)	From the intersection of the western kerbline of Heathside Road to a point 18m south-east of the north-easterly kerbline of Huntley Road.

NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

Location	Extent
Huntley Road (South-western Side)	From the intersection of the south-western kerbline of Edgeley Road for a distance of 19m in a south-easterly direction.
Huntley Road (North-eastern Side)	From the intersection of the south-western kerbline of Edgeley Road for a distance of 14m in a south-easterly direction.

**NO WAITING MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8AM-6PM & NO LOADING MONDAY - FRIDAY
8:30am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4pm**

Location	Extent
Heathside Road (Eastern side)	From a point 8 metres south-east of the intersection of the south-eastern kerbline of Churchley Road to a point 14 metres north-west of the intersection of the north-westerly kerbline of Churchley Road.
Heathside Road (Western side)	From a point 7 metres south-east of the intersection of the projected south-eastern kerbline of Churchley Road to a point 15 metres north-west of the intersection of the projected north-westerly kerbline of Churchley Road.