

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

**Subject: Road Safety Around Schools - Gatley Primary School**

**Report to: (a)** Cheadle Area Committee  
2022

**Date:** Tuesday, 21 June

**Report of: (b)** Director for Place Management

**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 Gatley Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage; implementation of kerb build-outs with dropped kerbs with tactile paving; new school warning signs; and give-way line markings.

**Recommendation(s):** The Area Committee is asked to consider and approve the following proposals for the Road Safety around Schools – Gatley 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 - Gatley Primary School**

### **Report of the Director for Place Management**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1. To report the findings of a consultation exercise for the Road Safety around Schools scheme around Gatley Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage; implementation of kerb build-outs with dropped kerbs with tactile paving; new school warning signs; and give-way line markings.

#### **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.
- 2.3. Planning permission was granted for an extension and alterations to Gatley Primary School to facilitate expanding from a 2-form entry to 3-form entry (planning application ref DC/075720). The planning permission contained a Section 106 Agreement which includes a contribution towards the measures identified as part of the Road Safety around Schools programme.

#### **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/0305/48/GP/001.
- 3.2. The proposals include:
  - Provision of two new 'School Warning' signs, on eastern and western approaches to the school crossing patrol on Church Road;
  - Replacement of the existing peak time no waiting restrictions outside the shops off Church Road with no waiting at any time restrictions;
  - Introduction of no loading at times shown (08:00-09:30 and 14:30-16:00 Monday to Friday) restrictions on Church Road outside the Prince of Wales public house;
  - Proposed extension to the existing no waiting at times shown (08:30-09:00 and 15:15-16:30 Monday to Friday) restrictions on Hawthorn Road up to Birch Road and amendment of the times covered by the restriction to 08:00-09:30 and 14:30-16:00 Monday to Friday;
  - Replacement of the existing school sign on Hawthorn Road, close to the junction with Burnside Road;

- Provision of kerb build-outs, dropped kerbs and tactile paving at the junction of Hawthorn Road / Burnside Road / Cedar Road; and
- Provision of give-way line markings at the junction of Hawthorn Road / Cedar 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 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 48 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](http://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](mailto:SchoolRoadSafety@stockport.gov.uk) but no such requests were received.

6.3. As part of the consultation we received 5 written replies (10%) and 7 online responses. 9 (75%) were in favour, 1 (8%) neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposals and 2 (17%) were against the proposals. 5 (42%) respondents strongly agreed and 4 (33%) respondents agreed with the proposals. 3 of the responses received were from parents/carers with a child at the school, all of whom strongly agreed with the proposals.

6.4. Whilst the proposals were supported by the majority of the respondents, 2 local residents disagreed with the proposals. A number of the respondents also provided comments on the proposals as discussed below.

6.5. Both residents who disagreed with the proposals (one of whom strongly disagreed) disagreed with the proposed extension to the No Waiting at Times Shown restrictions on Hawthorn Road. One resident objected to the extension in terms of the distance covered, and the other resident objected to the extension to the times covered, especially in the morning (from 08:30-09:00 and 15:15-16:30 to 08:00-09:30 and 14:30-16:00) advising that this would detrimentally impact residents of Hawthorn Road. One local resident who supported the proposals also stated a preference for the morning restrictions to apply from 8:15am in order to cover drivers dropping off for breakfast club.

