

**Name of meeting: Cabinet Committee Local Issues**

**Date: 2 August 2018**

**Title of report: Traffic Regulation (No 12) Order 2017 – Proposed Waiting Restrictions, Lydgate and York Rd, Batley**

**Purpose of report**

To consider objections received in response to the public advertisement of parking restrictions on two of the roads proposed in Kirklees (TR) (No 12) Order 2017.

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| 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 <a href="#">Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)</a>                                    | No  |
| The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?   | Yes   |
| Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name  | Joanne Bartholomew – 23/07/18                       |
| Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance IT and Transactional Services?   | Eammon Croston – 24/07/18                           |
| Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning Support?  | Julie Muscroft – 25/07/18                           |
| Cabinet member Communities and Environment   | Give name of Portfolio Holder<br>Cllr Naheed Mather |

**Electoral wards affected: Batley East**

**Ward councillors consulted: Cllrs Mahmood Akhtar, Fazila Loonat, Habiban Zaman**

**Public or private: Public**

**1. Summary**

1.1 A number of complaints had been received about obstructive parking and access issues at school opening and closing time on both York Road and Lydgate Road, Batley. Site visits have shown that parking in these locations have resulted in access issues for drivers and road safety issues for both local residents and pedestrians.

1.2 To resolve these problems:

- 'No Waiting Mon-Fri 8am-9.30am & 2.30pm – 4pm' restrictions were proposed along the full length of one side of Lydgate Road.
- 'No Waiting At Any Time' were proposed on York Road.

Both schemes are intended to alleviate congestion, maintain access and improve road safety for all road users.

To keep costs to a minimum 2 schemes were advertised together as Kirklees (TR) (No 12) Order 2017

## 2. Information required to take a decision

The schemes were formerly advertised 09 February to 9 March 2018 during which time one objection was received to each scheme

- Mr Malcolm Charlesworth, 7 Lydgate Road, Batley  
Mr Charlesworth objects to the proposed 'No Waiting Mon-Fri 8am-9.30am & 2.30pm – 4pm' restrictions on the evens (Nos 2-18) side of Lydgate Road. The grounds for his objection is that the problem should be resolved by other methods. He believes the solution would be to introduce additional parking spaces so parents have somewhere to park up and take their younger children to school. He also believes that if the original proposals do go ahead then additional road safety measures will be necessary including; improving pedestrian access to the school, encouraging walking to school, a road safety campaign for parents and consideration of speed restrictions. Mr Charlesworth also suggests the provision of white 'Keep Clear' lines in front driveway accesses (Nos 1 – 17). He also asks that we investigate any opportunity to create a better traffic solution as part of the recent nearby planning proposal.

In response –

- Although on-street parking on Lydgate Road is limited, site visits have shown there are many available parking spaces available on Soothill Lane. These provide space for parents to park up and walk the short distance to the school. If the proposed Waiting Restrictions are implemented the school will be asked to make parents aware of their driving responsibilities. As with all new parking restrictions around school, enforcement will be undertaken on a rolling programme as available.

White 'Keep Clear' markings are likely to be ineffective because of the short term nature of the parking at school opening and closing times, however, if implemented the scheme will be monitored and its impacts assessed.

In order to make a difference to school parking Officers needs the help and support of the school to work with them and parents. It is important that all schools encourage sustainable travel to school and safe parking, so Officers have contacted the school about the issues reported. They have agreed to pass this information to the parents/carers if the scheme goes ahead, and to work with officers with the aim of reducing the amount of vehicular traffic associated with the school.

Highway Safety has commented on the recent planning application and a number of planning conditions have been included as a result.

### (ii) Mr John Broadhead, 1 York Court, Batley

Mr Broadhead believes that although the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on York Road will go some way to alleviate the dangers at this location he thinks the scheme does not go far enough. He has requested that the restrictions are provided on both sides of York Road from its junction with Batley Field Hill to its junction of York Grove.

In response -

When schemes are designed, proposals have to balance the needs of residents and access along a route. Site visits have shown that residents and their visitors regularly park on the north-east side of York Road in front of No 2 and 4 York Road. If we were to provide additional parking restrictions here it is likely they would strongly object. The scheme is designed to allow access along the road whilst maintaining an opportunity for additional on-street parking near their home.

