

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	17 th JUNE 2015	AGENDA ITEM:	8
TITLE:	RIDGEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL - TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT REVIEW		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee a review of the current traffic management measures at the junction of Whitley Wood Road and Hillbrow and between this junction and the pedestrian access on Whitley Wood Road to the Ridgeway Primary School.
- 1.2 This report seeks approval to carry out a Statutory Consultation on a 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction at the junction of Whitley Wood Road and Hillbrow. This restriction is to extend to the existing School Keep Clear markings which are located 25 metres to the west of the centre line of the afore mention junction.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 - Whitley Wood Road and Hillbrow location plan

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That in consultation with the Chair of the Sub-Committee, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Ward Councillors, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out a statutory consultation and advertise the proposed no waiting at any time restriction at the junction of Whitley Wood Road and Hillbrow as shown in Appendix 1 in

accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

2.3 That subject to no objections received, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order.

2.4 That any objections received following the statutory consultation be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

3.1 The provision of waiting restrictions, traffic management and associated criteria is specified within existing Traffic Management Policies and Standards.

4. THE PROPOSAL

4.1 On 14th January 2015 Planning Applications Committee permitted the extension of the Ridgeway Primary School from a one form entry school to a three form entry school.

4.2 The schools current vehicular access is located on Willow Gardens but the proposed expansion of the school includes the provision of a new vehicular entrance from Hillbrow. This will allow access for deliveries and visitors only to the school, the staff vehicular access will be retained from Willow Gardens.

4.3 No pedestrian access will be gained from this new vehicular entrance but will be maintained via the existing footpath to the school which is located behind the properties on the west side of Hillbrow. As a result of this footpath parents of pupils attending the school drop off and pick up from Hillbrow, with some parking taking place within close proximity of the junction of Whitley Wood Road and Hillbrow including on the grass verges. A Photograph of this parking can be found at Appendix 2.

4.4 No restrictions are currently provided at the junction and therefore it is proposed to provide a 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction around the junction. This will ensure visibility at the junction is maintained and vehicles do not park to the detriment of road safety. The restriction is proposed to extend 11 metres into Hillbrow and 10 metres to the east along Whitley Wood Road from the end of the junction radii.

4.5 In addition it is proposed the 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction is extended 25 metres to the west along Whitley Wood Road so that it

adjoins the existing 'School Keep Clear'. This is to ensure that parents do not drop off and/or pick up their children from Whitley Wood Road, which would have detrimental implications for visibility at the junction and for vehicles travelling east up the hill.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 To promote equality, social inclusion and a safe and healthy environment for all.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 6.1 Statutory Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Any resultant traffic regulation order will be made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 In addition to the Human Rights Act 1998 the Council is required to comply with the Equalities Act 2010. Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 requires the Council to have due regard to the need to:-

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

- 8.2 The Council will carry out an equality impact assessment scoping exercise prior to submitting the update report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The funding comes from S106 monies secured to mitigate the transport impacts of the expanded Ridgeway Primary School which was approved by Planning Applications Committee on 14th January 2015.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.



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Proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' Restriction

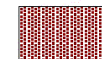


Existing School Keep Clear Marking

80.3m

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Date 26/5/2015
Scale 1/500



Public Highway Extent



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Vehicle Parked within close proximity to the Junction of Whitley Wood Road and Hillbrow

