

TRAFFORD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change
Date: October 2019
Report for: Approval
Report of: Principal Engineer, Traffic and Transportation, One Trafford

Report Title

**Wood Lane, Partington - Proposed School Keep Clear Markings
CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS**

Summary

Proposals to introduce 'school keep clear' markings (No stopping, Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm) on Wood Lane, Partington; at its junction with Myrtle Road, were formally advertised on 15th March 2019. Following a 21-day statutory consultation with nearby frontages, a single response was received in objection to the proposals. Having considered the objection, the Council proposes to introduce the 'school keep clear' restrictions at the above-mentioned location as advertised. The proposals are shown on drawing **E9033-01-F** and are described in Schedule 1 to this report.

Recommendations

Agreement is sought to the following:

- 1) That the results of the consultation be noted.
- 2) That following careful consideration of the objection and comments received, authorisation be given to make and introduce the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised, detailed in schedule 1 to this report and shown on drawing **E9033-01-F**, as soon as is practicable.
- 3) That the objector is notified of the Council's decision.

Contact person for further information:

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Background information: None

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Forest Gate Academy is a Primary School in Partington with a pedestrian entrance which can be accessed via Myrtle Road and Wood Lane. As the access point to this entrance, the junction of Wood Lane and Myrtle Road experiences considerable short term stopping/parking by vehicles during the school pick up and drop off times. It is considered that this parking is detrimental to road and pedestrian safety.
- 1.2 'School keep clear' road markings and signs were installed on Wood Lane, at its junction with Myrtle Road a number of years ago to deter this parking; however, these marking were not bound by a Traffic Regulation Order hence breaches could not be enforced. Following the resurfacing of Wood Lane, the 'school keep clear' road markings were not reinstated.
- 1.3 Due to continuing traffic and parking issues associated with the school run in the locality, a request was subsequently made by a local Ward Councillor for consideration to be given to the reinstatement of the markings at this junction to deter obstructive stopping/parking.

2.0 CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

- 2.1 The Council formally advertised the intention to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order to the effect of 2 'school keep clear' restrictions, resulting in a single objection being received during the 21-day statutory consultation. The comments received and the Council's response are within Appendix A to this report.
- 2.2 In essence, the respondent uses a vehicle to take their children to Forest Gate school and believes that the main traffic issue at the location is caused by a resident of Wood Lane who lives opposite Myrtle Road. It is said that the said resident parks their car on the road outside of their property, thus slowing down the movement of traffic on this narrow road.

3.0 COMMENTS

- 3.1 **Chief Constable's View:** GMP have no issues with the proposals.
- 3.2 **Chief Fire Officer's View:** No comments received.

3.3 Transport for Greater Manchester's View: Thank you for consulting Transport for Greater Manchester with your proposals, after reviewing from a bus perspective we have no comments or issues to raise

3.4 Ambulance Services' View: There are no objections to the attached proposals

3.5 Hackney Carriage Driver / Operator Representative's View: No comments received.

3.6 Ward Members' Comments:

Cllr Adele New: I am in full agreement with the proposal and am relieved to hear that the residents objection has been unsuccessful. The safety of our school children is paramount and these lines were covered years back. Can you please advise when the works are likely to take place?

Cllr Aidan Williams: I am in favour of the installation of the new road markings as per the current plans.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The Council has given full consideration to the objection received and has provided a summary of the objection and the Council's response on Appendix A to this report.

4.2 It is therefore recommended that authorisation be given to make and introduce the Traffic Regulation Order as detailed in Schedule 1 to this report and as shown on drawing **E9033-01-F** as soon as is practicable.

4.3 The recommendation is made in the interests of the effective management of the highway network, and that of promoting road safety of all users; particularly school children that frequent this location.

5.0 SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE 1 – Proposed restrictions

Borough of Trafford (Prohibition of Waiting and Loading and Provision of Parking) Order 2001 (As amended) – to be amended to include the following:

Street	Side	From	To	Code
Wood Lane, Partington	South- West	A point 27 meters south of its junction with Myrtle Road	Its junction with Myrtle Road	SS
Wood Lane, Partington	North- West	A point 3 metres northeast of its junction with Myrtle Road	A point 31 metres northeast of its junction with Myrtle Road	SS

List of Codes

SS - School keep clear, No stopping, Mon - Fri, 8am – 5pm

APPENDIX A:

ROAD	LOG	OBJECTS	SUPOPTS	NATURE OF OBJECTION	COUNCIL'S RESPONSE
Wood Lane	01	Yes	No	<p>I wish to object to this application to restrict traffic parking. I use this to take children to Forest Gate and the problem issue is caused by a resident of Wood Lane who lives opposite Myrtle Road and parks his car which cause the main traffic issue. Put yellow lines outside his, as he has a drive but won't use it as it maximises problems of traffic passing through such as buses</p> <p>Considered as an objection</p>	<p>The Council is proposing the restrictions as a replacement of a similar road marking that was in existence at this location a few years ago. The proposed 'school keep clear' markings are intended to keep the road space outside of schools/school entrances free from parked vehicles so that children can be seen more easily, particularly when crossing the road. Whilst I appreciate that the parking of vehicles opposite Myrtle Road is not ideal, the removal of this parking is not within the scope of this scheme.</p> <p>Recommended to overrule as an objection</p>

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	None
Financial	The cost of providing the restrictions, estimated to be £1320, is to be funded from the 2018/19 Traffic Signs & Street Furniture (9264857)
Legal Implications:	The proposed Traffic Regulation Order is being progressed in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Signs Regulations & General Directions 2016 and if implemented will be enforced by the Council's Parking Services or be self-enforcing.
Equality/Diversity Implications	None
Sustainability Implications	None
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	None
Risk Management Implications	Risk of challenge to the High Court is low.
Health and Safety Implications	Improvements to the highway network will improve safety for all road users.

Other Options

Leaving out the proposed restrictions to which objections have been raised would be detrimental to highway safety and would also lead to highway obstruction issues.

Consultation

In addition to the statutory advertising the proposals have been the subject of direct consultation with nearby frontages and with local ward Councillors. The consultation was also posted on-line during the consultation period.

Reasons for Recommendation

To enable the necessary parking restrictions to be introduced and enforced in the interests of highway safety and to discourage obstruction of the highway.

Finance Officer Clearance
Legal Officer Clearance

MCJH (for Technical Finance Manager)
CK (Legal Services)

CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE (electronic)



To confirm that the Financial and Legal Implications have been considered.

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