

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject:** The Metropolitan Borough Council of Stockport (GREAT MOOR JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOLS) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) (SCHOOL CLEARWAY) AND (REVOCATION) Order 2021 – Objection Report

**Report to:** (a) Stepping Hill Area Committee

**Date:** Tuesday, 5 April 2022

**Report of:** (b) Joint report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration and the Head of Legal, Democratic Governance and Estate & Asset Management

**Key Decision:** (c) **NO / ~~YES~~** (Please circle)

Forward Plan ☐ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Tick box)

**Summary:** To consider a number of objections to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for Southwood Road, Cedar Road and Claremont Road, Stockport.

**Recommendation(s):** The Stepping Hill Area Committee is asked to consider the comments in the report and provide approval for the orders to 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.

**The Metropolitan Borough Council of Stockport (GREAT MOOR JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOLS) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) (SCHOOL CLEARWAY) AND (REVOCATION) Order 2021 – Objection Report**

Joint report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration and the Head of Legal, Democratic Governance and Estate & Asset Management

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report is to advise committee members of a number of objections to the proposed introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) on Southwood Road, Cedar Road and Claremont Road, Stockport. The TROs are proposed as part of the Road Safety around Schools scheme around Great Moor Infant and Junior School, in Stepping Hill Ward.
- 1.2 To ensure that objections to the permanent Traffic Regulation Order are appropriately and efficiently considered.

**2. INFORMATION AND ADVICE**

- 2.1. In considering the objection the Area Committee should be mindful that unless otherwise authorised, the only right the general public has over the highway is a right of passage along it. The Authority has both a duty of care to ensure the safety of the travelling public and a duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to secure and facilitate the expeditious movement of traffic.

**3. OBJECTIONS AND COMMENTS**

- 3.1. One objection was received within the timescales for objections. This included a petition signed by 38 residents from 17 properties along Southwood Road and Parkgate Drive. The signatories objected to *'the recent proposals for the extension of no waiting around the area of Greatmoor school and also raise concerns regarding the proposal of the informal crossing at the junction of Parkgate Drive.'* The petition advises that residents consider the extension of the No Waiting restrictions to be excessive and that it will push the problems to neighbouring roads and junctions. A comment is also included advising that the residents object to the lack of consultation and false reporting of public consultation results stating that *'published minutes indicated only 6 responses and 1 objection, however more residents than the amount stated replied with an objection'*.
- 3.2. Two further queries were submitted to officers via e-mail after the deadline for objections. One of these highlighted the impact on on-street car parking for residents. The other requested information on the consultation process undertaken (a response has been provided separate to this report) and queried why the School Keep Clear restrictions are required from 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

***Response***

- 3.3. In October 2021 a report was presented to the Stepping Hill Area Committee for approval to introduce several TROs (and associated signage; implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; bollards; and new school warning signs) to

support the Road Safety Around School scheme proposed for Great Moor Infant and Junior Schools. Approval was granted for the installation of the dropped kerbs with tactile paving, bollards, and new school warning signs and for the advertising of the TROs. The informal crossing at Parkgate Drive has already therefore been approved and it is only the TROs that were advertised and are therefore the subject of this Objection Report.

- 3.4. Within the report submitted to the Stepping Hill Area Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 a summary of the public consultation responses was included advising that 39 letters were issued, 10 responses were received and that 5 residents agreed with the proposals and 5 residents disagreed with the proposals. It is unclear why the residents who signed the petition believed that only one objection had been reported.
- 3.5. In relation to the objections to the proposed parking restrictions, the existing difficulty experienced with parking in the area is acknowledged. A previous consultation was undertaken in November 2019 which was based on wider measures. The proposed scheme has been scaled back since the 2019 proposals to reduce the impact on on-street parking whilst still providing a scheme which focuses on pupil safety and complies with the funding available within the Road Safety Around Schools budget.
- 3.6. The proposals include a 16.5m extension to the existing 'School Keep Clear' restrictions on Southwood Road (which is less than the length of three average cars) which extends the restrictions past the junction with Parkgate Drive. The existing restrictions stop part way across the junction, but Rule 243 of the Highway Code prohibits parking opposite a junction. It is considered that this extension to the existing restrictions will help reinforce Rule 243 of the Highway Code and will also protect visibility between pedestrians and vehicles approaching the school and create a safer environment in which to cross Southwood Road. It is also noted that the proposed extension to the School Keep Clear restrictions would apply 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday, with residents able to park on the markings outside of these times. The times for the School Keep Clear restrictions are set to improve safety whilst pupils and their parents/carers travel to/from school but also to ensure that there is access to the school for emergency vehicles should this be required during the school day.
- 3.7. A 13.5m extension to the existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at the junction of Cedar Road / Moorland Road is also proposed. The existing restrictions end at the give-way line on Moorland Road at the junction with Cedar Road. Rule 243 of the Highway Code also prohibits parking within 10m of a junction. The proposed restrictions extend to the boundary of number 2 Cedar Road and protects clear visibility between pedestrians and vehicles approaching junctions creating a safer environment in which to cross Cedar Road and Moorland Road.
- 3.8. The existing School Keep Clear markings on Claremont Road are also proposed to be remarked to enable enforcement. This re-marking will lead to a 5m reduction in the length of the School Keep Clear markings and an equivalent extension of the No Waiting At Any Time restrictions to protect intervisibility between pedestrians and vehicles on Claremont Road at its junction with Southwood Road. This will have no impact on on-street car parking availability between 8am-5pm Monday to Friday. Residents are able to park on the School Keep Clear markings outside of the times covered by the restrictions.

