

Report of:	Executive Director, Place
Date:	8 September 2011
Subject:	To report on objections received to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) associated with the School Keep Clear Lines outside Ballifield, Bankwood, Carfield, Greenhill, Handsworth Grange and Southey Green Schools.
Author of Report:	Andrew Kay
Summary:	The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the results of the consultation on the Traffic Regulation Orders.

#### **Reasons for Recommendations:**

- The proposals related to Bankwood, Ballifield, Handsworth Grange and Southey Green Schools should be implemented as advertised as these proposals have no significant effect for residential parking and no substantial objections were made.
- A resident did make comment about the advertised length of the school keep clear markings outside Greenhill School. However recent provision of a Zebra Crossing, adjacent to the advertised school keep clear markings, mean that the length of parking restrictions, outside the school, have been maintained and therefore the markings should be implemented as advertised
- Residents of Argyle Close (Carfield School) have expressed anticipated difficulties in respect of on street parking provision. Therefore officers recommend omission of the single yellow line at the northern end of Argyle Close. Omission of this line does not jeopardize the objectives of the proposals.

#### **Recommendations:**

- Implement the Traffic Regulation Orders related to Bankwood, Ballifield, Greenhill, Handsworth Grange and Southey Green schools as advertised.
- Implement the Traffic Regulation Order for Argyle Close without provision of a single yellow line at the northern end of the Close.
- Inform the objectors accordingly.

#### Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN

Financial Implications	
Yes	
Legal Implications	
NO	
Equality of Opportunity Implications	
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications	
NO	
Human rights Implications	
NO	
Environmental and Sustainability implications	
NO	
Economic impact	
NO	
Community safety implications	
YES	
Human resources implications	
YES	
Property implications	
NO	
Area(s) affected	
North East, South East and South Community Assemblies	
Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Leader	
Cllr Leigh Bramall	
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in	
Cabinet Highways Committee	
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council? YES	
Press release	
NO	

# OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS OUTSIDE SELECTED SCHOOL ENTRANCES

- 1.0 SUMMARY
- 1.1 To report on objections received to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) associated with the School Keep Clear Lines outside Ballifield, Bankwood, Carfield, Greenhill, Handsworth Grange and Southey Green Schools.
- 2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE PEOPLE OF SHEFFIELD
- 2.1 The overall intention is to assess the merits of increasing the enforcement of school keep clear markings.
- 2.2 The process involved in consulting on this scheme supports the 'City of Opportunity' objectives of communities having a greater voice and more control over services which are focussed on the needs of individual customers. Our open, honest and transparent way of working with local communities has increased public confidence in our consultation process.
- 3.0 OUTCOME AND SUSTAINABILITY
- 3.1 The public consultation has contributed to the 'Putting the Customer First' objective of the 'City of Opportunity' plan, with proposals that respond to customer requests to provide highway schemes to benefit users. These restrictions provide road safety benefits for customers
- 3.2 If the Traffic Regulation Orders have a significant effect in reducing parking on school keep clear markings there will be road safety benefits for pedestrians.
- 4.0 REPORT
- 4.1 Many schools have advisory keep clear markings (yellow zig zags etc.) outside their entrances. The Council receives numerous requests from residents, parents and headteachers who are concerned with the problems caused by inconsiderate parking outside schools
- 4.2 School Keep Markings can be enforced by the Police as an obstruction offence. The Council's Parking Services officers can only enforce the markings if a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and signage is in place.
- 4.3 The purpose of the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders is to increase the enforcement of the selected school keep clear markings. The effectiveness and the implications of such an approach would be evaluated if the TROs are approved by Members. The locations in question were selected by the Council's School Travel Plan officers .The proposed restrictions are included shown in plans included as Appendices B C D E and F.

4.4 In addition to the usual statutory consultees, local councillors were also asked their view. Residents, living in close proximity to the proposed locations, were also consulted. Very few comments were received in reply. A summary of the results includes the objections to the proposals, along with officer comments, is set out in Appendix A.

