

WARDS: Amblecote, Norton, Pedmore and Stourbridge East, Wollaston and Stourbridge Town.

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE – 12TH SEPTEMBER, 2005.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR URBAN ENVIRONMENT

'SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR' MARKINGS TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – (No 3) 2005

Purpose

1. To seek Committee's support for the third proposed Traffic Regulation Order for 'School Keep Clear' markings for the current year for locations within their area.

Background

2. Members will recall previous reports to Area Committee, listing the schools included in the first and second Traffic Regulation Order for Enforceable 'School Keep Clear' markings.
3. A third Traffic Regulation Order is now proposed consisting of further requests received from Councillors and the Police to make existing advisory 'School Keep Clear' markings enforceable. The effect of the Traffic Regulation Order will be to prohibit stopping between 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.
4. Being mindful of statutory processes for the making of Traffic Regulation Orders for this purpose and the need to keep these manageable numbers, the intention is to introduce these in a rolling programme. Thirty schools are included in the third tranche.
5. As most schools experience similar problems with inconsiderate parking and this is common throughout the Borough, schools were initially identified by the Police and the Road Safety Officer, prioritising by using their knowledge of each area. Further consideration has been given to those who have tried to help reduce the problem themselves through traffic reduction activities, i.e. 'Walk to School Week'. This has resulted in a reasonable distribution throughout the Borough.
 - a) All schools identified have been visited at appropriate times to observe and confirm the full extent of the problem.
 - b) Appendix A shows the schools within your Committee's area that are proposed to be included in the third order. Members will note that these sites are adjacent to St Josephs Primary, Elmfield School, Gigmill Primary, Greenfield Primary, Beauty Bank Primary, Withymoor Primary, the Grange School and Hob Green Primary.
 - c) Sustainable Transport

6. The proposals in this report will assist the Council's policies in support of vulnerable users of the Highway and could improve road safety.

Finance

7. Traffic Regulation Orders are financed from the Council's Minor Capital Highway Improvement Budget.

Law

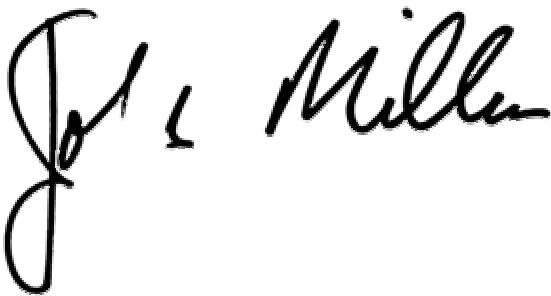
8. Traffic Regulation Orders are made under powers contained in Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 subject to regulations laid down by the Secretary of State.

Equality Impact

9. The capital programme includes specific provisions to assist mobility on the Highway for those with disabilities, pedestrians and other vulnerable users.

Recommendations

10. That Committee note and agree the contents of this report and support the provision of a Traffic Regulation Order to Prohibit Stopping on School Entrance Markings at the locations shown in Appendix A to this report.



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APPENDIX A

STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

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SCHOOL

Amblecote

Withymoore Primary

Norton

St Joseph's RC Primary
Elmfield School
Gig Mill Primary

Pedmore and Stourbridge East

The Grange School
Hob Green Primary

Wollaston and Stourbridge Town

Greenfield Primary
Beauty Bank Primary