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Monday 13 June 2022

### **Notice of Meeting**

Dear Member

#### **Cabinet Committee - Local Issues**

The Cabinet Committee - Local Issues will meet in the Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield at 10.00 am on Tuesday 21 June 2022.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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#### The Cabinet Committee - Local Issues members are:-

#### Member

Councillor Graham Turner Councillor Naheed Mather Councillor Paul Davies

# Agenda Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

**Pages** 1: Appointment of Chair The Committee will appoint a Chair for the 2022/23 municipal year. 2: **Membership of the Committee** This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for who they are attending. All Cabinet Members are permitted to act as substitutes in the absence of a Member of the Committee. 1 - 2 3: **Minutes of Previous Meeting** To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 March 2022. 3 - 4 4: **Interests** The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests. 5: Admission of the Public Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private

#### 6: Deputations/Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

#### 7: Public Question Time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

#### 8: Member Question Time

To receive questions from Councillors.

#### 9: Objection to Traffic Regulation No 34 Order 2021, Proposed "School Keep Clear" markings, Oxford Road, Dewsbury

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The Committee will consider an objection received to -Kirklees TRO No 34 Order 2021- Proposed "School Keep Clear" markings, Oxford Road, Dewsbury.

Contact:

Ikram Ali, Senior Engineer

Contact Officer: Jodie Harris

## KIRKLEES COUNCIL CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH 2022

#### Present:

Councillor Peter McBride Councillor Paul Davies Councillor Naheed Mather

#### In Attendance:

Corinne Wilson, Disposals and Acquisitions Officer

Apologies: N/a

#### 1. Membership of the Committee

No apologies were received.

#### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 24 November 2021 and the 24 February 2022.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 24 November 2021 and the 24 February 2022 be approved as a correct record.

#### 3. Interests

Cllr Paul Davies declared an interest in relation to Item '7 Disposal of Open Space adjacent to 39 Carrside Crescent, Batley, 'and advised that he had previously been briefed on the item, and as Cabinet Member for Corporate had agreed with the officer's recommendation.

#### 4. Admission of the Public

All agenda items were considered in public session

#### 5. Deputations/Petitions

No Petitions or deputations were received.

#### 6. Member Question Time

No member questions were asked.

#### 7. Disposal of Open Space adjacent to 39 Carrside Crescent, Batley

The Committee considered a report presented by Corinne Wilson, Disposals and Acquisitions Officer, in respect of the objections received as a result of advertising the Council's intention to dispose of an area of Open Space adjoining 39 Carrside Crescent, Batley, and to determine whether to proceed with the intended disposal of the Open Space.

The Committee were informed that there was an area of open space land adjoining the side of 39 Carrside Crescent which was currently a part of the councils housing estate.

Approval to dispose of the land was granted by Housing Services following consultation with local ward members, local residents and the local school, during which time 3 residents raised concerns. Notices advertising the intention to dispose of the Open Space were placed in the newspapers circulating in the area the Reporter Series" on 21 October and 28 October 2021, with a deadline for objections to be received by no later than 11 November 2021, during which time 2 objections were received.

Corinne Wilson advised the Committee that the intention was to dispose of the land subject to a covenant for additional garden use only.

The Committee recognised that the environment would be enhanced by the land having an owner, and that it was heartening to hear that the land would remain as open space and welcomed the covenant for additional garden use only. Cllr Paul Davies added that as Cabinet Member for Corporate he agreed with the officer's recommendation that the land be sold and choose to abstain from voting.

Having considered the information presented both verbally and in writing, the Committee agreed that:

**RESOLVED:** That the objection be overruled, and that the proposals for the disposal of this area of Open Space, adjacent to 39 Carrside Crescent, Batley be approved.