- 3.9. A further 4.5m extension of the No Waiting at Any Time restrictions is proposed on Southwood Road, to the south of its junction with Claremont Road to improve visibility at the informal crossing on Southwood Road. This will reduce on-street car parking availability by less than the length of one average car.
- 3.10. The TROs proposed as part of the Road Safety Around Schools scheme for Great Moor Infant and Junior school are considered to be proportionate, providing a balance between the on-street car parking demand and improved safety for pedestrians.

#### **4. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDER**

- 4.1. It is proposed that no amendments be made to the proposals and that the Traffic Regulation Orders as shown on Drawing 0305/GM/22/003 Rev D and described within Appendix A be made.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

#### **6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. The Council has a statutory duty to ensure that its highways operate safely for the safe passage of all traffic including pedestrians and powers to regulate and restrict traffic to assist in that duty.

#### **7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1. To comply with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders, Regulations 1996 the Authority must consider all objections submitted during the consultation period of at least 21 days before 'Making' a Traffic Regulation Order.
- 7.2. The Committee should make a decision in respect of the objections received so that the scheme can be progressed and the No Waiting At Any Time and No Stopping Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm on School Keep Clear Markings restrictions introduced or abandoned.

#### **8. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

- 8.1. The alternative to the proposals laid out in this report is to continue with the current lack of restriction on the highway by not introducing the proposed traffic regulation orders.

#### **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1. It is recommended that:
- 9.2. the Area Committee note all Traffic Regulation Orders where objections have been considered by officers;
- 9.3. the Area Committee accept the Traffic Regulation Orders be made as originally advertised.

9.4. That the objectors are informed of the decision where contact details have been provided.

#### Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

Anyone wishing further information please contact Caroline Aylmer-Shanks on telephone number or by email on [c.aylmer-shanks@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:c.aylmer-shanks@stockport.gov.uk)

## **Appendix A**

### **Revocation of Existing TROs**

Revocation of EXISTING NO WAITING AT ANY TIME on the north-western side of Southwood Road as referred to in Consolidation Order (O30).

Revocation of EXISTING NO WAITING AT ANY TIME on the south-westerly side of Claremont Road as referred to in Consolidation Order (O30).

Revocation of EXISTING NO STOPPING MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8am-5pm on School Keep Clear Markings on the north-western side of Southwood Road as referred to in Consolidation Order (O31).

Revocation of EXISTING NO STOPPING MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8am-5pm on School Keep Clear Markings on the south-western side of Claremont Road as referred to in Consolidation Order (O30).

### **Proposed TRO – Schedule**

#### **NO WAITING AT ANY TIME**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Extent</b>
<b>Southwood Road (North-western Side)</b>	From a point 8.5 metres north-east of the intersection of the north-eastern kerbline of Claremont Road for a distance of 28 metres in a south-westerly direction.
<b>Claremont Road (South-western Side)</b>	From the intersection of the north-western kerbline of Southwood Road for a distance of 11.5 metres on a north-westerly direction.
<b>Cedar Road (South-western Side)</b>	From the intersection of the south-eastern kerbline of Moorland Road for a distance of 13.5 metres in a south-easterly direction.

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

<b>Location</b>	<b>Extent</b>
<b>Southwood Road (North-western Side)</b>	From a point 2.5 metres north-east of the projected north-eastern kerbline of Ripley Avenue for a distance of 81 metres in a south-westerly direction.
<b>Claremont Road (South-western Side)</b>	From a point 11.5 metres north-west of the intersection of the north-western kerbline of Southwood Road for a distance of 51 metres in a north-westerly direction.