

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Road Safety Around Schools - Brookside Primary School

Report to: (a) Marple Area Committee
2022

Date: Wednesday, 6 April

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 Brookside Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage; implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; 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 – Brookside 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 - Brookside 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 Brookside Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage; implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; and provision of 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. F/0305/58/001 Rev B.
- 3.2. The proposals include:
 - Installation of dropped kerbs and tactile paving at the following junctions: school access road / Ashbourne Drive and Manifold Drive / Ashbourne Drive;
 - Proposed 'No Loading' between 08:30-09:30 and 15:00-16:30 restrictions on Ashbourne Drive and the school access road to supplement the existing 'No Waiting at Times Shown' restrictions which cover the same time periods;
 - Upgrade of the existing school warning signage on Ashbourne Drive and Manifold Drive;
 - Relining of the existing single yellow lines on Hartington Road; and
 - Relining of the give-way markings at the junction of Ashbourne Drive / Hartington 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. 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 38 letters, with freepost return envelopes, were delivered and 7 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 15 written replies (39%) and 9 online responses. 21 (91%) were in favour, 2 (9%) neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposals and 0 (0%) were against the proposals. 15 (65%) residents strongly agreed and 6 (26%) residents agreed with the proposals. One respondent did not select a response.
- 6.4. Five of the written responses were received after the advertised consultation deadline but have been included as they may have been delayed in the post over the Christmas period.
- 6.5. One e-mail was also received from a resident requesting the relocation of a sign that was shown on the plan to be provided outside of their property. The resident also completed a response form and the proposals have been amended to relocate the sign as requested; see drawing F/0305/58/001 Rev C.
- 6.6. Whilst the proposals were supported by the majority of the residents who responded, 2 residents neither agreed or disagreed with the proposals and a number of the residents who supported the proposals also provided feedback on the proposals. The responses received are discussed below.
- 6.7. Nine of the respondents either advised that the existing parking restrictions are ignored or requested that additional enforcement to encourage compliance with the TROs. The existing 'No Waiting at Times Shown' 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. In addition, additional enforcement visits will be requested following introduction of the new measures.
- 6.8. Three respondents, all of whom agreed / strongly agreed with the proposals, also requested additional parking restrictions. The location and type of proposed restriction, along with a response, is provided within the following table.

Table 1: Summary of Feedback on Restrictions with SMBC Response

Respondent	Location / Type of Restriction	SMBC Response
1	Request for double yellow lines at the junction of Ashbourne Road / Hartington Road	During officer visits to the site no vehicles were observed to be parked within 10m of this junction. Rule 243 of the Highway Code, does however prohibit parking within 10m of a junction and this location forms part of the walking route to/from school for pupils living within the surrounding residential area. It is therefore proposed to provide No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at this junction.
2	Reinstatement of the double yellow lines at the junction of Hartington Road / Alderdale Drive	There is no Order covering No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at this junction. Rule 243 of the Highway Code prohibits parking within 10m of a junction and this location forms part of the walking route to/from school for pupils living within the surrounding residential area. It is therefore proposed to provide No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at this junction..
	Request for double yellow lines at the junction of Brookside Lane / Hartington Road	During officer visits to the site no vehicles were observed to be parked within 10m of this junction and there are existing bollards located on the western side of Brookside Lane to prevent pavement parking at this junction. Rule 243 of the Highway Code does however prohibit parking within 10m of a junction and this location forms part of the route to/from school for pupils living within the surrounding residential area. It is therefore proposed to provide No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at this junction.
3	Request for double yellow lines in conjunction with bright yellow Zig-Zags on the school access road and on the curved junction section of Ashbourne Drive	The parking restriction options have been reviewed and it is considered appropriate to retain the proposed 'No Loading At Times Shown' restrictions which are proposed for this area.

6.9. Three respondents, who all strongly agreed with the proposals, made reference to cars idling outside the school. Separate to the Road Safety around Schools programme Stockport Council have launched a 'Turn It Off' campaign. Stockport schools have been issued with a toolkit of information to distribute to parents / carers along with the offer of a free banner to place on the school fencing. Officers will liaise with the school to ensure that the information was received.

6.10. Three respondents advised that their drives are at times blocked by parked vehicles and another advised that they had difficulty reversing into their drive due to vehicles parked close to their property. Two of the properties are located within the area where 'No Loading At Times Shown' restrictions are proposed; this should encourage compliance with the existing 'No Waiting At Times Shown' restrictions preventing parents/carers from blocking these driveways. Access Protection markings will be provided for the remaining two properties which are located outside of the 'No Waiting At Times Shown' restrictions.

- 6.11. Two local residents raised concern about drivers rat-running along Hartington Road to avoid congestion along the A6. The ward members are already aware of concerns about this issue and are in discussion with Stockport Council separately to the Road Safety around Schools programme.
- 6.12. One local resident objected to a new 'No Loading' sign being provided outside their property. This objection has been reviewed and it can be confirmed that no new signs are being proposed outside their property.
- 6.13. One resident who neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposals advised that the main problem was parents ignoring restrictions / blocking driveways. However, they all raised concern regarding the proposed 'No Loading At Times Shown' restrictions and the impact this would have on residents, especially those who utilise home delivery for their shopping. The proposed 'No Loading At Times Shown' restrictions will reinforce the existing 'No Waiting At Times Shown' which will make them easier for officers to enforce and therefore address the concern regarding parents ignoring restrictions. The majority of online food shopping options provide the option to choose a delivery time slot and comments boxes. Residents should therefore have the option to select times outside the restrictions or request that drivers park a short distance away (outside the restrictions). The benefits of the additional restrictions are considered to outweigh the impact on local residents and so no changes are proposed as a result of this feedback.
- 6.14. The amended proposals are shown on Drawing No F/0305/58/001 Rev C.