## Agenda Item 4

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Name of Councillor			
Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest

## NOTES

# **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
  - which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

## Agenda Item 9



Name of meeting: Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

Date: 22 June 2022 TBC

Title of report: Objection to Traffic Regulation No 34 Order 2021, Proposed

"School Keep Clear" markings, Oxford Road, Dewsbury

Purpose of report: To consider an objection received to -

Kirklees TRO No 34 Order 2021- Proposed "School Keep Clear"

markings, Oxford Road, Dewsbury

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward</u> <u>Plan (key decisions and private reports?)</u>	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Colin Parr – 31 May 2022
Is it also signed off by the Service Director Finance?	Eamonn Croston – 16 May 2022
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft – 16 May 2022
Cabinet member portfolio	To be announced

**Electoral wards affected: Dewsbury West** 

Ward councillors consulted: Yes

**Public or private: Public** 

Has GDPR been considered: Yes

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#### 1. Summary

- 1.1 Oxford Road is a residential distributer road in Dewsbury, with residential properties, to both sides, for most of its length. Most of the properties in this area have off street parking facilities with the East of Oxford Road having permit parking. St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy is located on the middle of Oxford Road, with commercial and industrial premises on the opposite side of the road close to Halifax Road.
- 1.2 Parking, speeding, visibility, and safety is a concern and problem in this area especially at school peak times. There are currently limited "School Keep Clear" markings in operation, governed by an existing Traffic Regulation Order, which restricts parking on the West school side of Oxford Road from 8 am to 9:30 am and 2:30 to 4 pm, Monday Friday. This is to minimise and reduce the risk, from parked cars, for children walking to school and to allow safe access for school buses. The current limited "School Keep Clear" markings commence from the West residential boundary of 32 Oxford Road and terminate at the start of the school vehicular access and only cover a short distance along the West side of the school vehicle/bus exit area. (Shown on Appendix 1)
- 1.3 Under normal conditions, at school opening and closing times, parking currently takes place on Oxford Road, in most cases vehicles are parking on both sides of the road right up to and past the school. This parking blocks visibility on oncoming vehicles, for pedestrians/school children wanting to cross the road towards the school and impacts on visibility for vehicles and school buses entering and leaving the St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy.
- 1.4 To try to improve visibility and access for both pedestrians and drivers, particularly at school opening and closing times, a section of informal "Keep Clear" markings have been installed; however, these have had little impact. As a result, more, formal "School Keep Clear" markings have now been proposed, as close to the desired pedestrian crossing line as possible for pedestrians approaching and leaving the school using the school footpath links. (As shown on Appendix 2). These School Keep Clears will be operational for the same time periods as the existing restrictions, namely between the hours of 8 9.30 am, and 2.30 4pm, Monday Friday. These road markings form part of a larger traffic calming scheme along Oxford Road. (Shown on Appendix 3,4, and 5)
- 1.5 The proposed lengths of School Keep Clears cover, from the West of the school footpath link, a safe distance beyond the school concealed entrances, to the east. This is aimed at maintaining visibility when vehicles and pedestrians are emerging into Oxford Rd. However, the proposed markings have been kept to a minimum, to maximise safety, but to reduce the potential for traffic to need to migrate onto the surrounding roads. To support safety adjacent to the school, and further reduce vehicle speeds, outside the school on Oxford Road, traffic calming features have also been proposed, in the form of road humps, which have been advertised separately.
- 1.6 The Traffic Regulation Order for the installation of the School Keep Clears was advertised between 6 January 2022 to 03 February 2022 and during that time one objection was received.
  In addition, the Traffic Regulation Order for the installation of the road humps was advertised between 7<sup>th</sup> April to the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 and during that time no objections were received.

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#### 2. Information required to take a decision

The 'School Keep Clear" markings have been proposed opposite the existing school "Keep Clear" markings outside the school and will be extended further East. The "School Keep Clear" road markings form part of a larger traffic calming scheme. They are designed to improve visibility of oncoming traffic for pedestrians trying to cross the road at this location and to ensure drivers travelling up and down the road can clearly see the pedestrians waiting to cross and vehicles emerging from the concealed entrances.

#### **Objection 1 -** Kirklees Council Traffic Regulation (No 34) Order 2021 (Appendix 2)

• An objection has been received from a resident of Oxford Road. They are objecting to the proposed parking restrictions on the grounds, that they believe the proposals will only displace more parking to outside their premises along Oxford Road. They state that they currently have and for the past number of years parked their vehicle directly in front of their property. They have also stated that they park at this location during all times of the day and believe they have the right to park their vehicles outside their property on the public highway and are totally against the proposed extension of the 'School Keep Clear" markings.

