

Highway Regulation Committee

Objection to Proposed Waiting Restrictions and Extension of School Keep Clear Markings Fir Bank Primary School, Grasmere Road, Royton

Portfolio Holder:

Officer Contact: Nasir Dad, Director of Environment

Report Author: Mark Woodhead, Traffic Engineer

24 September 2026

Reason for Decision

The purpose of this report is to consider a number of objections received to the proposed introduction of a short length of no waiting, 8am – 6.30 pm, restrictions and the extension to the School Keep Clear markings along Grasmere Road, outside Fir Bank Primary School

Recommendation

It is recommended that the objections be dismissed, and the proposal introduced as advertised in accordance with the schedule and plan in the original report.

Objection to Proposed Restrictions

1. Background

- 1.1 A report recommending the introduction of short lengths of no waiting, 8am – 6.30 pm, restrictions and the extension to the School Keep Clear markings along Grasmere Road, outside Fir Bank Primary School, was approved under delegated powers on 03 September 2025. The proposal was advertised, 14 objections were received, along with a petition of objection, signed by 147 signatories.

A copy of the approved report is attached in Appendix A, and a copy of the representations is attached in Appendix B.

- 1.2 The main points raised by objectors are detailed below, along with the Council's response.

- 1.3 Objectors raised concerns that the proposed restrictions would reduce on-street parking and displace parent parking onto neighbouring streets.

In response, Officers acknowledge that the proposals will displace some on-street parking but emphasise that On- street parking takes place throughout the residential area, including the school frontage. Some of the school frontage is already protected by a school entrance markings, operational between the hours of 8am – 5pm. However, the parking taking place at each end of this area, together with the parking on the opposite side of the road, is preventing the school coach from accessing the school frontage. This has resulted in schoolchildren having to walk to the coach which now waits on Rochdale Road, a distance of approximately 0.2 miles from the school frontage. The restrictions will, in total, remove parking for approximately 12 vehicles equating to an additional 7 vehicles as a result of the proposals

- 1.4 Objectors referenced that the issues with parking was created by parents of pupils and was a self-inflicted problem, which is further not helped by the school not providing parking provision for parents.

In response, it is the responsibility for owners for vehicles to provide adequate parking for their vehicles. The adopted highway is for all users and on street parking is not a guaranteed provision. The majority of properties within the residential area have access to off street parking provision, and therefore, the removal of additional 7 spaces is not considered to be significant. Residents that feel that they need to park on street due to disabilities are able to apply for a disabled parking space.

Residents that have written into the Council objecting to the proposals will be emailed and advised of the Highways Regulation Committee and the recommendation within this report. The resident who forwarded the petition from residents will also be informed.

2 Community Cohesion Implications, including crime and disorder implications under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

None

3 Risk Assessments

These were dealt with in the previous report (refer to Appendix A).

4 Co-operative Implications

These were dealt with in the previous report (refer to Appendix A).

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- 5 **Procurement Implications**
- None
- 6 **Current Position**
- 6.1 The purpose of this report is to dismiss the objections and petition received pertaining to the perceived adverse effects on general parking provision.
- 6.2 It is the view of Officers that the proposed parking restrictions would reduce the number of on-street parking options. However, the length of the proposed restrictions is minimal. Should parking still contribute to issues, the School would need to investigate options to support the potential introduction of a School Street to reduce parent vehicle movements.
- 7 **Options/Alternatives**
- 7.1 Following the objection received, the following options have been considered:
- Option 1: Install Prohibition of Waiting restriction and extend School Keep Clear Markings as advertised.
- Option 2: Do nothing
- 8 **Preferred Option**
- 8.1 It is recommended that Option 1 be approved by the panel and installed on site. Officers believe this proposal will meet the objectives of the scheme and improve safety issues identified.
- 9 **Consultation**
- 9.1 The Royton South Members have been consulted and were made aware of the objections on the 13th July via email and no comments have been received.
- 10 **Financial Implications**
- 10.1 These were dealt with in the previous report (refer to Appendix A).
- 11 **Legal Implications**
- 11.1 These were dealt with in the previous report (refer to Appendix A).
- 12 **Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People**
- 12.1 None, the work is being undertaken to improve access on the highways.
- 13 **Key Decision**
- 13.1 No
- 14 **Key Decision Reference**
- 14.1 N/A

