

Delegated Officer Report **(Non Key and Contracts up to a value of £100k)**

Decision Maker: Nasir Dad, Director of Environment

Date of Decision: 26 March 2024

Subject: School Streets – St Annes CofE Primary School, Ormerod Avenue, Royton

Report Author: Mark Woodhead, Traffic Engineer

Ward (s): Royton South

Reason for the decision: St. Anne's CofE aided primary school's 'school street pilot' commenced on 5 June 2023 after an extensive consultation with the school SLT, residents, parents and councillors. The school street was introduced using an Experimental Traffic Order.

The pilot included a closure of Ormerod Avenue and the introduction of one-way streets to support the closures.

Feedback on the pilot has been positive; parents report that the junction of Ormerod Avenue and St Annes is calmer and feels safer. It is also reported that the closure of Ormerod Avenue helps to provide a secure environment for pupils and parents.

Progressing permanent Traffic Orders to support the installation of gated control and providing footway buildout will ensure that the benefits of the School Street are improved and will remain as permanent features

Summary: St Annes CofE Primary School parents and residents experience the following issues associated with school pick up and drop off times:

- Long standing issues at school pick up and drop off times on Ormerod Avenue and surrounding area.

- Surrounding streets are high density terraced streets with little or no off-street parking.
- Vehicles park on both sides St Anne's Avenue, effectively making it a single lane.
- The School Street pilot has proven that the measures introduced are of benefit to the areas.

The proposed school street will restrict access on Ormerod Street.

The proposals also include making permanent the St Anne's Avenue one way, Westbound, from its junction with Oldham Road to its junction with Ormerod Avenue. Mellalieu Street one way, Southbound, from its junction with St Anne's Avenue.

What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):

The alternative is not to progress these measures and continue to use the experimental powers until they expire and continue to monitor the scheme.

Consultation: including any conflict of interest declared by relevant Cabinet Member consulted.

Highways Transport Policy officers have consulted with schools, Councillors and residents in the area. A public information event was held for residents to attend and provide feedback of the pilot.

The Ward Members have been consulted and Councillor S Bashforth said 'thanks for this and in general it is a good scheme.

Unfortunately, there are still a significant number of people who are ignoring the restrictions which is frustrating residents and generating complaints. Just last week I forwarded photos to our parking enforcement dept. showing lots of people dropping off children and parking on footpaths etc. I'm told by residents that this is a daily issue.

The scheme is good, but stricter and more regular enforcement/education is needed before people accept why this scheme is in place and respect the restrictions.

I do accept resources are limited but without a frequent presence by officers, the scheme will not be as successful as it should be.

This is not meant to be a negative comment but the message that this scheme is for the safety of all children attending the school as well as to protect residents must be firmly passed on to those who ignore it.'

G.M.P. View - The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no objection to this proposal.

T.f.G.M. View - The Director General has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

G.M. Fire Service View - The County Fire Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

N.W. Ambulance Service View - The County Ambulance Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

Recommendation(s):

Permanent Traffic Regulations Order will prohibit motor vehicles from entering the School Street zone/s of each school at drop off and pick up between the times listed in Appendix A on weekdays during term time. A gated barrier will support school staff or volunteers to manage the closure.

The additional footway buildouts will further deter inconsiderate parking at the junction of Ormerod Avenue and St Annes, providing a safer environment for pedestrians.

Implications:

*What are the **financial** implications?*

The cost to progress the permanent Traffic Order at St Marys CofE school to support the installation of gated control and providing footway buildout will be circa £25k and will be capital expenditure.

This will be funded from the Schools Streets scheme with the 2024.25 Transport Capital Programme, which will be financed by Active Travel Fund grant.

(John Edisbury)

What are the **legal** implications?

The Council must be satisfied that it is expedient to make the Traffic Regulation Order in order to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic, including pedestrians, or for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

In addition to the above, under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, it shall be the duty of the Council so to exercise the functions conferred on them by the Act as to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. Regard must also be had to the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises, the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run, the strategy produced under section 80 Environmental Protection Act 1990 (the national air quality strategy), the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles and any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant. (Alan Evans)

What are the **procurement** implications?