### 3. Implications for the Council

#### 3.1 Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)

The aim of introducing these restrictions is to reduce the risk of manoeuvring cars creating or being involved in a collision

#### 3.2 Improving Outcomes for Children

The Council is aiming to improve the environment along these routes which are used by large numbers of children on their journey to school

#### 3.4 Reducing demand of services

If the proposals are not progressed, it is likely that the reported problems will continue, and residents will continue to contact officers requesting action be taken.

#### 3.5 Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

The funding for the implementation of these restrictions is from existing revenue budgets

### 4. Consultees and their opinions

Under the formal Traffic Regulation Process, consultation with statutory bodies and local Cllrs has been undertaken and no objections were received.

The 3 Local Ward Cllrs have been further consulted on this report:

Cllr Loonat -

"I appreciate all the hard work gone in to these schemes but I am unable to support the Lydgate Road officer recommendations and believe an alternative to this scheme should be sought for as the impact of the scheme on this road is negative to the users that drop the children off for school and no safe alternative is provided at the moment.

You did mention that officers are looking to make a crossing on Soothill lane but as nothing is available at the moment this should not be taken in to consideration. Parents are there to drop/ pick junior school children and would be there no longer than a few minutes and that's all. The issue around parking near schools is an age old problem and is everywhere and I believe this is an age old issue cannot be resolved with threat of ticketing parents. So I am unable to support the scheme at Lydgate Road.

However on the York Road recommendations I support the officer recommendations and believe the plans for this are robust."

Cllr Akhtar

I agree with the officer's recommendations for York Road plans. As far as Lydgate Road is concerned it is an ongoing issue which will take time to resolve, I do not want parents to face further difficulties, so at this stage I am not going to support this.

Cllr Zaman

The scheme at Lydgate Road needs to be looked at again and we need a solution before we agree on any restrictions on Lydgate Road. This is not a unique issues to this school, ticketing parents is not an option in my view. Parking on this road is only for a very short time at pick up and drop off. We need a safer solution before I can agree to supporting this scheme.

I support your recommendations for York Road.

5. **Next steps**

If the objections are over-ruled the restrictions will be provided as soon as the TRO is sealed.

If the objection is upheld, the schemes will be abandoned, but congestion, pedestrian safety and access issues will remain.

6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

That the objections to the waiting restrictions at both locations are over-ruled and the schemes implemented as advertised. It is considered that these proposals will alleviate congestion and maintain access and improve road safety for all road users at this location.

7. **Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations:**

That the Officer recommendations be approved as they suggest a balanced approach to meeting the residents and parents needs.