#### **Relevant Implications**

- 4.5 The initial costs of consultation were met from the Council's school travel plan budgets. It is proposed that the costs of signage, and minor amendments to existing lining (estimated at £3000, will be met through the Road Safety Minor Works budget..
- 4.6 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been conducted. No negative equality impacts have been identified.
- 5.0 ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED
- 5.1 If implemented the effects and merits of the Traffic Regulation Orders would be assessed. Ballifield School is the only location where there are direct implications for residents in terms of the availability of on street parking directly outside their homes. A few residents have made comments in relation to proposals outside Carfield and Greenhill Schools and as a result officers are recommending amendments to the original proposals outside Carfield School.
- 6.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION
- 6.1 The proposals related to Bankwood, Ballifield, Handsworth Grange and Southey Green Schools should be implemented as advertised as these proposals have no significant effect for residential parking and no substantial objections were made.
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## 7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Implement the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders related to Bankwood, Ballifield, Greenhill, Handsworth Grange and Southey Green schools as advertised.

- 7.2 Implement the Traffic Regulation Order for Argyle Close without provision of a single yellow line at the northern end of the Close.
- 7.3 Inform the objectors accordingly.

Simon Green Executive Director – Place

15<sup>th</sup> August 2011

## APPENDIX A

#### Summary of Consultation Results and TRO objections

#### Local residents

The consultation period ended on February 18 2011. On street notices were erected and a number oh letters were sent to individual residences (see below).

Argyle Close 38 letters, Bankwood Road 14, Crowder Avenue 6, Greenhill Main Road 12, Handsworth Grange Road 17

#### Wider Consulatation

The consultation included all the affected schools, statutory consultees, relevant local councillors and Community Assembly members

Representatives of the Schools have expressed their approval.

#### Residents' comments :

The objections and comments of support are detailed below together with officer' comments.

## APPENDIX A

## SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

## BALLIFIELD SCHOOL

#### **Objection**

Residents will be adversely affected by the duration of the parking restriction. On street parking will be unavailable most week days. (Tele phone call from a resident of HANDSWORTH GRANGE ROAD – BALLIFIELD SCHOOL)

Officer comment : Officers explained to the resident that the times of the proposed restriction were advertised in error. The restrictions were intended to apply 08.00 -09.30 and 14.30- 16.00 Monday to Friday and therefore inconvenience to residents will be minimised. Subsequently the proposal was re advertised (as Appendix D)

## BANKWOOD SCHOOL

No Objection

No objection expressed but the resident requests a one way arrangement for BANKWOOD ROAD (1 Resident)

This request is beyond the scope of the scheme.

In the past ten years the Council has replied to two petitions requesting a one way arrangement. The resident has been supplied with a copy of the last officer report.

## CARFIELD SCHOOL

#### **Objections**

The proposal will do little to alter the overall situation on ARGYLE CLOSE

Residents will find difficulty finding a parking space on the Close at school opening and closing times as all available spaces on the western side of the road are usually taken up.

#### Can a residents parking scheme be provided?

(2 residents)

Officer Comment : The objective of this proposal is to enhance the enforcement status of the existing school keep clear markings. The actual effect will be assessed by officers. However the TRO is unlikely to make the situation any worse outside the school gate. (N.B. No injury accidents have been recorded in the last accounted five year period).

A residents parking scheme is beyond the scope of the current proposal and in any event the current Council policy, as agreed by Cabinet, is that no 'residents only' (Permit Parking) schemes are to be introduced in outer suburban areas until the results of forthcoming trials (in Hillsborough) are known and assessed.

In addition a residents parking scheme would have no bearing on the enforcement status of school keep clear markings

The difficulty expressed by residents in finding a parking space at school opening and closing times is appreciated. The extension of parking restrictions is supported by the school. However, as it stands the proposal would deny residents the opportunity to park on the eastern side of the road for three hours most weekdays. This may prove inconvenient to residents because on street parking spaces on the western side of the carriageway are at a premium. As a compromise officers suggest that the proposed single yellow line (north of the school keep clear lines is omitted.