#### In response:

The highway is intended for the passage and repassage of traffic, and no-one has the right to park immediately outside their property. In the main parking is "accepted" on most lengths of the road, however, there are times when there is a need to regulate / manage that parking for a variety of reasons. Residents cannot expect to have the opportunity to park directly outside their own properties, at all times.

These new "Keep Clear "road markings have been proposed to regulate the current non-enforceable 'keep clear' markings and discourage vehicles from parking on both sides of Oxford Road, allowing younger more vulnerable school children and parents to cross Oxford Road safely, whilst complementing the wider aims of the proposed traffic calming scheme

These restrictions will only be enforceable 8-9.30am and 2.30-4.30pm Monday to Friday. Outside of those hours parking will be unrestricted, as long as the vehicle is legally parked and not causing an obstructing to free-flowing traffic, pedestrians, or access.

Prior to proposing the new traffic calming scheme on Oxford Road in Dewsbury, traffic and accident data analysis, and a traffic calming assessment was undertaken. The cabinet approved traffic calming assessment highlighted the need and eligibility for the proposed traffic calming measures on Oxford Road. Consultation feedback from all the stakeholders including local ward members and the emergency services has been positive and they have all welcomed the proposals, with no objections received as part of their consultation. In addition, St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy has highlighted that a child was involved in an accident last year whilst crossing Oxford Road from school. This was due to vehicles parking on both sides of Oxford Road near to the school, however details of this collision are not recorded on the police collision database.

It is anticipated that the proposed scheme will make a betterment for all road users including school children, residents, and parents. The combined scheme including the

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proposed road humps and the proposed new school keep clear road markings will reduce vehicle speeds along the route and restrict parking indiscriminately on both sides of Oxford Road near the school. All road users will be able to travel/commute safely along Oxford Road due to the lower speeds and the combined road humps. Visibility will be increased in the vicinity of St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy as the proposed extension of the School Keep clear road marking will discourage vehicles parking on both sides of the road.

#### 3. Implications for the Council

- 3.1 Working with people The proposed works are considered necessary to try to improve visibility and access for all road users at school opening and closing times.
- **3.2 Working with Partners** Working with the School on the impact of home to school travel, with the aim of reducing the reliance on travel by car.
- **3.3 Place based Working -** The Traffic Regulation Order is intended to prevent parking at a desired crossing point. The aim of the proposal is to improve road safety in this vicinity including improving vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian access across Oxford Road for all road users.
- **3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality -** The improvement in a safer location for pedestrians to cross this busy road is aimed at encouraging greater access to the school by pedestrians and promoting sustainable travel modes to school, which will in turn, help improve Air Quality and Climate Change.
- **3.5 Improving outcomes for children -** These proposals are aimed at controlling parking, to make the roads a safer place to cycle and walk for all users, including children.
- 3.6 Other implications (HR/Legal/Financial etc) There is a current cost to the Council of £5554 to process the necessary legal order needed to enforce any lines on site, along with the cost of installing the flat top road humps, lines and signs which will be funded through scheme allocated capital budgets. Any future maintenance, cost of repainting the lining or replacing the signs will be covered by existing Highways Revenue budgets.

#### 4. Consultees and their opinions

Statutory consultees have been consulted on these proposals and have not raised any objections.

Dewsbury West Ward Councillors were consulted and have not raised any objections and have welcomed the proposals

#### 5. Next steps and timelines

Cabinet Committee Local Issues to consider the objection raised during the formal advertising period for the installation of proposed "School Keep Clear" markings and

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reach a decision on whether the Traffic Regulation Order is to be implemented as advertised.

If Cabinet Committee Local Issues chooses to overrule the objection received, the scheme, will be implemented as advertised.

If Cabinet Committee Local Issues choose to uphold the objection, the proposals to introduce "School Keep Clear" markings at this location will not go ahead and parking will still be allowed in this vicinity and the proposed benefits for improved visibility and road safety will not be realised.

The traffic calming scheme will be implemented as advertised.

#### 6. Officer recommendations and reasons

The proposed "School Keep Clear" markings at this location are aimed at helping to improve visibility and safety for all road users and in particular, young pedestrians.

For these reasons, the Officer recommendation is that the objections to the proposed restrictions be overruled, and the Traffic Regulation Order be implemented as advertised, to allow the road safety expected benefits to be realised.