The department have confirmed that works will be carried out by Oldham Highway Operations using the term maintenance contract – an internal provision.

(Dan Cheetham, Procurement)

What are the **Human Resources** implications?

None

Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment attached or not required because (please give reason)

Not required because the measures proposed are aimed at improving highway conditions

*What are the **property** implications*

None, the work is being undertaken on the public highway which is under the control of the Highway Authority.

Risks:

The permanent Traffic Regulations Order will prohibit motor vehicles from entering Ormerod Avenue Street during school days will decrease the numbers of incidents involving vulnerable road users especially children and assist with visibility for all road users and residents access issues. There could be reputation risks around the scheme in terms of residents reactions to the proposals these have been mitigated by the trial which has been in place since June 2023.

Vicki Gallacher (Head of Insurance and Information Management)

Co-operative Implications

The proposals set out in this report have been made in consultation with the school SLT, residents, parents, and councillors. The school streets have been welcomed by parents of the children at the school and have led to increased safety for children, parents, and residents. As such, the proposals in this report to continue the scheme are in line with our cooperative agenda. (James Mulvaney, Policy Manager)

Community cohesion disorder implications in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

None

Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

None

IT Implications

None

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?

Yes

Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?

Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?

No

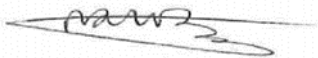
There are no background papers for this report

Report Author Sign-off:	
Mark Woodhead	
Date: 26 March 2024	

Please list and attach any appendices: -

Appendix number or letter	Description
A	Schedule A
B	Schedule B
C	Proposed School Streets

In consultation with Director of Environment



Signed :

Date: 3.4.2024

Appendix A Schedule

Remove from the Oldham Borough Council (Chadderton Area) Consolidation Order 2003

Prohibition of Stopping Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm on School Entrance Markings

Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions
TRO O859	<u>Ormerod Avenue</u> <u>(Both sides)</u> From a point 15 metres north of its junction with St Annes Avenue for a distance of 43.5 metres in a northerly direction	Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm	

Appendix B Schedule

Add to the Oldham Borough Council (Chadderton Area) Consolidation Order 2003

Drawing Number 2376 / A4 / 290 / 01

No Waiting At Any Time

Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	<u>St Annes Avenue</u> North Side from a point 3m west of the junction with Ormerod Avenue eastbound to a point 12.5m east of the junction with Ormerod Avenue South side from a point 3m west of the junction with Ormerod Avenue eastbound to a point 11.5m east of the junction with Ormerod Avenue	At Any Time		
	<u>Ormerod Avenue</u> East side from the junction with St Annes Avenue north for 7m West side from the junction with St Annes Avenue north for 6m	At Any time		
	<u>Mellalieu Street</u> <u>(Both Side)</u> From its junction St Anne's Avenue a point 2m south of the junction with Ormerod Avenue	At Any Time		

Introduce Prohibition of Stopping Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm on School Entrance Markings

Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions
	<u>Ormerod Avenue</u> <u>(East Side)</u> From a point 15m metres north of its junction with St Annes Avenue for a distance of 43.5 metres in a northerly direction	Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm	