## **CARFIELD SCHOOL**

Expressions of approval or no objection

Approval expressed – resident is satisfied that the proposal will allow parking evenings and weekends on ARGYLE CLOSE (1 resident)

The Headteacher of Carfield School – expressed full support for the proposals. The Headteacher has always had concerns in relation to the traffic situation on ARGYLE CLOSE (headteacher)

The headteacher would prefer for the proposal to be implemented as advertised. However two local residents have objected to this (see above)

# **GREENHILL SCHOOL**

## No objection

No objection expressed but can the parking restrictions be extended to where parking occurs at the top of the hill? In addition, the restrictions do not cover the southern school entrance on GREENHILL MAIN ROAD (1 resident)

A zebra crossing has been implemented near the southern school entrance. The current proposal is separate to this scheme

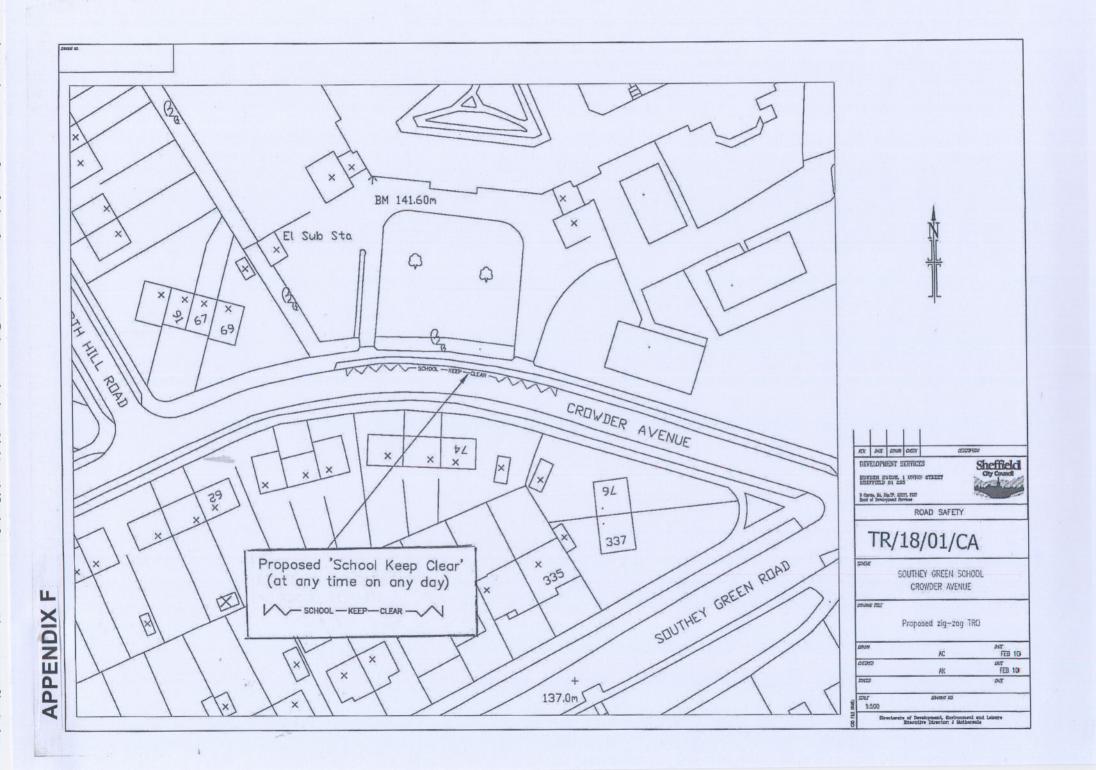
Road safety officers would not recommend extension of parking restrictions to take in the hill north of the school keep clear markings. The previous and proposed parking restrictions already take in a length in excess of one hundred metres. This is quite exceptional in a school situation. Further extension of the parking restrictions would create the conditions for increased vehicle speeds on the school side of the carriageway.

