

Report subject	Traffic Regulation Orders for Highcliffe School Area - P35 2023
Meeting date	26 July 2023
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	The proposals aim is to improve safety for pupils, parents/carers, staff and residents by introducing various parking changes at key points in the Highcliffe School area. It is hoped that this will in turn encourage walking and cycling to the school meeting corporate and Local Transport Plan objectives to encourage sustainable travel choices and improve safety.
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>Cabinet approve the Traffic Regulation Orders as advertised to enable the order to be made, sealed and to implement the restrictions which are outlined in this report and appendices.</p>
Reason for recommendations	<p>To approve the making and sealing of the Orders. This will enable the implementation of new and amended traffic restrictions on the following roads in Highcliffe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Way • Forest Way • Parkside • Smugglers Lane North • Smugglers Lane South • Woodfield Gardens <p>The above are required to facilitate the delivery of safer routes to school access improvements and reduce conflict in the area around the school and improve walking and cycling for pupils at key locations and the wider community. In taking this decision regard has been had to the council's duty under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.</p> <p>Support and Objections have been received, which are outlined in Appendix 2.</p>

Portfolio Holder(s):	<p>Councillor Vikki Slade - Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic Places</p> <p>Councillor Millie Earl - Deputy Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Connected Communities</p> <p>Councillor Andy Hadley - Portfolio Holder for Climate Response, Environment and Energy</p>
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Wards	Highcliffe & Walkford;
Classification	For Decision

Background

1. The BCP Traffic Team were approached by the previous ward member for Highcliffe & Walkford following issues raised by residents in the Parkside and Field Way area regarding traffic concerns primarily at school times. In addition, concerns had been raised by Highcliffe School regarding pupil safety travelling to and from school.
2. Subsequent site meetings were carried out between BCP Traffic Engineers, Ward Members, Highcliffe School representatives, Highcliffe & Walkford Parish Council representatives and local residents to address the concerns, understand the issues and take forward proposals.
3. Consultation was carried out on the proposals by way of legal 21 day notice from 17 February 2023 to 11 March 2023. Notices were placed in the local Daily Echo as required along with notices placed locally on site. The matter was also discussed locally at Highcliffe and Walkford Parish Council.
4. A summary of the support, objections and comments is outlined in Appendix 2.

Options Appraisal

5. There are 2 Options:
 - Make the Orders and implement the provisions as advertised (this is the preferred option and proposed decision, as set out in Appendix 2).
 - Not to make the Orders.

Summary of financial implications

6. The costs associated with the consultation of the Orders are estimated to be £2,500, with a scheme implementation cost of approx. £8000 funded from the Local Transport Plan allocation for 2023/24.

Summary of legal implications

7. The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended (RTRA) provides local authorities the power to make Traffic Orders. Consultation and notice provisions as identified in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 have been carried out as detailed above. No objections have been received concerning the advertised restrictions. In reaching a decision regard has been had to all relevant statutory provisions. They include, as appropriate, relevant

requirements and duties as set out in s1 and s122 of the RTRA 1984 and s16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Summary of human resources implications

8. There are no known human resource implications.

Summary of sustainability impact

9. The traffic restrictions are a local highway improvement scheme that will complement the council's wider Transforming Travel programme and declared climate and ecological emergency. It will also support the council's Big Plan ambitions for improving local travel and creating an environment where the use of public transport, cycling and walking become more attractive travel choices.

Summary of public health implications

10. One of the aims of the scheme is to improve safer routes to school which will increase walking and cycling thereby improving health and wellbeing of staff and pupils. The scheme also aims to improve air quality in the vicinity of the school.

Summary of equality implications

11. EIA conversation/screening document has been completed and checked by the EIA panel.

The impact assessment summary taken from the screening document is shown below:

The Equality Impact Assessment shows that the scheme will have a positive impact primarily for pupils under 16 travelling to and from the school by restricting parking on the approaches to the school at key points, keeping footways clear of vehicles, ensuring that School Keep Clear markings are free of parked vehicles and encouraging sustainable travel to school by walking and cycling and improved bus access.

Disabled access for blue badge holders (carer or pupil) has positively been improved by providing dedicated disabled bays adjacent to the school entrance. This will also benefit residents and visitors who are blue badge holders.

The full EIA Screening document is set out in Appendix 3

Summary of risk assessment

12. There are no known risk implications.

Background papers

There are no background papers.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Highcliffe School Area - P35 2023 TRO Notice Deposit Document

Appendix 2 - Consultation Outcome and Recommendations - Highcliffe School Area - P35 2023

Appendix 3 – Equality Impact Assessment Screening Document