

Highways Committee

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Objections to the Traffic Regulation Order advertised The County Council of Durham (Various Schools, Sedgefield, Teesdale, Wear Valley and Burnhope) (No Stopping on School Entrance Markings) Order 2011

Report of Ian Thompson, Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise members of 1 objection received following the formal advert of a Traffic Regulation Order for School Keep Clear Markings in the South of Durham Area.

This report requests that Members endorse the proposal to proceed with making the Traffic Regulation Order.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Order consists of 81 schools within the Sedgefield, Teesdale and Wear Valley area. The purpose of these School Entrance Markings is to protect the pupils and provide a clear area where a child can cross safely.
- 2.2 At present the existing Keep Clear markings at the 81 schools enclosed within this Order do not have a Traffic Regulation Order or signage and therefore are unenforceable.
- 2.3 The proposals advertised for all the schools reflect the existing restrictions that currently apply in each location. The existing zig zags may need slightly extending or reduced to comply with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.
- 2.4 In accordance with the Statutory Instrument 2489 (The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996) proposals were formally advertised in the press (Durham Times) and posted on street on the 8th April 2011, and maintained for 21 days.

3.0 Objections

As a result of the formal advertising of the Regulation Order known as “The County Council of Durham (Various Schools, Sedgfield, Teesdale, Wear Valley and Burnhope) (No Stopping on School Entrance Markings) Order 2011 an objection was received as follows:-

Objection – Vane Road Primary School, Sedgfield

The objector wants the overall situation looked at, by introducing stopping restrictions on both sides of the road. The objector feels that half an hour in the morning and in the afternoon would be sufficient.

Response

At present the existing Keep Clear Entrance Markings at Vane Road Primary School do not have a Traffic Regulation Order or signage and therefore are unenforceable. The proposals advertised for Vane Road reflect the existing restrictions that currently apply in this location. We are not proposing to make any changes to the current arrangement. In the guidelines it states that the length of School Entrance Markings needs to be restricted to one which drivers will respect. The times of the School keep clears are 8am – 6pm to standardise school keep clear restrictions and include out of hours clubs associated with the schools.

6.0 Recommendations and Reasons

- 6.1 The Committee is recommended to endorse my proposal to set aside the objections and as advertised proceed with the Traffic Regulation Order.

Background Papers

Office Files

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – Demand Management

Staffing – Carried out by Strategic Traffic

Risk – Not Applicable

Equality and Diversity – It is considered that there are no Equality and Diversity issues to be addressed.

Accommodation - No impact on staffing

Crime and Disorder - This TRO will allow effective management of traffic to reduce congestion and improve road safety

Human Rights - No impact on human rights

Consultation – Is in accordance with SI:2489

Procurement – Operations, DCC.

Disability Issues - Blue Badge holders are exempt from the restrictions for up to 3 hours

Legal Implications – Enforceable TRO