

Bolton Council

Report to: Executive Cabinet Member
Environmental Services

Date: 15 August 2016

Report of: Director of Place

Report No: ECMES/16/16b

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Report Title: **Ripley Street - Proposed School Keep Clear Restrictions (Traffic Order 303814) - Objection Report**

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Recommendations: Having considered the objections and the views of Ward Members, the Director of Place recommends the Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services to agree the introduction of the proposed restrictions indicated in this report to the ones advertised in December/January 2015-16.

Decision:

Background Doc(s): Copy letters/e-mails of objection held on file in the Highways and Engineering Development Services Section.

Signed:

_____ Leader / Executive Member	_____ Monitoring Officer
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Date: _____

Summary:

The Director of Place agreed the promotion of school keep clear restrictions on Ripley Street within the Crompton Ward Area in order to help alleviate traffic management issues by improving sight lines outside the school.

The proposal was advertised in December/January 2015-16 and 2 objections were received to the proposals from local residents. This report sets out the reasons given for the representations and gives a response to them.

Having considered the objections and the views of Ward Members, the Director of Place recommends the Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services to agree the introduction of the proposed restrictions indicated in this report and as advertised in December/January 2015-16.

Background information

1. A review of waiting restrictions and school entrance markings was undertaken several years ago when alterations were made to a number of locations taking into account the needs of the school at that time.
2. At that time, Saint Columba's RC Primary School was undergoing alterations to the schools entrance point and did not require a Keep Clear Marking.
3. The school is now experiencing parking issues and would benefit from such a marking.
4. Following advertising of the proposals, 2 objections were received from the following:

MF – 659 Tonge Moor Road
ST – 667 Tonge Moor Road

Objection/Representation

5. Both MF and ST live near to the school and have expressed concern that the introduction of these restrictions will result in the displacement of parking to other nearby locations resulting in loss of their available parking in this area. They also suggest use of other locations within the area for parking.

Observations

6. The restrictions are only intended for use during school times and the area is available for parking outside of these times.
7. Although the objectors are correct in their opinion that a number of vehicles will be displaced if the restrictions are introduced it is felt that this is overridden by concern for improvement of safety of children crossing the carriageway in these locations.
8. It is therefore recommended that the restrictions are introduced as originally proposed which are as follows:-

School Entrance Markings Mon – Fri, 8am – 5pm

Ripley Street
(north side)

from a point 26 metres west of the extended westerly kerbline of Tonge Moor Road for a distance of 25.56 metres in a westerly direction.

Ripley Street
(north side)

from a point 81 metres west of the extended westerly kerbline of Tonge Moor Road for a distance of 25.56 metres in a westerly direction.

Consultation

9. Representatives of the Chief Constable, County Fire and Rescue Service, Greater Manchester Ambulance Service and the Director General of the Passenger Transport Executive have been consulted and have no objections to the proposed restrictions.

10. Parking Services have been consulted and have not raised any issues.

Views of Ward Members

11. The views of Ward Members have been requested and Councillor Ismail regards the restrictions as justifiable.

Financial implications and implementation

12. The cost of this order is £4075.14, including staff costs and legal fees. The Area Forum have agreed to meet 50% of this cost, the remaining costs will be met by the school.

Recommendation

13. Having considered the objections and the views of Ward Members, the Director of Place recommends the Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services to agree the introduction of the proposed restrictions with the amendments indicated in this report to the ones advertised in December/January 2015-16