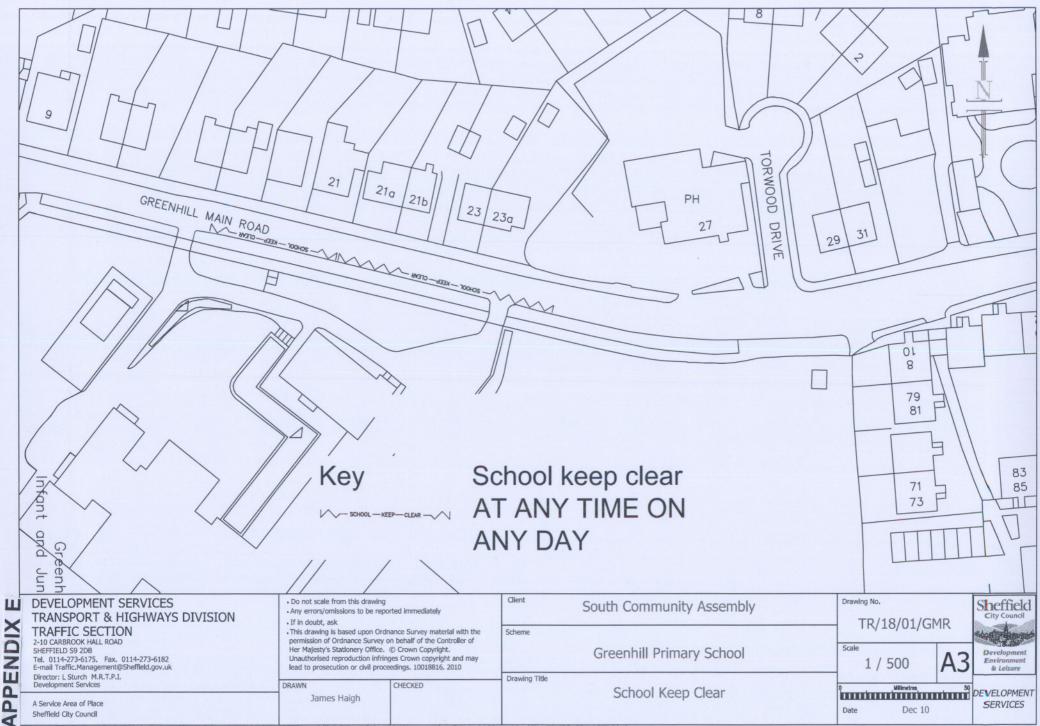
No objection as such but resident expressed their impressions of the situation on GREENHILL MAIN ROAD. Can a white H marking be provided outside the residence? (1 resident)

The Traffic Regulation Section has explained the procedure for applying for a *H* marking.