- 6.6. The proposed geographical extension covers a distance of 10m and would extend the existing restrictions towards Birch Road which is used by some pupils as a pedestrian route to school. The restrictions would be extended past one additional property which has a garage and a double driveway, and on-street car parking would still be available further east along Hawthorn Road. It is considered that the protection that this would provide to pedestrians at school drop-off and pick-up times outweighs the minimal impact to on-street car parking. In response to the proposed extension to the times covered by the restrictions officers understand that some drivers arrive just after 9am to drop off pupils as they are aware that the restrictions no longer apply. It is therefore considered that the restrictions should still be extended past 9am. However, in response to the feedback received it is proposed to amend the times covered by the parking restrictions to 08:15-9:15am and 2:45-3:45pm Monday to Friday in order to minimise the impact on local residents and align with other TROs across the borough.
- 6.7. Three respondents, two of whom agreed with the proposals and one who disagreed, made reference to the proposed kerb build-outs at the junctions of Cedar Road and Burnside Road with Hawthorn Road. One respondent advised that a member of their family was nearly hit by a vehicle reversing along the pavement at the junction; and one parent who walks a pupil to school advised that this junction is particularly dangerous. The respondent who disagreed with the proposals advised that the build-outs would make it more difficult for cars, and larger vehicles such as the buses which are used to take pupils to/from swimming, to manoeuvre and vehicles may over-run the dropped kerbs.
- 6.8. The proposed build-outs at the Cedar Road / Burnside Road / Hawthorn Road junction would reduce the junction corner radii to 6m. This is in line with the minimum corner radii advised in TD 42/95 (Geometric Design of Major/Minor Priority Junctions) and as discussed in Manual for Streets 2 (Section 9.4.10) *'tight corner radii help pedestrians and cyclists travel across and through junctions by reducing the speed of turning vehicles.'* A swept path analysis has also been undertaken to confirm that a refuse vehicle can manoeuvre around the junction. It is recommended that the proposals be retained and that driver behaviour be monitored at this location; bollards can be provided to protect the informal crossing if required.
- 6.9. Two respondents, one of whom agreed with the proposals and one who disagreed, 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 with schools 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. Two respondents who both supported 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.
- 6.11. Two residents who strongly supported the proposals have requested that additional steps be taken to encourage walking / cycling such as improved cycle facilities or introducing a School Street. The proposals have been developed in order to focus on the key issues identified and align with the budget available. Stockport Council is currently working with 8 schools to trial School Streets further to funding secured

from TfGM. Should funding become available in the future to support additional School Streets Gatley Primary School would be given the opportunity to bid.

6.12. One resident requested access protection markings to encourage more considerate parking. Officers have confirmed that the driveway to the property has dropped kerbs and so access protection markings will be included within the revised proposals.

6.13. In addition to the responses received a review has been undertaken of the existing TROs within close proximity of the proposed scheme. In order to streamline and simplify the TROs within the area the following additional changes are proposed:

- The times covered by the existing limited waiting restriction outside the local shops (72 to 92 Church Road) is proposed to be changed from 'Limited Waiting 1 Hour Monday-Saturday 8am-6:30pm No Return Within 1 Hour' to 'Limited Waiting 1 Hour Monday-Saturday 8am-6pm No Return Within 1 Hour'. This would reduce the times covered by the parking restriction by 30 minutes and would align with the existing parking restrictions on the southern side of Church Road, and further north-east along Church Road.
- The existing 'No Loading At Any Time' restriction on Church Road along the western side of the pedestrian island outside the local shops (72 to 92 Church Road) are proposed to be extended to cover the full length of the pedestrian island (southern side of the island only) to align with the existing signage.
- Other TROs, as described within Appendix A, are proposed to be revoked and reinstated in order to aid maintenance and enforcement of the TROs.

6.14. As a result of the feedback received the proposals have been updated as shown on Drawing No. F/0305/48/GP/002.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. The scheme will be funded from the Section 106 Agreement associated with the planning permission for the Gatley Primary School extension (planning application ref DC/075720).