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 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 Times Shown restrictions (Grid Ref: X42 and X43)

NO WAITING MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8:30-9:30AM and 3-4:30PM

Note: There is a discrepancy between on-site road markings and what is shown within the consolidation order for Hartington Road and Ashbourne Drive.

On-Site

Location	Extent
Hartington Road (Northern Side)	From the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Alderdale Drive to a point 5m west of the projected western kerbline of Ashbourne Drive.
Hartington Road (Southern Side)	From the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Alderdale Drive to a point 6m west of the western kerbline of Ashbourne Drive.
Ashbourne Drive (North-Eastern Side)	From a point 34m north of the intersection of the northern kerbline of Manifold Drive to a point 37m south-east of the projected south-eastern kerbline of the Brookside Primary School access road.
Ashbourne Drive (South-Western Side)	From a point 34.5m north of the projected northern kerbline of Manifold Drive to a point 37m south-east of the intersection of the south-eastern kerbline of the Brookside Primary School access road.
Manifold Drive (North Sides)	From the intersection of the north-eastern kerbline of Ashbourne Drive for a distance of 28.5m in a north-easterly direction.
Manifold Drive (South Sides)	From the intersection of the north-eastern kerbline of Ashbourne Drive for a distance of 26m in a north-easterly direction.
Brookside Primary School Access Road (Both Sides)	From the intersection of the south-western kerbline of Ashbourne Drive for the full length of the road.

Consolidation Order

Location	Extent
Hartington Road (Northern Side)	From a point 2.5m east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Alderdale Drive to a point 5m west of the projected western kerbline of Ashbourne Drive.
Hartington Road (Southern Side)	From a point 4.5m east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Alderdale Drive to a point 6.5m west of the western kerbline of Ashbourne Drive.
Ashbourne Drive (North-Eastern Side)	From a point 25.5m north of the intersection of the northern kerbline of Manifold Drive to a point 37m south-east of the projected south-eastern kerbline of the Brookside Primary School access road.
Ashbourne Drive (South-Western Side)	From a point 25.5m north of the projected northern kerbline of Manifold Drive to a point 37m south-east of the intersection of the south-eastern kerbline of the Brookside Primary School access road.

PROPOSED TRO SCHEDULE

NO WAITING and NO LOADING MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8:30-9:30AM and 3-4:30PM

Location	Extent
Ashbourne Drive (North-Eastern Side)	From a point 34m north of the intersection of the northern kerbline of Manifold Drive to a point 37m south-east of the projected south-eastern kerbline of the Brookside Primary School access road.
Ashbourne Drive (South-Western Side)	From a point 34.5m north of the projected northern kerbline of Manifold Drive to a point 37m south-east of the intersection of the south-eastern kerbline of the Brookside Primary School access road.
Manifold Drive (North Sides)	From the intersection of the north-eastern kerbline of Ashbourne Drive for a distance of 28.5m in a north-easterly direction.
Manifold Drive (South Sides)	From the intersection of the north-eastern kerbline of Ashbourne Drive for a distance of 26m in a north-easterly direction.
Brookside Primary School Access Road (Both Sides)	From the intersection of the south-western kerbline of Ashbourne Drive for the full length of the road.

NO WAITING MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8:30-9:30AM and 3-4:30PM

Location	Extent
Hartington Road (Northern Side)	From a point 14m east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Alderdale Drive to a point 10m west of the intersection of the western kerbline of Brookside Lane.
Hartington Road (Northern Side)	From a point 8m east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Brookside Lane to a point 5m west of the projected intersection of the western kerbline of Ashbourne Drive.
Hartington Road (Southern Side)	From a point 10m east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Alderdale Drive to a point 10m west of the intersection of the western kerbline of Ashbourne Drive.

NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

Location	Extent
Hartington Road (Southern Side)	From a point 10m east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Ashbourne Drive to a point 10m west of the intersection of the western kerbline of Ashbourne Drive.
Ashbourne Drive (Both Sides)	From the intersection of the southern kerbline of Hartington Road for a distance of 10m in a southerly direction.
Hartington Road (Northern Side)	From a point 8m east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Brookside Lane to a point 10m west of the intersection of the western kerbline of Brookside Lane.
Brookside Lane (Both Sides)	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Hartington Road for a distance of 10m in a northerly direction.
Hartington Road (Northern Side)	From the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Alderdale Drive for a distance of 14m in an easterly direction.
Hartington Road (Southern Side)	From the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Cromley Road for a distance of 10m in an easterly direction.
Alderdale Drive (Eastern Side)	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Hartington Road for a distance of 13m in a northerly direction.
Cromley Road (Eastern Side)	From the intersection of the southern kerbline of Hartington Road for a distance of 9m in a south-westerly direction.