#### 7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder supports the Officers recommendation.

#### 8. Contact officer

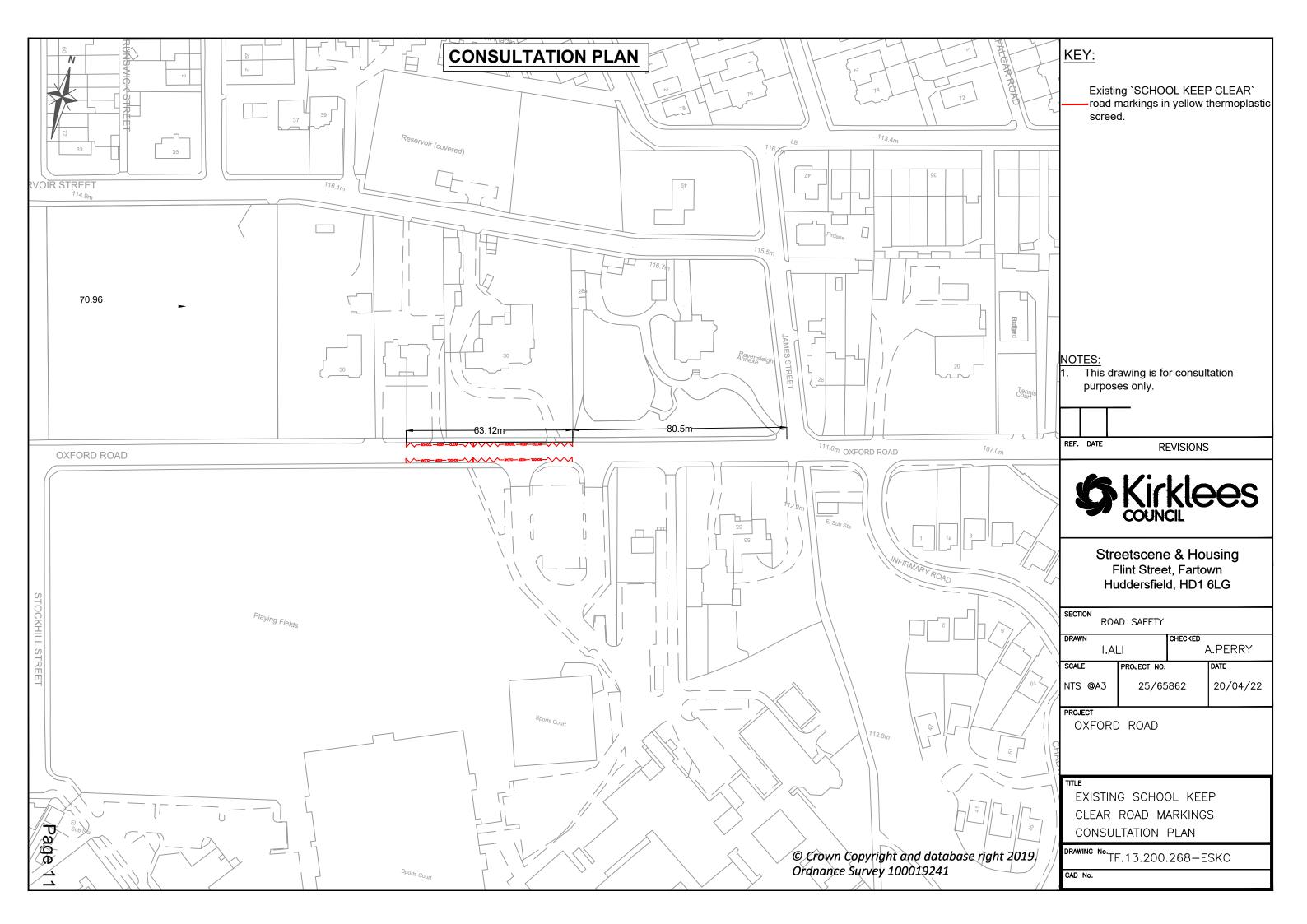
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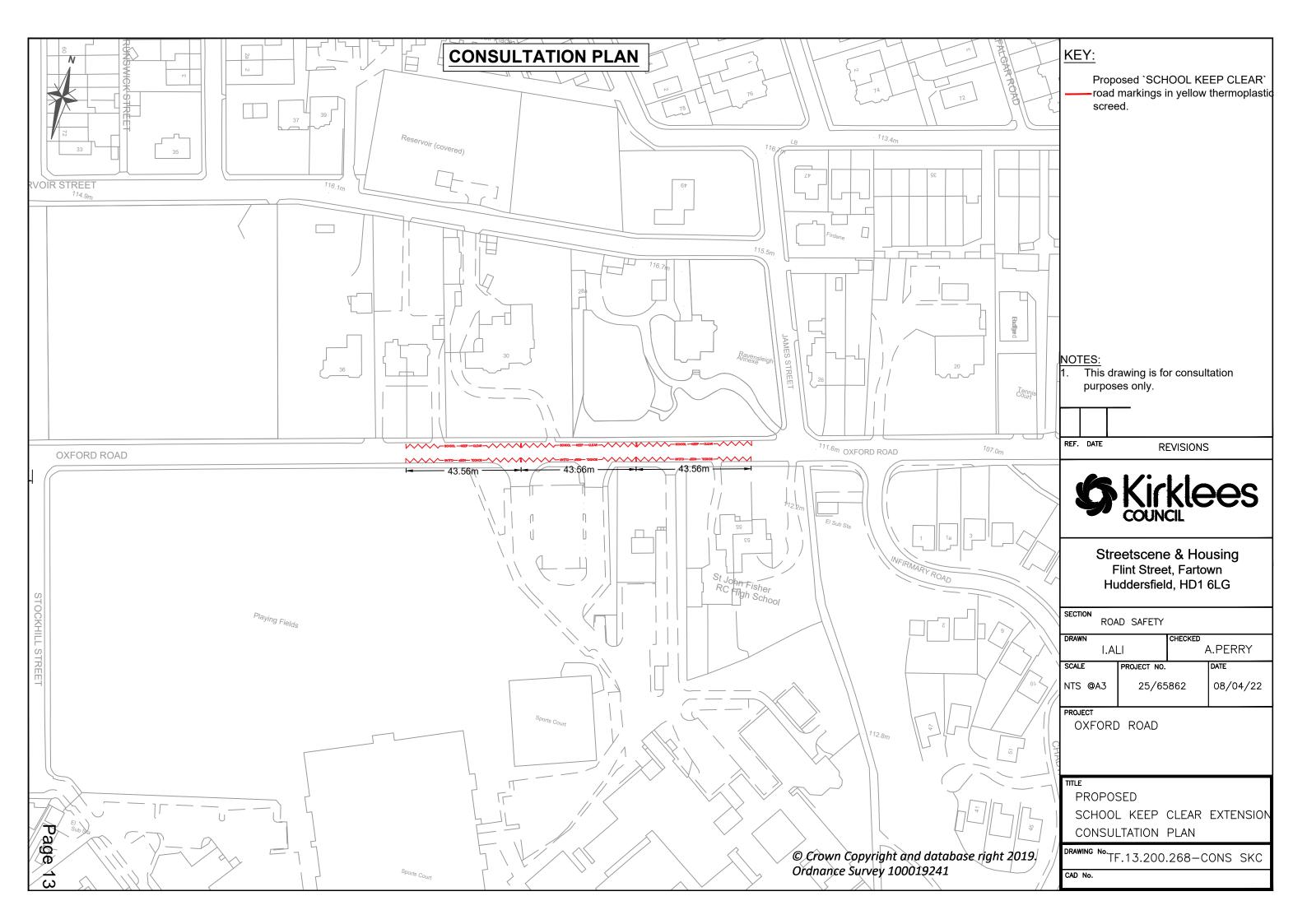