15 **Appendices**

Appendix A - Approved ModGov Report

Appendix B – Copy of Representations

Signed  _____ In consultation with Director of Environment	Dated ____ _7th September 2026_____
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APPENDIX A
APPROVED MOD GOV REPORT

Delegated Decision Report

Decision below £250k



Subject:	Fir Bank Primary School, Grasmere Road, Royton
Decision maker: Senior Officer	Nasir Dad, Director of Environment
Decision maker: Cabinet Member	Cllr C Goodwin, Portfolio Holder, Highways & Transport
Decision date:	20 August 2025
Report author:	Mohamed Abdulkadir, Engineer
Ward (s):	Royton North

Reason for decision

The purpose of the report is to consider the introduction of short lengths of 'no waiting', 8am – 6.30pm, restrictions and the extension to the 'School Keep Clear' markings along Grasmere Road, outside Fir Bank Primary School.

Recommendation(s)

The preferred option is Option 1

Background

Fir Bank Primary School is located on Grasmere Road, Royton, within a large residential area.

On-street parking takes place throughout the residential area, including the school frontage. Some of the school frontage is already protected by school entrance marking, operational between the hours of 8am – 5pm, however, the parking taking place at each end of this area, together with the parking on the opposite side of the road, is preventing the school coach from accessing the school frontage. This has resulted in the school children having to walk to the coach which now waits on Rochdale Road, a distance of approximately 0.2 miles from the school frontage.

Since the school entrance markings were originally introduced, an additional school entrance has been constructed to provide an accessible route for staff and pupils. This is not currently protected by the school entrance markings.

The purpose of the report is to consider the introduction of short lengths of 'no waiting', 8am – 6.30pm restrictions and the extension to the School Keep Clear markings along the school frontage, in accordance with drawing number 47/A4/1733/1.

Alternative option(s) to be considered

Option 1: To approve the recommendation.

Option 2: Not to approve the recommendation and allow the obstructive parking to continue.

Consultation

The Ward Members have been consulted and the proposal is supported by Councillors Dave Arnott and Christine Adams.

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.

Risks

The introduction of prohibition of no waiting at any time restrictions and the extension of the School Keep Clear markings at this location will decrease the numbers of incidents involving road users and assist with visibility and access. There could be reputation risks around the scheme in terms of residents and business reactions to the proposals these can be mitigated by effective communications, the publication notice and review of any objections received before installing the restrictions.

Implications

Financial	The cost of introducing the Order is show below: -										
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This will be funded from the TRO, road markings and operational materials budgets within the Highways Service.											
(John Edisbury)											
Legal	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. (A Evans)
Equality impact including implications for Children and Young People	None

Proposal

Introduce a restriction of waiting order and an amended school keep clear marking in accordance with the following schedule and drawing number 47/A4/1733/1.

Schedule

Delete from The Oldham- Schools Keep Clear Prohibition of Stopping No 3 Order 2016

Mandatory School Keep Clear Markings Monday to Friday 8am – 5 pm

Lengths of Road

Grasmere Road, Royton

(North West Side)

From a point 3.4 metres north east of the south west kerb line of Oak Avenue for a distance of 31.56 metres in a north easterly direction

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

Part I Schedule I

Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	<u>Grasmere Rd</u> <u>(North west side)</u> From a point 18 metres south west of a point opposite the south-west kerb line of Oak Avenue for a distance of 18 metres in a north easterly direction	Mon-Fri 8am– 6.30pm		

Introduce a Mandatory School Keep Clear Marking

No Stopping 8.00am – 6.30pm on School Entrance Markings

Road	Description
Grasmere Road, Royton	From a point opposite the south west kerb line of Oak Avenue for a distance of 31.56 metres in a north easterly direction
Grasmere Road, Royton	From a point 31.56 metres north east of a point opposite the south west kerb line of Oak Avenue for a distance of 25.56 metres in a north easterly direction

