

Delegated Decision

Proposed No Stopping on Entrance Markings – Whetstone Hill Road, Oldham

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive – People and Place

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of a prohibition of stopping restriction on an existing School Keep Clear marking outside St Theresa's Primary School.

Recommendation

It is recommended that a prohibition of stopping restriction is introduced in accordance with the plan and schedule at the end of this report.

Proposed Prohibition of Stopping – Whetstone Hill Road, Oldham

1 Background

- 1.1 The access road leading to St Theresa's Primary School is located at the junction of Whetstone Hill Road and Shakespeare Road. There are two existing School Keep Clear markings in place extending across the mouth of the access road, but these are not backed by a traffic order and are therefore unenforceable under decriminalised powers used by the Council.
- 1.2 The school have made complaints to the Council to report that parents are parking on the entrance markings. This increases the conflict between vehicles and pedestrians. There is therefore a requirement to introduce a traffic order on the markings to improve safety for school children by allowing enforcement to take place.

2 Options/Alternatives

- 2.1 Option 1: To approve the recommendation
- 2.2 Option 2: Not to approve the recommendation

3 Preferred Option

- 3.1 The preferred option is Option 1

4 Justification

- 4.1 The proposal will reduce the conflict between vehicles and pedestrians at the access road to the school and will increase visibility between motorists and pedestrians and vice versa, at a point where children may congregate and cross the road.

5 Consultations

- 5.1 G.M.P. View - The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.
- 5.2 T.f.G.M. View - The Director General has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.
- 5.3 G.M. Fire Service View - The County Fire Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.
- 5.4 N.W. Ambulance Service View - The County Ambulance Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

6 **Comments of St James Ward Councillors**

- 6.1 The Ward Councillors have been consulted and Councillor A Cosgrove confirms this is needed to address the chaos at school pick up and drop offs, as without it is dangerous. Councillor G Alexander supports the proposal. Councillor B Sharp supports the proposal.

7 **Financial Implications**

- 7.1 The cost of introducing the Order is shown below:

	£
Advertisement of Order	1,200
Introduction of 2 Restriction Signs & Poles	800
Total	2,000
Annual Maintenance Cost (calculated April 2021)	100

- 7.2 The advertising and restriction signs/poles costs of £2,000 will be funded from the Highways Operations – Unity budget.
- 7.3 The annual maintenance costs estimated at £100 per annum will be met from the Highways Operations budget. If there are pressures in this area as the financial year progresses, the Directorate will have to manage its resources to ensure that there is no adverse overall variance at the financial year end.

(Nigel Howard)

8 **Legal Services Comments**

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 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. (A Evans)

9 Co-operative Agenda

9.1 In respect of this proposal there are no Co-operative issues or opportunities arising and the proposals are in line with the Council's Ethical Framework