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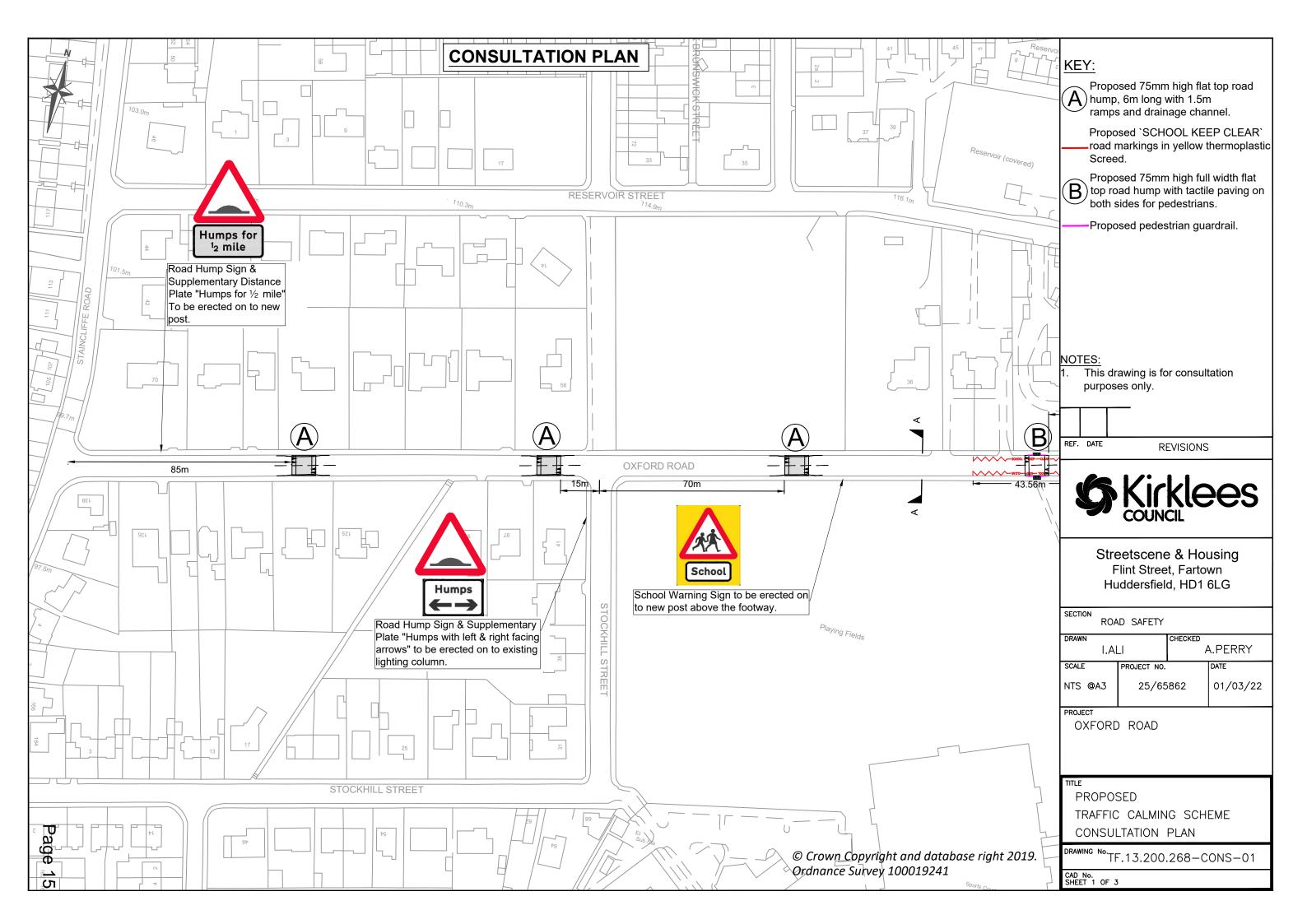
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