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

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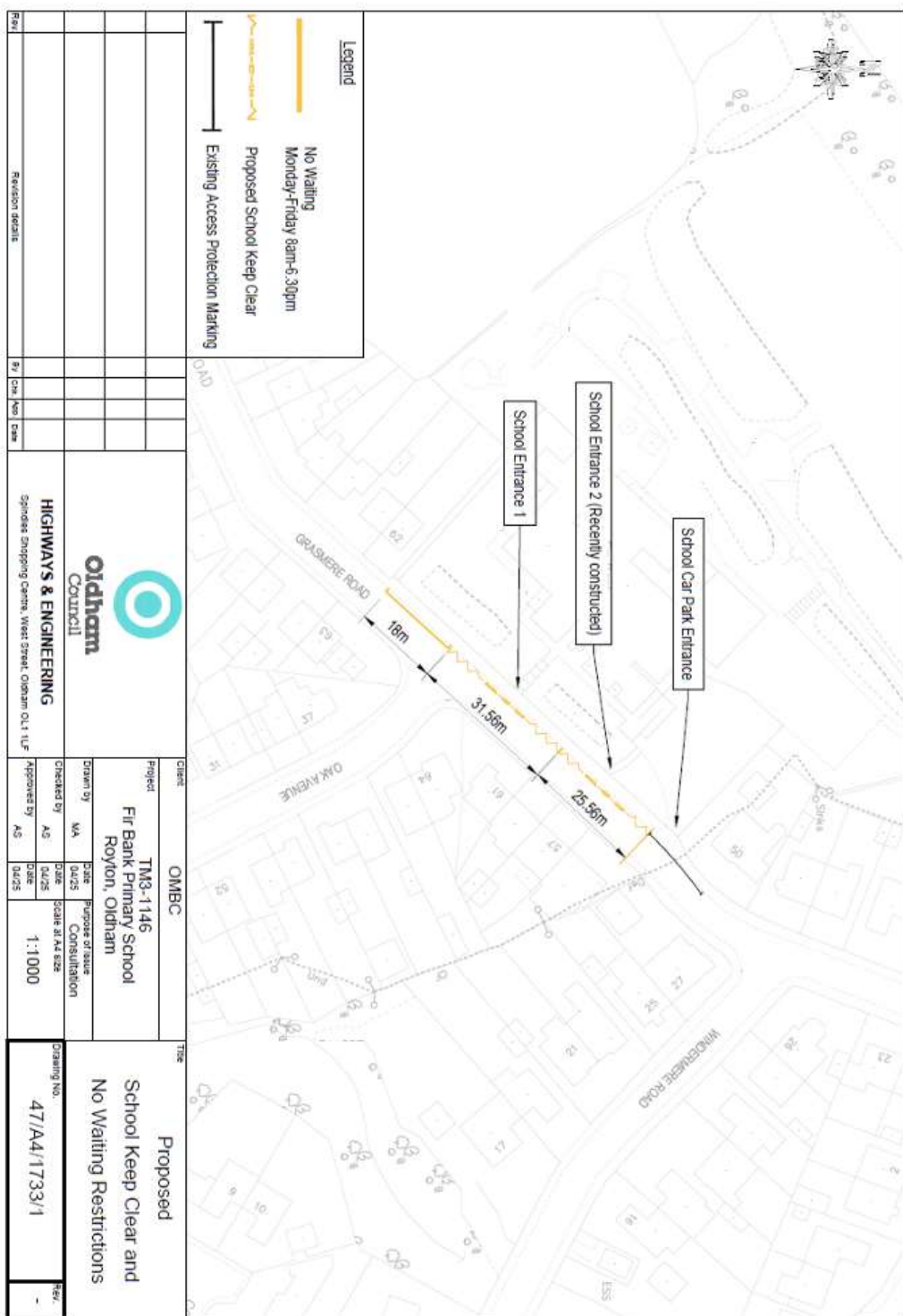
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Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

Report author sign-off	Mohamed Abdulkadir
Role	Traffic Engineer
Date of sign-off	20 August 2025

Approval	
Officer approval sign-off	Nasir Dad
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	03 Sep 2025



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APPENDIX B
COPY OF REPRESENTATIONS

Objection 1

I am writing to object to the proposed parking due to it reducing the facility to park near residential homes.

