

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Road Safety Around Schools - Bolshaw Primary School

Report to: (a) Cheadle Area Committee
2022

Date: Tuesday, 2 August

Report of: (b) Director of 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 Bolshaw Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs); implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; provision of 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 – Bolshaw 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 - Bolshaw Primary School

Report of the Director of 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 Bolshaw Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and associated signage; implementation of dropped kerbs with tactile paving; provision of 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. 0305/61/BP/001 Rev A.
- 3.2. The proposals include:
- Provision of bollards on Oakdene Avenue to support the existing No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at the junction with Cross 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
 - Proposed No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at the junction of Cross Road / Bolshaw Road. This is also 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 dropped kerbs and tactile paving at the school crossing patrol location on Cross Road and at the vehicular entrance to the school to assist pedestrians;
 - Provision of hatching at the junction of Kilburn Close and Cross Road, with associated remarking of the give-way marking, to encourage lower vehicle speeds when turning into Kilburn Close;
 - Upgrade of the existing school warning signs along Cross Road; and
 - Proposed remarking of the No Stopping on School Keep Clear (Monday to Friday 8am-9:15am and 3-4pm) restrictions to ensure that the markings comply with current guidelines.

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 28 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 3 written replies (11%) and 3 online responses. 5 (83%) were in favour, 0 (0%) neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposals, 0 (0%) were against the proposals and one respondent did not indicate whether they agreed or disagreed. Of these responses, 2 (33%) residents strongly agreed with the proposals.
- 6.4. Whilst the proposals were supported by all respondents who indicated whether they agreed or disagreed with the proposals a number of the residents provided comment on the proposals as discussed below.
- 6.5. One local resident made reference to lorries parking at end of Bolshaw Road near Cross Road, which obstruct the visibility at the junction. The resident requested 'no parking' restrictions at the junction of Cross Street / Bolshaw Street for at least 500 yards either side. The junction of Bolshaw Road / Cross Road is on the pedestrian desire line for pupils living on Davies Avenue, Peacock Drive and Bolshaw Road who walk to/from school. It is therefore proposed to provide No Wating at Any Time restrictions at the junctions of Bolshaw Road / Davies Avenue and extend the proposed No Waiting at Any Time restrictions proposed at Bolshaw Road / Cross Road in order to keep these junctions clear of parked vehicles, protecting intervisibility between pedestrians and motorists whilst also ensuring vehicles can negotiate the junctions safely. This would also reinforce Rule 243 of the Highway

Code which states that vehicles should not be parked within 10 metres of, or opposite, a junction. In order to minimise the impact on on-street parking the restrictions are proposed to be provided only in the immediate vicinity of the junctions as shown on Drawing No 0305/61/BP/001 Rev B.

- 6.6. One local resident requested that the parking restrictions apply 'term time' only and requested that they finish earlier than 6pm. The Road Safety around School proposals do not propose any amendment to the existing 'No Waiting at Times Shown' parking restrictions. Cross Road is classed as a local distributor road and the parking restrictions cover peak traffic times to align with the Authority's duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to secure and facilitate the expeditious movement of traffic along the highway. It is therefore recommended that the times shown be retained. Parking restriction signage must also align with the guidance set out within the Traffic Signs Manual, which advises in Section 13 that "during term time" must not be used advising that *"This legend is not prescribed by the Regulations as not all drivers will be familiar with the exact dates of each school term, particularly as these can vary from one area to another."* No changes are therefore proposed in response to this feedback.
- 6.7. One resident suggested replacing the proposed hatching on Kilburn Close with physical road narrowing. Suggested new kerb line to reduce radii at the junction with supplementary bollards to deter parking. The resident also requested the provision of raised tables at side road crossings. The Road Safety around Schools budget is limited and would not be able to accommodate these features. No changes are therefore proposed in response to this feedback.
- 6.8. One resident commented on the fact that some drivers wait in the car with the engine idling for a period of time causing unwanted noise to the local residents. 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.
- 6.9. The amended Road Safety around Schools proposals are shown on Drawing No 0305/61/BP/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 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 Traffic Regulation Order set out in Appendix A, and shown on Drawing No 0306/61/BP/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

Appendix A

PROPOSED TRO SCHEDULE

NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

Location	Extent
Bolshaw Road (Northern Side)	From a point 19m west of the intersection of the western kerbline of Cross Road to a point 11m east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Cross Road.
Bolshaw Road (Southern Side)	From a point 10m west of the intersection of the western kerbline of Davies Avenue to a point 22m east of the intersection of the eastern kerbline of Davies Avenue.
Cross Road (Both Sides)	From the intersection of the northern kerbline of Bolshaw Road for a distance of 11m in a northerly direction.
Davies Avenue (Both Sides)	From the intersection of the southern kerbline of Bolshaw Road for a distance of 9m in southerly direction.