## **8. TIMESCALES**

8.1. Should the proposals be approved, the scheme should be ready for implementation in autumn/winter 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 shown on Drawing No. F/0305/48/GP/002) 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](mailto:c.aylmer-shanks@stockport.gov.uk)

## Appendix A

### REVOCAION OF EXISTING TROs

*There are some discrepancies between on-site measurements and the measurements within the Consolidation Orders. Where this is the case, the measurement within the Consolidation Order has been provided for all revocations. The TRO schedule below should be read in conjunction with Drawing No F/0305/48/GP/003 (Gatley Primary School Revocation Plan).*

Revocation of the existing NO WAITING MONDAY - FRIDAY, 08:30-09:00 and 15:15-16:30 as referred to in the Consolidation Order (Grid Ref B29)

Location	Extent
<b>Hawthorn Road (Northern Side)</b>	From a point 5m east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Acres Road for a distance of 73m in an easterly direction.

Revocation of the existing NO STOPPING MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8am-5pm on School Keep Clear Markings as referred to in the Consolidation Order (Grid Ref B29)

Location	Extent
<b>Hawthorn Road (Southern Side)</b>	From a point 1.5m west of the projected western kerbline of Acres Road for a distance of 101m in an easterly direction.

Revocation of existing NO WAITING AT ANY TIME as referred to in the Consolidation Order (Grid Ref B29)

Location	Extent
<b>Church Road (Southern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Birch Road for a distance of 15.5m in a north-easterly direction.
<b>Church Road (Southern Side)</b>	From a point 24m west of the intersection of the western kerbline of Birch Road for a distance of 33.5m in a south-westerly direction.
<b>Church Road (Northern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the eastern kerbline of the pedestrian island outside 72-92 Church Road for a distance of 16m in a westerly direction.
<b>Church Road (Northern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the western kerbline of the local shops (72-92 Church Road) access road for a distance of 5m in a south-westerly direction.
<b>Church Road Local Shops Access Road (Western Side)</b>	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Church Road for a distance of 6m in a northerly direction.
<b>Birch Road (western side)</b>	From the intersection of the southern kerbline of Church Road for a distance of 7.5m in a southerly direction.
<b>Birch Road (Eastern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the southern kerbline of Church Road for a distance of 3m in a southerly direction.

Revocation of existing NO WAITING AT ANY TIME / NO LOADING AT ANY TIME as referred to in the Consolidation Order (Grid Ref B29)

<b>Location</b>	<b>Extent</b>
<b>Church Road (Northern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the western kerbline of the pedestrian island outside 72-92 Church Road for a distance of 21m in a north-easterly direction.
<b>Church Road (Southern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the western kerbline of Birch Road for a distance of 24m in a south-westerly direction.

Revocation of NO WAITING 8AM-6:30PM as referred to in the Consolidation Order (Grid Ref B29)

<b>Location</b>	<b>Extent</b>
<b>Church Road (Northern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the eastern kerbline of the car park access, adjacent to 62 Church Road, to a point 54m north-east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of the car park access.
<b>Church Road Car Park Access (adjacent to No 62) Eastern side</b>	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Church Road for a distance of 6m in a northerly direction.

Revocation of NO WAITING 8AM-6PM as referred to in the Consolidation Order (Grid Ref B29)

<b>Location</b>	<b>Extent</b>
<b>Church Road (Northern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the eastern kerbline of the local shops (No 72-92) egress to the intersection of the western kerbline of the car park access.
<b>Church Road Local Shops (No. 72 to 92) Egress (Eastern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Church Road to the projected intersection of the shop front building line.
<b>Church Road Local Shop (No. 72 to 92) Pedestrian Island (Northern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the western kerbline of the pedestrian island to the intersection of the eastern kerbline of the pedestrian island.
<b>Church Road Car Park Access (adjacent to No 62) Western side</b>	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Church Road for a distance of 7m in a northerly direction.

Revocation of the existing LIMITED WAITING 1 HOUR MONDAY-SATURDAY 8AM-6:30PM NO RETURN 1 HOUR as referred to in the Consolidation Order (Grid Ref B29)

<b>Location</b>	<b>Extent</b>
<b>Church Road Local Shop (No. 72 to 92) Layby</b>	From a point 2.5m southwest of the projected intersection of the eastern side of the building for a distance of 38.5m in a south-westerly direction.