It is virtually impossible to park during the day due to school staff cars being on the road from 8am to 4pm 5 days a week, not using the half empty purpose built car park for their use.

These cars are the main issue for coaches being unable to park with them being there all day and every day.

Monday- Friday.

Most schools would just put traffic cones out on the road in advance to reserve the parking for the odd occasion.

This school tried it but put them on the footpath, "What to stop pedestrians" No wonder cars pulled up to the kerb without a problem. "IDIOTIC"

Objection 2

As a resident who lives across the road from Firbank school I must complain strongly at the idea of extending the zig zag no parking. We have enough problems with inconsiderate parents blocking driveways at drop off and pick up times as it is, this will only make it worse for the local residents that have to put up with the chaos especially at pick up, when parents are turning up as early as 2.20 to pick up their kids. In this day an age of kids not getting enough exercise would have thought a very short walk would do them good. When this estate was built the school was not on the original plans so why should we have to put up with more abuse from parents who don't even live on Grasmere Rd. I used to walk upto St James Thornham as a kid,.

Also as another fact the school bus actually wrote off our neighbours car another reason the coach shouldn't be coming upto the school, the road isn't suitable.

Hopefully you don't go along with this inconsiderate idea which us living with day in day out will have to suffer.

Objection 3

Objection to - LJM/TO26/3VF25934

Please see attached photos of another reason why we are objecting to the proposed parking restrictions outside Firbank school.

As you can see from the first images the street is clear throughout the day apart from 2 specific hours these being drop off times and collection times.

As you can see from the School car park images this is only ever half full yet school staff members park their cars on the road every day making things even worse for local residents & causing obstruction for the coaches. (This being upto 6 vehicles) These are the main culprits to why the school are now requesting this is put in place.

If they sort the issue of staff parking on the road then this would eliviate any problems but also coaches arriving at the most inconvenient times eg drop off or pick up times when the school know every parent to a child attending the school will be there in some mode of transport.

This is what we have to put up with on a daily basis during term time. Inconsiderate parkers blocking drives and junctions who only think of themselves . Putting extra lines down will have no

effect because they ignore them now and they think they don't apply to them . Please refer to images.

Camera cars come, very rarely and it stops but immediately starts again.

Delivery drivers should be unloading in the school ground not on the roads causing obstructions. Where will they go if these lines are extended? (See images)

School refuse collectors and gardeners can't even park in the car park, they park outside the residents houses. Why when there's a half empty school carpark?

Years ago the school didn't have as many staff with cars.

Maybe an extra car park at the side near the new built nursery would help or educating them to use it.

Every other school I have driven past during pick up, drop off or school trip times have had cones outside for specific vehicles attending eg coaches. Why can't Firbank follow the same? Possibly too much trouble? Can't be bothered?

As you can see from the image with the coach there's ample space to park there is no need to extend any lines or cause any neighbours any more trouble than the school already does!

If you extend the lines all you will do is push bin men, gardeners, delivery drivers, teachers, visitors across to the residents very few parking spaces making it difficult for residents to access their properties.

Objection 4

I would like an explanation as to why you are proposing and no doubt will go ahead with the parking restrictions on Grasmere Road.

In particular to the following queries:

1. Why the restriction on parking is from 8am to 6.30 pm when surely the coach is only there for a short period of time picking up and dropping off pupils? This is usually done at the beginning and end of the school day.
2. The main cause of obstruction is parents picking up and dropping of their children. In many cases staying to watch their child embark and disembark from the coach.
3. Staff from the school parking their cars as near to the school as possible.
4. Why when the school had extensions done did they not create extra parking on the school grounds to the front and left hand side of the building. This area is grassed over and is not part of the play area for pupils.

Your proposals will in the main only affect residents, as you have not been able to regulate parents illegally parking on the school markings. These plans will not prohibit them from doing so in the future. Parents start to park from 2.30pm at pick up time in an effort to get as close as possible to the school. The road is gridlocked and the street corners especially to Oak Avenue are made blind by their inconsiderate parking. This is not caused by residents but we have to suffer and put up with it as you have shown no inclination to monitor this behaviour.

You mention that the children have a short distance of 0.2 miles to reach the coach at present. Surely the exercise gained from this is beneficial to them. They are in no danger of being knocked down, abducted or coming to any harm whilst doing this. I would imagine they quite enjoy this activity.