10 Human Resources Comments

10.1 None.

11 Risk Assessments

11.1 None.

12 IT Implications

12.1 None.

13 Property Implications

13.1 None.

14 Procurement Implications

14.1 None.

15 Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

15.1 Energy – Nil.

15.2 Transport – The proposal will improve access along the highway.

15.3 Pollution – Nil.

15.4 Consumption and Use of Resources – Nil.

15.5 Built Environment – Nil.

15.6 Natural Environment – Nil.

15.7 Health and Safety – The proposal will improve safety for road users.

16 Equality, community cohesion and crime implications

16.1 Nil.

17 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**

17.1 No.

18 **Key Decision**

18.1 No.

19 **Key Decision Reference**

19.1 Not applicable.

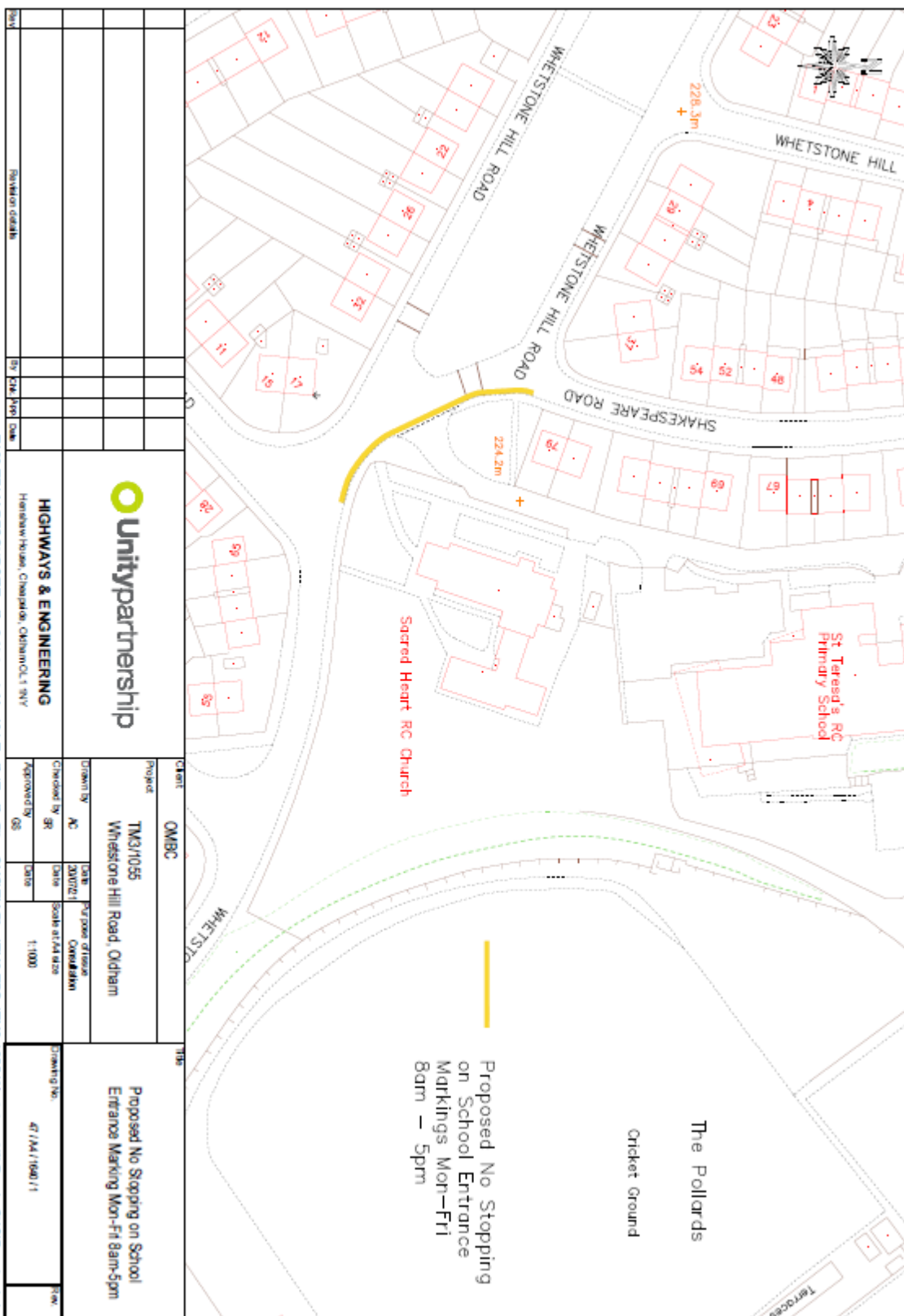
20 **Background Papers**

20.1 The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act:

None.

21 **Proposal**

21.1 It is proposed that a Traffic Regulation Order be introduced in accordance with the following schedule and drawing number.




Schedule

Drawing Number 47/A4/1640/1

**Introduce the following Order to prohibit Stopping – Monday to Friday,
8am – 5pm on two School Entrance Markings**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions
	<u>Whetstone Hill Road</u> <u>North East Side</u> <u>From its junction with Shakespeare Road for a</u> <u>distance of 51.12 metres in a south easterly</u> <u>direction</u>	Monday to Friday 8am – 5pm	B1, B3, B4, C & E

APPROVAL

Decision maker Signed:  Cabinet Member, Neighbourhoods	Dated: 05.10.2021
In consultation with Signed: John Lamb Interim Director of Environmental Services	Dated: 04.10.2021