8. **Contact officer**

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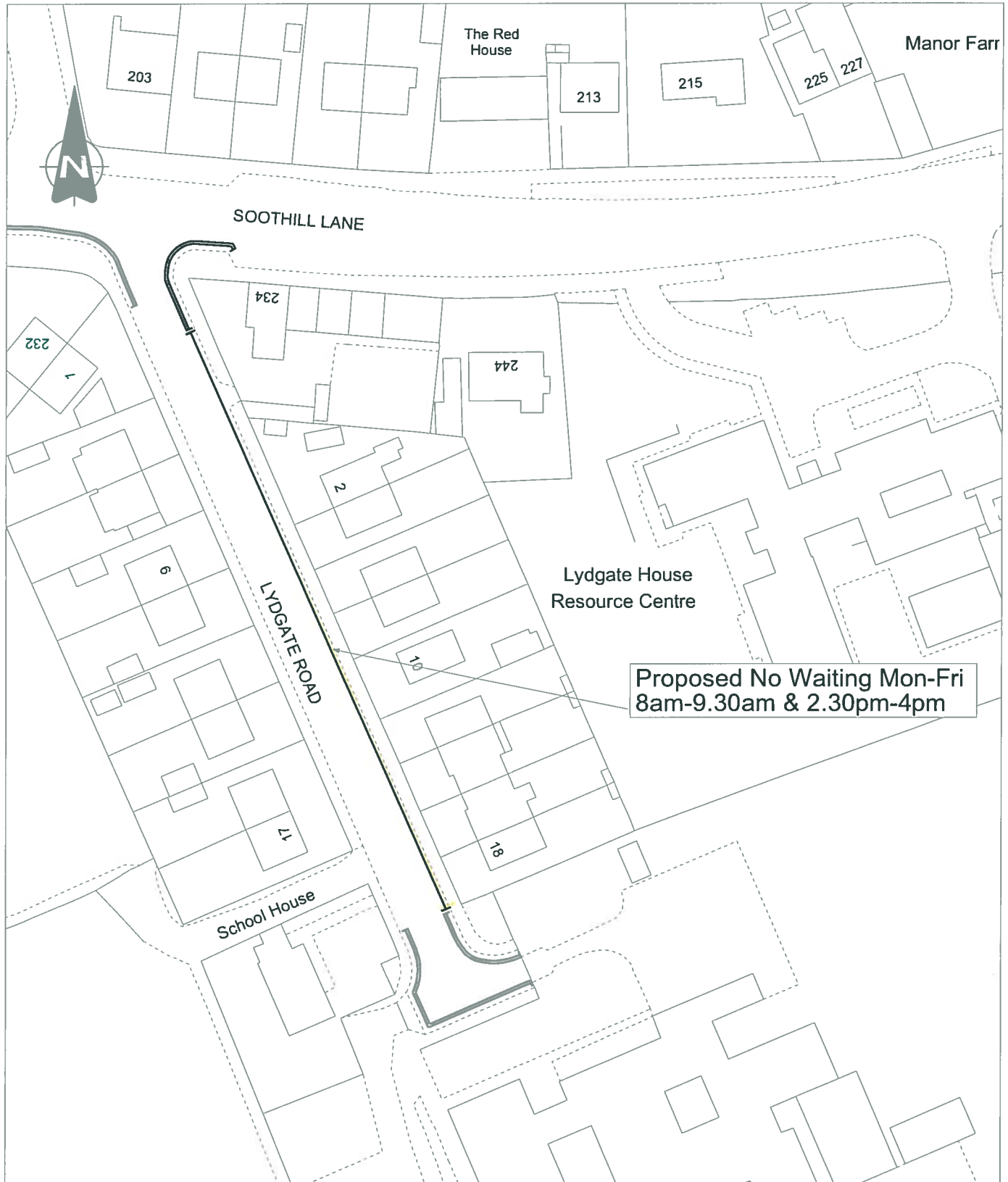
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9. **Background Papers and History of Decisions**

10. **Service Director responsible**

Joanne Bartholomew

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PROPOSED NO WAITING  
MON-FRI  
8am-9.30am & 2.30pm-4pm

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7, Lydgate Road,  
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Dear M's Muscroft,

I refer to your notice DEV/JE/D116-1712

Karen North on 5/04/2017 wrote to residents of Lydgate Road requesting views on her suggestions for alleviating traffic problems on this road. I duly responded, whilst appreciating any effort to resolve the difficult situation, I pointed out my concerns with these proposals. I am uncertain whether there has been genuine consultation or this has been a "fait accompli" however I will restate my concerns; based on my experience as a resident on the road prior to the building of the school (50 years), as a teacher at Lydgate school and as headteacher of a large J.M.I&N with similar parking problems.

The current difficulties have been acknowledged. Historically, year by year they have increased due to ,

1. a rise in pupil numbers.
2. a wider pupil age range, to include nursery and pre-school children.
3. an increase in pupils delivered by car/taxis.
4. a marked lack of consideration for residents &/or other motorists
5. an absence of basic/fundamental awareness of road safety/child protection

Clearly the intended outcome of the proposals is to establish a free-flowing access to the school to enable parents to drop-off children, turn and promptly depart. Any observation of what currently happens indicates that what the majority of parents with infants require is available parking space to enable them to escort their children into school and pass them onto a responsible adult. No additional parking space has been created, quite the opposite, existing parking opportunity will be halved on the road. Parking across drives is likely to increase on the South side of the road.

If the proposals are to improve on the current situation I suggest certain steps need to be taken.