The times you are proposing are ludicrous and unnecessary for the number of times the school uses the coach.

Objection 5

I wish to object to the proposed new and extended stopping/parking restrictions on Grasmere Road.

As a resident who has no choice but to park

My car on the school side of the road when i return home from work on an evening, where am i then supposed to park my vehicle? There is no room to park on the side of the road with houses and we already often have resident from further down Grasmere road and/or Oak avenue parking outside our houses so where exactly am i going to park?

i have lived here for years and for the majority of every day during the week, Grasmere road is empty (apart from teachers cars). The road becomes an absolute nightmare at school drop off and pick up times when parents quite literally dump their vehicles! Aside from parents and teachers vehicles, at all other times the road is empty and not an issue to drive down or park on so the only issues being caused are by the school! These proposals are ludicrous and will cause even more problems for residents who live here and already have to put up with inconsiderate and rude parents blocking our driveways. The problems are purely down to the school and the parents of pupils attending the school, noone else!
Grasmere road was not built for huge hgv vehicles or coaches, its a residential area!

Objection 6

I am writing to object to the new traffic measures regarding Grasmere road , Oak Ave , Ash Grove & Lime Grove due to the fact that you have missed Borrowdale Close in this . I am a resident of Borrowdale Close and feel these new measures will have a detrimental impact on my street. Everyone will then use Borrowdale to park their cars when dropping off and picking up . This will cause chaos on a small narrow street and accidents will happen . Why has Borrowdale Close not been included in your plans? I understand that measures need to be taken regarding the traffic on Grasmere Road but I am very upset that my street was not included.

Objection 7

I have previously wrote to you regarding the traffic measures on Grasmere road Royton.I received no response to this. I live at ** Borrowdale close myself and my neighbours on Borrowdale are concerned over the traffic measures you wish to enforce. If you put restricted parking from 8am until 6pm on Grasmere road and Oak avenue then all the school traffic will then try and park on Borrowdale Close, it is only a narrow street which already has some parking issues on it. Emergency vehicles will not be able to get down the street if people come and park , a couple of weeks ago an elderly neighbour needed emergency care and the ambulance could not get near her house. I appreciate something needs to be done about the parking near Firbank school but I am not happy about the impact on my street

Objection 8

PETITION AGAINST REF- LJM/TO26/3VF25934

Hi,

Please find a fully signed petition with 147 signatories against the parking proposals outside Firbank Primary School - Grasmere Road, Royton.

If you require the official documents please provide an address for the signed petitions to be posted to.

Objection 9

PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING - FIR BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL

ref: LJM/TO 26/3 VF25934

To whom it may concern.

I am writing regarding the above proposals for prohibition of waiting outside Fir Bank school, and STRONGLY OBJECT to them for the following reasons:-

1. The existing keep clear markings are never policed, and are being abused by parents dropping off/picking up their children. The camera car, comes parents see it and nobody stops. Then when its not there parents

are back to pulling up /parking on the zig zags. Think in the last six months its only been outside the school once.

2. Parents park on the junctions and footpaths of Oak Ave./Grasmere Rd., and Windermere Rd./Grasmere Rd., on both sides of the road causing problems re visibility for drivers, pedestrians , prams and disabled.

3. Parents park up at 2.15pm (1 hour before school finishes) in order to get a parking space outside. If the lines were extended this would have further impact on residents opposite, and either side of school when trying to access their homes by car.

4. Putting the extra markings outside school will force the 5-6 school visitors/teachers/ school staff who park there now for the school day duration to have to park elsewhere , possibly over the road as they can't be bothered to use the carpark. This would cause problems for residents who are in their 70-80 age group , some with various health problems and who have been residents here from before the school was actually built.

To say there are only 4 houses opposite the school and at most during the day 5 residents cars parked, how is this impacting on the school?

Yes! we all have driveways but when school is open we cant us them as we get blocked in and our white lines regularly parked on!

When there are no spaces outside school to park residents will be frightened to move their cars for fear of not being able to park near their homes on return.