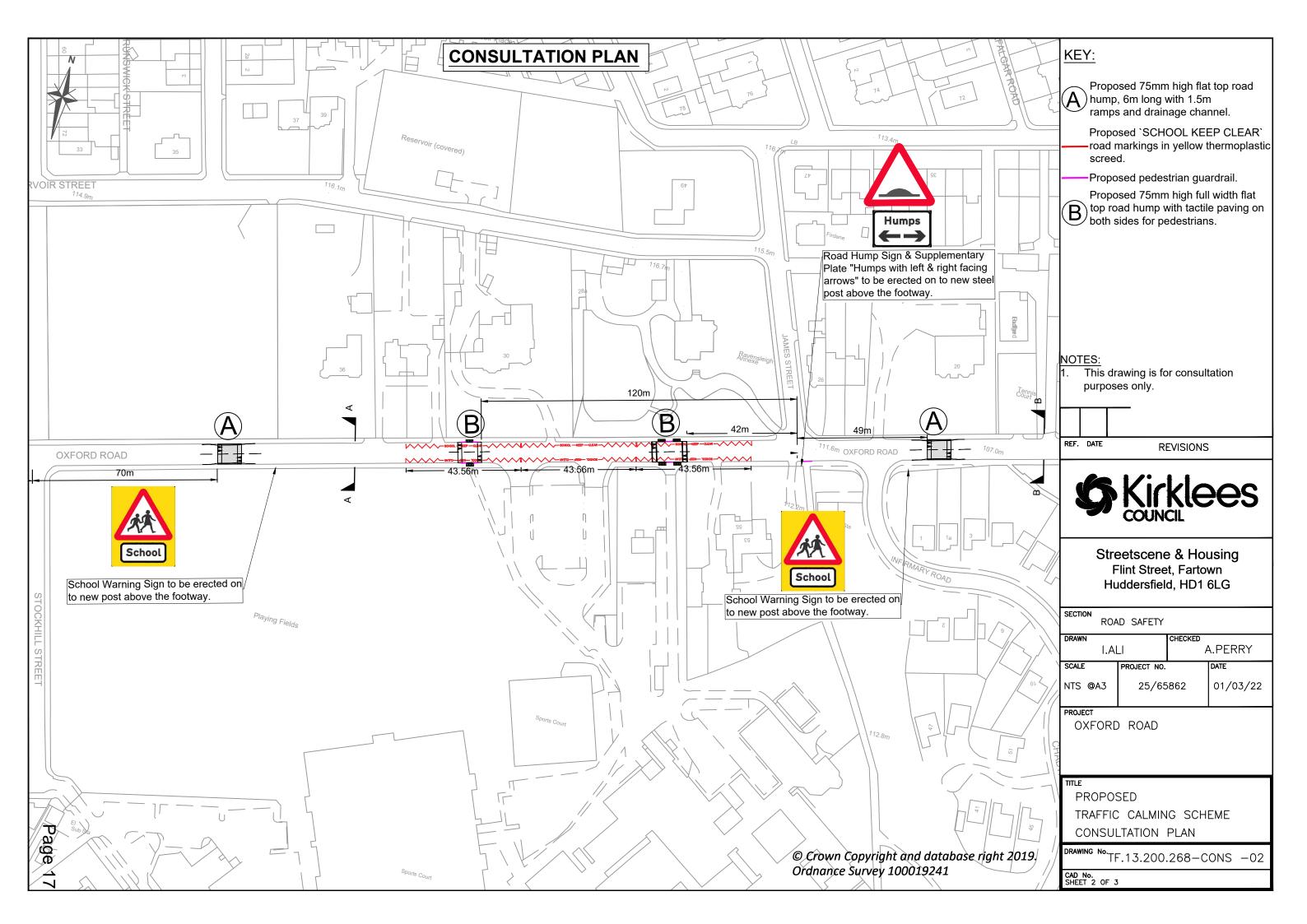
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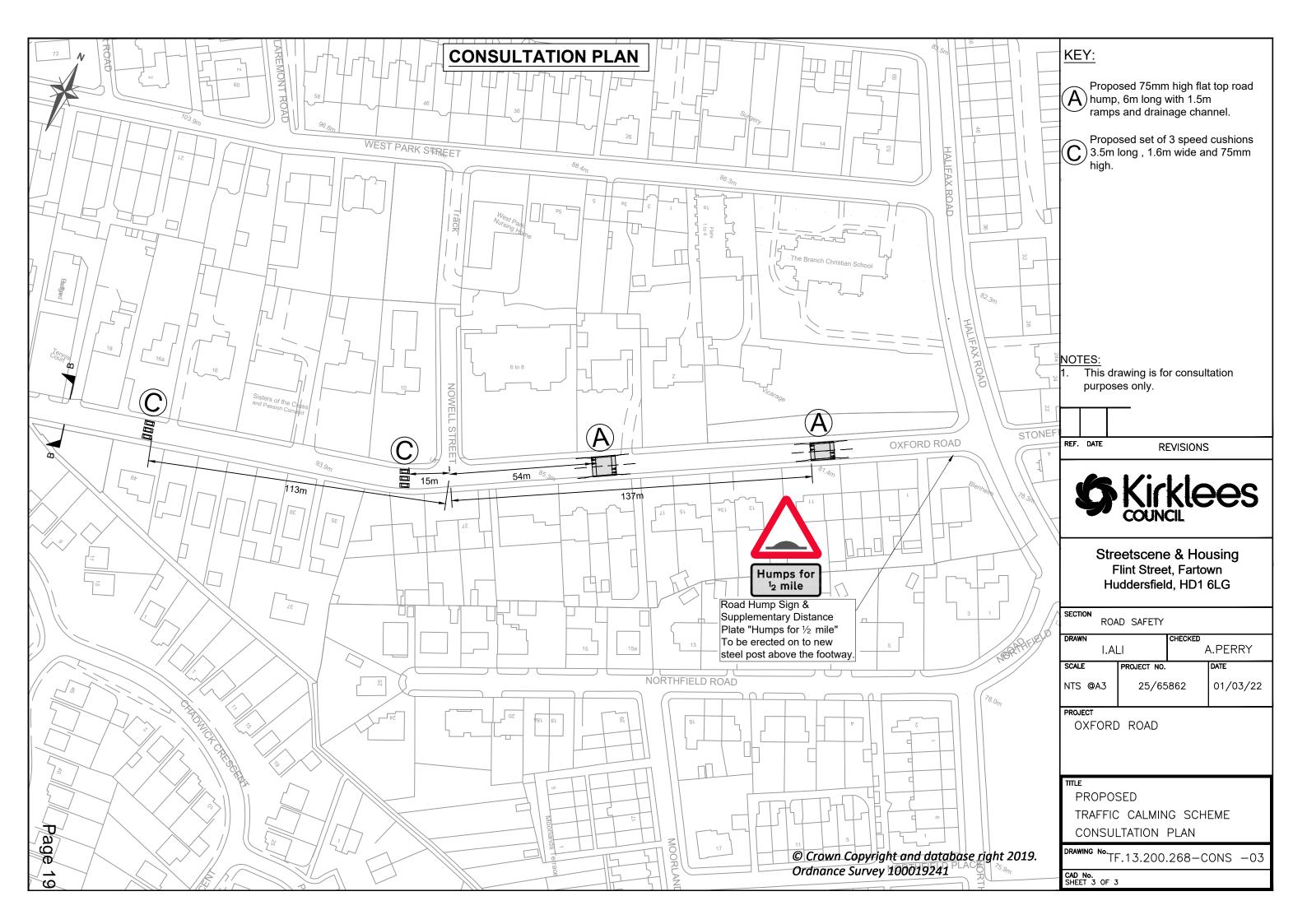












