

Agenda Item 8.

STOCKPORT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Road Safety Around Schools - Norris Bank Primary School

Report to: (a) Heatons & Reddish Area Committee
2020

Date: Monday, 27 January

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 Road Safety Around Schools – Norris Bank Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for 20mph speed limits and give way markings as detailed in this report.

Recommendation(s):

The Area Committee is asked to consider and approve the following proposals for Road Safety around Schools – Norris Bank Primary School scheme. To consider and comment upon the proposals, and approves the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order and, subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the following 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.

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'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.

AGENDA ITEM

Road Safety Around Schools - Norris Bank 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 Road Safety Around Schools – Norris Bank Primary School and to seek approval for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for 20mph speed limits and give way markings as detailed in this report.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Council's overall strategic transport ambition is to increase the number of children walking or cycling to school, both to reduce congestion on roads, improve local air quality, and improve health outcomes. In order for this to be achieved, it is important that walking or cycling to school is a safe option for children and their families.
- 2.2. To support this ambition, the Traffic Services Team have been working to tackle key concerns which have been raised by schools, residents and local Members. Site investigations have been undertaken to review the operation outside each school and the surrounding roads.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. To improve the road safety of children and all road users in the area around Norris Bank Primary School it is proposed to introduce a 20mph speed limit on the following residential roads.
 - Norris Hill Drive;
 - Winchester Drive;
 - Blandford Road;
 - Ridgemont Avenue;
 - The Square; and
 - The Green.
- 3.2. A proposed 20mph speed limit covering the entire lengths of Wittenbury Road, Marlcroft Avenue and Mossfield Close was consulted upon in June 2019, receiving approval at the Area Committee on 23rd September 2019 and is included in the Traffic Regulation Order Schedule for this proposal for the purposes of statutory advertising.

3.3. TRO Schedule

20 mph Speed Limit

ROAD NAME	EXTENT
Green Lane, Heaton Norris	From a point 55 metres east its junction with Colchester Drive, for a distance of 75 metres in an easterly direction.
Norris Hill Drive, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
The Square, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
The Green, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
Blandford Road, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
Winchester Drive, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
Ridgemont Avenue, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
Wittenbury Road, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
Marlcroft Avenue, Heaton Norris	For its entire length
Mossfield Close, Heaton Norris	For its entire length

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. A number of requests were received for the extension of the proposed 20mph speed limit Green Lane further to the west up to its junction with Alexandra Road. A request was also received to introduce a 20mph speed limit on Warwick Road between Hale Road and Green Lane.
- 5.2. The proposed extent of the 20mph speed limit on Green Lane, indicated on the consultation plan (Drawing No. 0305/NB/001) is an extension of the existing 20mph speed limit by a distance of around 70 metres to just east of the junction of Green Lane/ Norris Hill Drive/ Warwick Road.
- 5.3. To extend the speed limit as requested to Alexandra Road and extension of around 250 metres would be required. Given the general layout and alignment of Green Lane, physical traffic calming features would be required. This would cost beyond the allocated budget for the Road Safety Around Schools programme and therefore

will not be pursued on this occasion however any requests for this extension should be directed towards the Traffic Team to consider in the future should funding become available.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been consulted and no adverse comments were received.
- 6.2. Due to the locality of the proposals, 120 letters with drawings were sent out by post and the consultation letter and plan were also published on the Council's website. We received 60 (50%) replies, 55 (97%) of which were in favour of the proposals. The letters and plans sent out to residents and published online can be found in **Appendix A** of this report.
- 6.3. It is noted that, due to errors in the initial mailing out exercise, it was brought to our attention by a number of residents that some addresses did not receive consultation letters. This matter was investigated and further copies of letters were then sent out to addresses which we were aware had not originally received them.
- 6.4. Concerns were raised by a small number of residents objecting to the possibility of traffic calming features being introduced on the roads within the proposed 20 mph speed limits. It should be noted that no physical traffic calming features such as humps or speed cushions are proposed as the layout and alignment of the roads are such that traffic calming measures are not considered necessary in this instance. 20mph speed limit terminal signs and repeater signs will be erected.
- 6.5. A number of requests were received for the introduction of give way markings at the junctions of Norris Hill Drive/Blandford Road and Winchester Drive/Blandford Road (both junctions). These markings have been added to the proposals plan **Drawing No. 0305/NB/004** in **Appendix B**.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. To be funded from the Road Safety around Schools programme budget allocation.
- 7.2. The estimated cost of this scheme is as follows:-

Legal	£1,000
Road Markings	£350
<u>Signage</u>	<u>£3,300</u>
TOTAL	£4,650

8. TIMESCALES

- 8.1. Works will be ordered for the non-TRO related works (i.e. warning signing & bollards) with a lead time of approximately 8 weeks upon approval of the works from Area Committee/Cabinet Member. TRO related physical works will be ordered following completion of the statutory procedure (estimated 4 weeks) also with a lead time of approximately 8 weeks.

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. The Area Committee is asked to consider and approve the following proposals for Road Safety around Schools – Norris Bank Primary School scheme. To consider and comment upon the proposals, and approve the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order detailed in this report and scheduled below and, subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the orders can be made.

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Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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