

Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Roger Symonds, Cabinet Member for Transport		
DECISION DATE:	On or after 23 rd July 2011	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:	
		E	2242
TITLE:	Various Roads Prohibition of Stopping on School Entrances		
WARD:	All		
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM			
List of attachments to this report: None			

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 To consider the comments received during public consultation on proposals to improve road safety around school entrances.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet member is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 The proposals proceed to advertisement with amendments as detailed in paragraph 5.4.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of the proposed improvements to road safety around school entrances is circa £3k and capital funding for this is available within the 2011/12 draft Transport Improvement Programme.

4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- Building communities where people feel safe and secure
- Improving school buildings
- Improving transport and the public realm

5 THE REPORT

5.1 Headteachers across the country experience problems with parking in association with school arrival and departure times. Each school year many headteachers request that parents park considerately to encourage road safety and avoid inconsiderate parking which might cause conflict with their neighbours. These requests are made regularly through the year, the majority of residents taking heed of the pleas whilst a minority choose to ignore them and give rise to concerns amongst visitors to the school and drivers of passing vehicles.

5.2 The proposal is to create a Traffic Regulation Order to allow the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers to enforce these restrictions. It is considered that once this is introduced it should improve compliance and improve safety for road users around our schools.

5.3 The Police support these proposals.

5.4 A publicity campaign, to be run in conjunction with schools, is planned for the start of the new school year in September in order to increase awareness. It may also be possible to hire in a mobile camera vehicle to patrol these areas at various times of the year.

5.5 Following formal consultation further comments were received from various Parish Councils and schools a number of comments were received. As a result, the following amendments to the proposal on which the consultation was carried out are now recommended:

- Camerton Church School - withdraw proposals. New proposals to be submitted as part of Phase 2 later this financial year
- Chew Magna Primary School - proceed with School Keep Clear markings and withdraw proposals relating to "No waiting at any time".
- Freshford School - remove proposed School Keep Clear markings on High Street as they are no longer needed (as this entrance is closed). Convert existing School Keep Clear markings to a bus stop on the south side of Freshford Lane and retain the School Keep Clear markings on the north side of Freshford Lane.
- High Littleton School - remove the proposals relating to limited waiting to allow long term parking in this area by staff and local residents.
- St Nicholas School, Kilmersdon Road, Radstock - consider additional restrictions in the area during Phase 2 as requested by the school.
- St Phillips & St James Primary School Bloomfield Road, Odd Down - proceed with "No waiting at anytime proposals", withdraw proposals for "No waiting Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm" in total and reduce the "No stopping Monday to Friday" from 8am to 8pm to 8am to 4pm and reduce its overall length so that it is not in front of number 91 Bloomfield Rise, all as requested by the school.

- Trinity School Radstock - reduce length of no waiting at anytime on Springfield Crescent to both sides from its junction with Woodborough Lane for a distance of 9 metres in a north westerly direction.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 The report author and Cabinet Member have fully reviewed the Risk Assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been considered these proposals will not have any effect on equality for any of the protected characteristics so an equality impact assessment is not necessary.

8 RATIONALE

8.1 Following detailed consultations, various modifications have been made to ensure that the proposals are fit for purpose and they will aid parking and safety near schools

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Ward Councillor; Cabinet members; Parish Council; Town Council; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer

10.2 The proposals were advertised on site along the affected roads for a period of 21 days. At this time the proposals were also advertised in the public notice section of local newspapers

11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

11.1 Customer Focus; Young People; Corporate; Health & Safety; Other Legal Considerations

12 ADVICE SOUGHT

12.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	None
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