5. When the school extension and new building was built residents were told that it would not cause any issue to them. So, why are they now proposing extended waiting and parking areas as well as increased times? Now we have parents who block driveways, stop and park and actually leave their vehicles on the existing zig zags and park on white lines. SO WHO IS CAUSING A ROAD SAFETY RISK - PARENTS!!

All this because school is saying that coaches can't park. WELL - on 9/4/26 a coach arrived at school, parked on the no stopping zigzag markers at 8.33 a.m. and parked up for approx 45 minutes, leaving at approx 9.15 a.m. NO PROBLEM PARKING - although he did park in a no stopping area, opposite 2 cars , causing difficulties for cars trying to get through. On 12/4/26 at 8.56a.m another coach arrived at school. As the children were in school and parents had all gone again - NO PROBLEM PARKING. Coach departed at 9.10a.m.

Why do coaches have to come so early,school doesn't start until 8.45a.m. Surely 9.00 a.m is early enough and parents would have gone by then.

Looks like a waste of money that the Council hasn't got and will cause nothing but additional problems for residents.

Objection 10

I have seen a post in a resident WhatsApp group relating to the parking restrictions which may e enforced around Fir Bank Primary School.

Though I am all in favour of ensuring there is less congestion in this area, firstly I think it should be for the welfare of the children walking to and from school., not just to support the coach trips. My children attend the school and the walk to and from is deadly due to dangerous parking of other families.

Im not sure if we could request sporadic parking attendants. The smart cars with the cameras on to deter dangerous parking which put our children at risk of harm on a daily basis.

But also my worry is if this is reinforced, it appears Borrowdale close is not included in the list. This will only force all traffic down this small but easily accessible road.

I am a resident on Borrowdale Close and request we are included if this goes live but also that residents are issues with free permits to park on the road.

I am currently having Building working done which is forcing myself and my husband to park on the street and we will be for several months whilst the work takes place.

I would appreciate a response to this email acknowledging if Borrowdale Close will be included, and if resident permits will be issued?

Objection 11

Thank you for your notice re above. Existing school entrance markings are ignored by some parents and visitors to the school on a daily basis. They cause congestion problems, and a danger to children, not the residents who park on the opposite side, outside their own properties, *** and ** Grasmere Road.

Parking on the opposite side of the road from the school does not prevent the school coach from access to the school frontage. What creates problems for the school coach and other large vehicles is parents and school visitors parking on the school side of the road, quite often directly opposite residents' cars, reducing the width of the road, then abandoning their vehicles to go in school, as I have witnessed many times.

My wife and I have enjoyed living across the road from the school, we are parents and value children's safety. Again, it is not residents causing congestion and chaos am and pm, it is visitors and parents, we see it every day, and as I write a large black car has parked almost on the yellow no parking lines on the school side directly opposite my neighbour's car which is parked legally, and any large vehicles, delivery vans, ambulance, fire engine trying to go along Grasmere Road would have a problem, not because of residents. If the parking restriction, s come into force will they affect visiting nurses and other medical staff and emergency services?.

Objection 12

I have noted the potential changes to parking around Oak Avenue, Grasmere Road, Pine Grove, Lime Grove and Ash Grove and am wondering why Borrowdale Close has not been included in the potential changes. I therefore wish to raise my objection.

I am a resident at ** Borrowdale Close.

More importantly, my 90 year old mother lives at ** Borrowdale Close. She has carers 6 times per day. I am wondering if all the traffic from Grasmere Road and Oak Avenue park on Borrowdale Close where they will park to visit my mother. Also an ambulance came to her home 2 weeks ago and struggled to get near, even without these potential changes. This is due to the road being extremely narrow, no where near as wide as Grasmere Road and Oak Avenue.

I really do not understand how this will work. Grasmere Road is a very long road as is Oak Avenue, where will these residents park if these restrictions come into force. Also as another fact the school bus actually wrote off our neighbour's car another reason the coach shouldn't be coming up to the school, the road isn't suitable. Hopefully you don't go along with this inconsiderate idea which us living with day in day out will have to suffer.

Objection 13

Ref :- LJM/TO26/3 VF25934.

I AM WRITING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO ROAD TRAFFIC MARKINGS.

I live opposite Fir Bank School on Grasmere Road and have lived here for over 43 years.