Revocation of the existing LIMITED WAITING 1 HOUR MONDAY-SATURDAY 8AM-6PM  
NO RETURN 1 HOUR as referred to in the Consolidation Order (Grid Ref B29)

<b>Location</b>	<b>Extent</b>
<b>Church Road (Southern Side)</b>	From a point 4m south-west of the intersection of the western kerblines of Elm Road for a distance of 126m in a south-westerly direction.

## PROPOSED TRO Schedule

NO WAITING MONDAY - FRIDAY, 08:15-09:15AM and 2:45-3:45PM

Location	Extent
<b>Hawthorn Road (Northern Side)</b>	From a point 5m east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Acres Road for a distance of 84m in an easterly direction.

NO STOPPING MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8am-5pm on SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS

Location	Extent
<b>Hawthorn Road (Southern Side)</b>	From a point 1.5m west of the projected western kerbline of Acres Road for a distance of 101m in an easterly direction.

NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

Location	Extent
<b>Church Road (Southern Side)</b>	From a point 25m west of the intersection of the western kerbline of Birch Road for a distance of 32.5m in a south-westerly direction.
<b>Church Road (Northern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the western kerbline of the local shops (72-92 Church Road) access road for a distance of 4m in a south-westerly direction.
<b>Church Road (Northern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the eastern kerbline of the pedestrian island outside 72-92 Church Road to a point 10m north-east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of the car park access (adjacent to No. 62 Church Road).
<b>Church Road Car Park Access (adjacent to No 62) Western side</b>	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Church Road for a distance of 7m in a northerly direction.
<b>Church Road Car Park Access (adjacent to No 62) Eastern side</b>	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Church Road for a distance of 6m in a northerly direction.
<b>Church Road Local Shops Access Road (Western Side)</b>	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Church Road for a distance of 6m in a northerly direction.
<b>Church Road Local Shop (No. 72 to 92) Pedestrian Island (Northern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the western kerbline of the pedestrian island to the intersection of the eastern kerbline of the pedestrian island.
<b>Church Road Local Shops (No. 72 to 92) Egress (Eastern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Church Road to the projected intersection of the shop front building line.
<b>Birch Road (western side)</b>	From the intersection of the southern kerbline of Church Road for a distance of 7.5m in a southerly direction.
<b>Birch Road (Eastern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the southern kerbline of Church Road for a distance of 4m in a southerly direction.

NO WAITING AT ANY TIME / NO LOADING AT ANY TIME

<b>Location</b>	<b>Extent</b>
<b>Church Road (Northern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the western kerbline of the pedestrian island outside 72-92 Church Road to the intersection of the eastern kerbline of the pedestrian island.
<b>Church Road (Southern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the western kerbline of Birch Road for a distance of 25m in a south-westerly direction.

NO WAITING AT ANY TIME / NO LOADING MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:15-9:15AM AND 2:45-3:45PM

<b>Location</b>	<b>Extent</b>
<b>Church Road (Southern Side)</b>	From the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Birch Road for a distance of 20m in a north easterly direction..

NO WAITING 8AM-6:30PM

<b>Location</b>	<b>Extent</b>
<b>Church Road (Northern Side)</b>	From a point 10m north-east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of the car park access (adjacent to 62 Church Road) for a distance of 44m in a north-easterly direction.

LIMITED WAITING 1 HOUR MONDAY-SATURDAY 8AM-6PM NO RETURN 1 HOUR

<b>Location</b>	<b>Extent</b>
<b>Church Road Local Shop (No. 72 to 92) Layby</b>	From a point 1.5m southwest of the projected intersection of the eastern side of the building for a distance of 39.5m in a south-westerly direction.
<b>Church Road (Southern Side)</b>	From a point 4m south-west of the intersection of the western kerbline of Elm Road for a distance of 121.5m in a south-westerly direction.