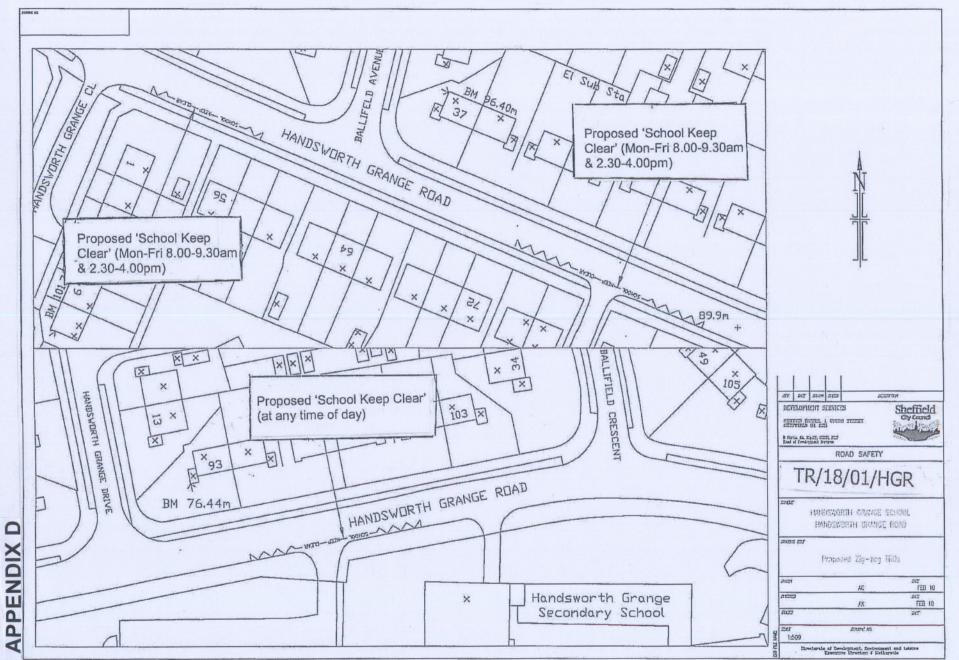
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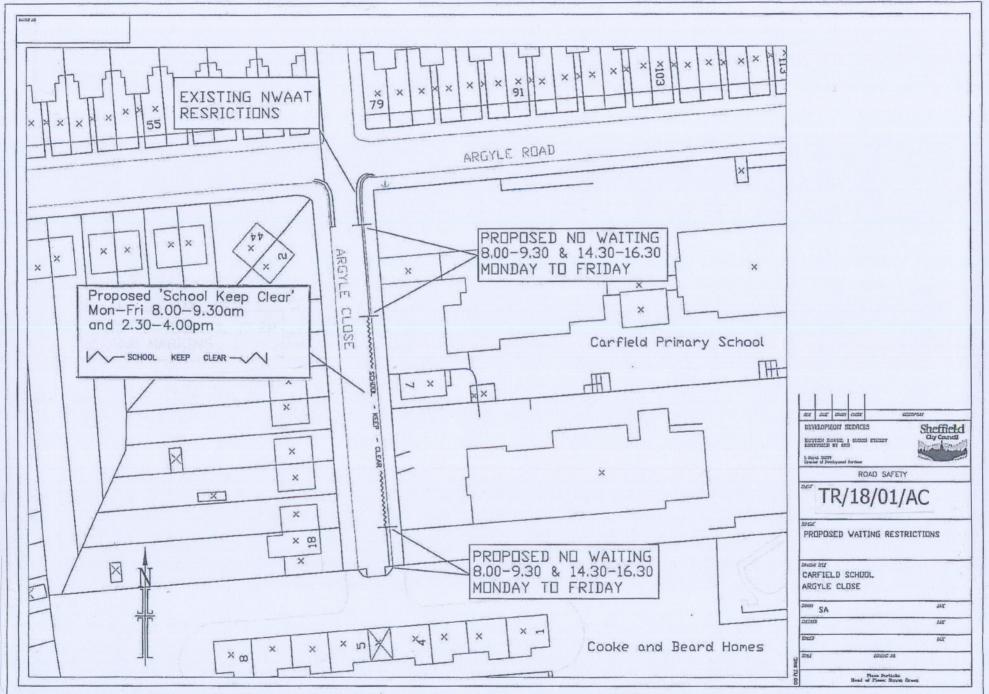
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