Other neighbours also opposite the school have lived here for over 50 years from when the houses were first built. (For the record 3 years before school was built)

Most local residents are now in their 70/80's and for decades have had to put up with foul mouthed parents dropping off and picking up their children in cars, blocking drives and inconsiderate parking to even the extent of experiencing threats of physical violence.

They should not have to tolerate this!

When there is no school or outside the school hours there is not a traffic problem.

The school side of the road is completely clear of any vehicles.

On the opposite side outside the residential properties the home owners with cars have always parked sensibly and courteously towards one another and any other visitors.

At the most, at any one time there are only 4-5 cars parked outside the houses owned by residents.

When it is school time it is completely different more like World War 3 with cars blocking home owners drives, inconsiderate parking on pavement's and right on the junctions of roads causing mayhem and high risk of injury or crashes.

Cars will be nose to tail all along both sides of Grasmere Road as far as you can see and also down Oak Avenue, Windermere Road and other roads off these.

Local residents within an 0.3 mile radius of the school are fed up and sick of inconsiderate parking by school children's parents so much that we have raised a petition to show the anger and discontent of local residents even though they do not sound their views outwardly.

So far it has registered 50+ signatures with some still asked as when you go door knocking not everyone is in!

Not all parking outside the school is down to the parents, school staff park on the road all day with up to 3-4 cars plus visitors which is crazy when a purpose built car park for school staff is half empty.

Many local long standing residents are now in their 70's/80's with life limiting medical issues which means they can not walk very far, you are proposing to make this even more difficult for them because if people can not park where they can now outside the school they will take up spaces used by residents and we will be scared of moving our cars with the fear of not getting back to near home, all you will do is make things worse a spread the problem even further down the local roads.

We and friends or relatives will have nowhere to park or any trades people coming to do jobs at our homes with the proposed restrictions, we have to live with it 365 days a year not just for the handful of coaches per year needing to park at the school.

("Talk about a sledge hammer to crack a nut" ludicrous idea)

All this so a group of school children a handful of times a year do not have to walk 0.2 miles to get on a coach, though they needed exercise nowadays as everyone bangs on about child obesity being a current problem with young children nowadays.

Why not remove the grass frontage and trees to make a vehicle pull in for such instances it is used for nothing else and school has to pay gardening contractors for it's upkeep, just a thought!

Could you please let me know where I can serve this petition against the proposal so as to guarantee it being received.

I would also have thought that residents opposite the proposed changes would have had a letter about it not just a note posted on lampposts appearing as if from nowhere.

Obviously not deemed important to us!

Objection 14

To whom it may concern,

Why has a letter regarding these proposed changes only just been personally hand delivered to residential properties around the local area regarding these proposed changes?

The letter is dated 18th February 2026 and hand delivered on the 12th March 2026 to local households.

The closing date for any objections is the 18th March 2026 leaving very little time to lodge objections, in fact only 6 days where as the letter remained undelivered from it's origination for 3 weeks.

A sceptic may think or say " Leaves little time to object to the proposal"

The letter shows different road traffic markings proposed as against the original posted online, also it states that the schools latest gate for entrance is not covered by the original markings, this is true but the gate has been there for several years and has posed no safety issues within this time that I am aware of. Part of any safety issue has been negated by railings being put outside the gates on the footpath for the two pedestrian entrances, these have only just recently been done.

The original entrance has never had this railing outside it since the school was built many, many, many years ago, so safety suddenly an issue???

On a Friday ever week there is a School Assembly, parents attend, today there are 10 cars parked where the proposed traffic restrictions are going.

"WHERE DO THESE CARS PARK IN THE FUTURE" No doubt outside "LOCAL RESIDENTS HOUSES"

As A local resident I have asked many times over tens of years "Why has Fir Bank Primary School not got a 20mph speed limit or any traffic calming measures on it" I was told that there were not any safety issues regarding the need or incidents to warrant it.

Must be one of a very few, if any School that doesn't have one, I don't know of one apart from this.

Grasmere road is used as a "rat run" to get from Rochdale Road to Shaw/High Crompton with ridiculous speeds of cars at times, must just be by the "GRACE of GOD" then that there have been no incidents reported.