One way driving

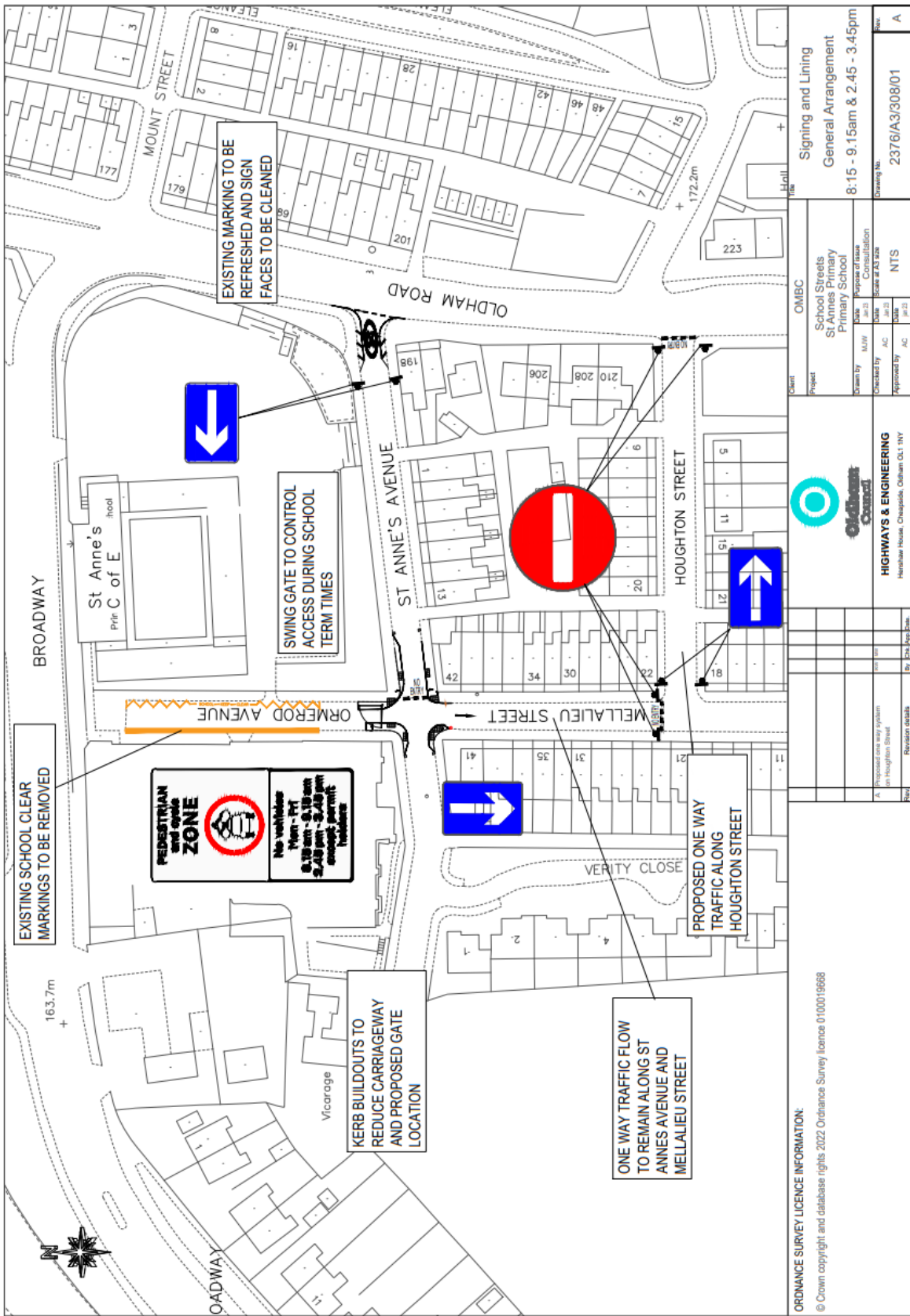
Road	Description
St Anne's Avenue, Royton	Westbound from its junction with A671 Oldham Road to its junction with Ormerod Avenue
Mellalieu Street, Royton	Southbound from its junction St Anne's Avenue to its junction with Houghton Street
Houghton Street	Eastbound from its junction with Mellalieu Street to its junction with Oldham Road

Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

8.15am to 9.15pm and 2.45pm and 3.45pm in term times

Road	Extents	Exceptions
Ormerod Avenue, Royton	For its entire length	B1,B2,B3,C,E,J,K1,K2,K4,P

Appendix C – Proposed School Streets



		Client OMBC School Streets St Anne's Primary Primary School	Project Signing and Lining General Arrangement
Drawn by: HW Checked by: AC Approved by: AC	Date: 11/11/23 Date: 11/11/23 Date: 11/11/23	Scale of issue: A3 size Scale at A3 size: NTS	Drawing No.: 2376/A3/308/01 Rev: A
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