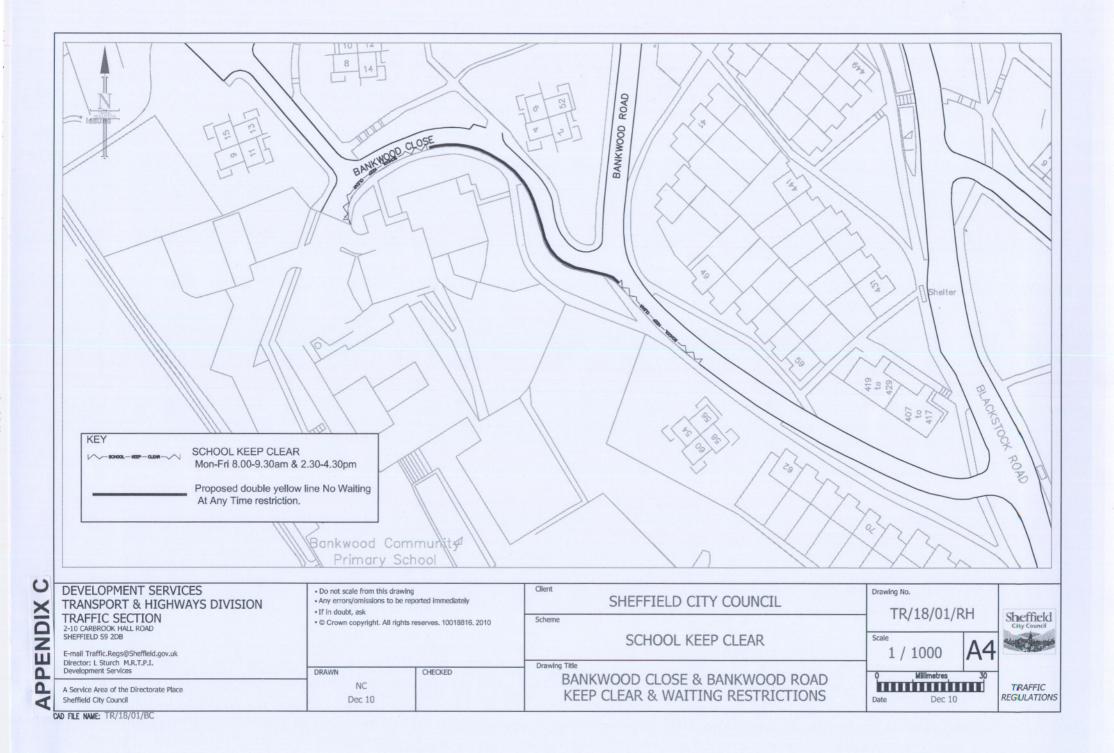
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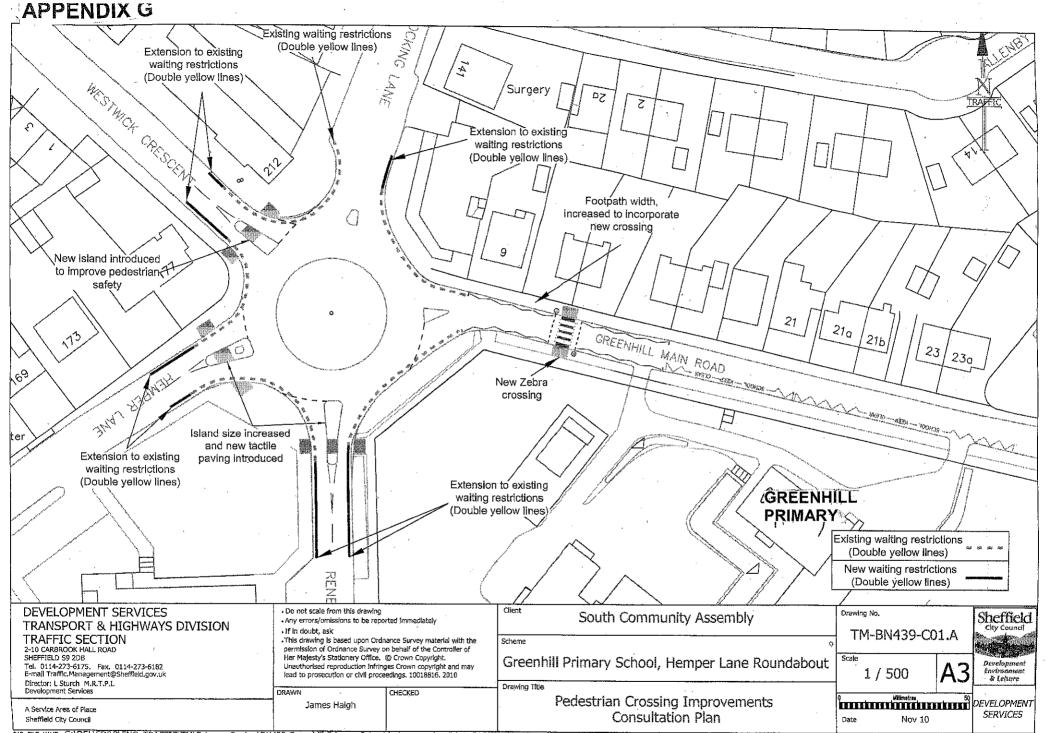




APPENDIX

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