Good morning

I can confirm that I have now been given a copy of the objections you made to the public advertisement for the proposed installation of traffic calming and school Keep Clear markings on Oxford Road.

I understand that the traffic calming feature is to be moved and that this change, along with some other proposed changes are to be publicly advertised on-street again in the near future.

That said, given that your objection to the proposed School Keep Clear markings 9 detailed below) was received during the scheme's formal public advertisement, and we have not received any correspondence from you to say you are willing to withdraw this objection, an objection report will be prepared and considered at a future Cabinet Committee - Local Issues meeting for a decision in the future. We anticipate this will take place sometime in June or July.

You will however be notified of the exact date, time and location and invited to attend should you wish to put forward your views at that time.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards
Karen North
Principal Technical Officer
Community Projects
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----Original Message-----

From

Sent: 06 January 2022 23:37

To: Ikram Ali < <a href="mailto:lkram.Ali@kirklees.gov.uk">lkram.Ali@kirklees.gov.uk</a>>

Subject: Proposed traffic calming - Oxford Road

CAUTION: External email. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Thank you for the recent letter regarding the road traffic calming measures. Whilst this move is in the right direction i am against two of the proposed calming measures:

I do not wish to have zig zag lines outside my property. I park my van and other guests that come park their vehicles there also. Instead, i rather have permit holders parking outside my property.

Secondly, i dont want a 'road hump' next to my gate outside my property. The hump will be better further back instead.

I just want to confirm i am very against the zig zag lines. I park my vehicle at most times am and pm.

My number is if you wish to call or you can email me at

Kind regards

Sent from my iPad

