

Equality Impact Assessment: Conversation Screening Tool

What is being reviewed?	<p>Highcliffe School area Traffic Regulation Order Proposals – Introduce/amend existing and additional parking restrictions.</p> <p>The scheme came about after the BCP Traffic Team were approached by the 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.</p>
What changes are being made?	Traffic Regulation Order – Introduce/amend existing and additional parking restrictions
Service Unit:	Operations
Participants in the conversation:	Matthew Carruthers - Traffic Technician Andy Brown – Traffic Team Leader
Conversation date/s:	11/01/2023 & 19/06/23
Do you know your current or potential client base? Who are the key stakeholders?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road users - People who travel through the area via all form of transport - Local residents - School children and accompanying parents/guardians attending Highcliffe School - Highcliffe School Buses - Organisations on the statutory consultation list for Traffic Orders including the emergency services - Police, Fire, Ambulance, Taxi associations/operators
Do different groups have different needs or experiences?	<p>The highway improvement scheme is designed to create a safer environment for pupils and their parents/carers accessing Highcliffe School.</p> <p>Pedestrians are one of the most vulnerable road user groups. The proposed Traffic Order restrictions would be an effective measure at preventing parking on the widened footway thereby improving road safety conditions for pedestrians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age (children) Children under the age of 16, are one of the most vulnerable road users, in particular child pedestrians which account for most child casualties across all road user types. In contrast to older pedestrians, child pedestrians are not experienced and well educated about using the road. They are therefore particularly vulnerable to injuries and accidents. <p>The largest numbers of child pedestrian injuries statistically occur between 8am to 9am and between 3pm to 7pm.</p> <p>Children attending the Highcliffe School will be the primary beneficiaries of the highway improvement scheme and will see a stronger positive impacts from improved road safety conditions that the traffic restrictions will bring.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability New disabled parking bays outside the school entrance gate will provide more gathering space and reduce congestion on the footway. People with a disability, including those using mobility aids, a wheelchair or a mobility scooter will benefit more from an increased waiting space and a less congested footway. Pedestrians in terms of mobility, drivers have specific dedicated provisions, • Gender (females) Data from the National Travel Surveys shows that women are more likely to do school run than men.
Will this change affect any service users?	The scheme is designed to create a safer environment for children accessing Highcliffe School. It will also benefit the residents due to clearer pavements
What are the benefits or positive impacts of the change on current or potential users?	Less congestion around school, improved air quality, less obstructive footway parking, improved road safety, additional disabled parking
What are the negative impacts of the change on current or potential users?	Some people will not be able to park where they once did close to the school, and some may have to walk further.
Will the change affect employees?	Yes, some BCP Council colleagues may visit the school or may live in the area.
Will the change affect the wider community?	The traffic restrictions resulting from the implementation of these Traffic Orders could possibly affect the wider community insofar as all road users should comply with the restrictions.
What mitigating actions are planned or already in place for those negatively affected by this change?	<p>There is already a large staff carpark that they are encouraged to use by the school leadership team.</p> <p>Blue badge holders can park in the new proposed disabled bays in an area close to the school entrance.</p> <p>Outside of School times residents and visitors can still park appropriately except on/at junctions and bends.</p>
Summary of Equality Implications:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>