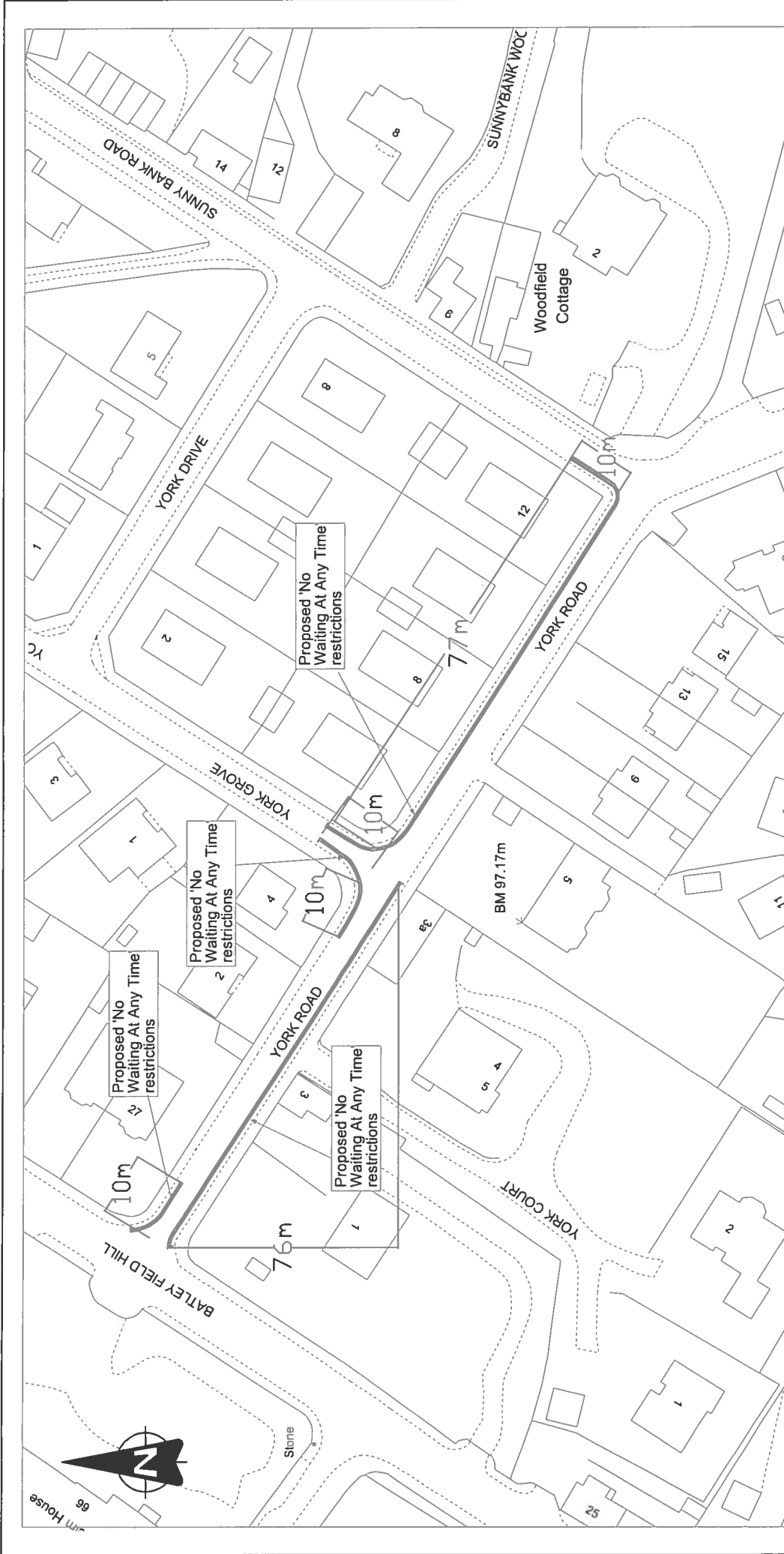
1. A concerted road safety campaign aimed at motorists using the road and distribution of literature informing parents of their legal responsibilities with respect to the proposed traffic changes. (in the appropriate languages)
2. Consideration of traffic speed restrictions along this cul-de-sac
3. Regular monitoring/policing of this traffic management system.
4. White line protection across the drives & property access of residences to the South of Lydgate Road.
5. Encouragement of parents to walk children to school, the few hundred metres.
6. Improve pedestrian access to school (all weather pathway) from Centenary Way estate.
7. Investigate any opportunity to create a better traffic solution as part of recent planning proposals to massively increase pressure on the numbers at the school.

This school was not built to accommodate the present & projected numbers nor was an appropriate vehicular access created. I feel some real "out of the box" planning is required if the school and area is to avoid future saturation.


I hope my comments prove useful.

Regards,

  
Malcolm Charlesworth.



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| <br><b>Kirklees</b><br>COUNCIL | Project<br><b>PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME<br/>         PARKING RESTRICTIONS</b> |                  | Scale<br>1:1000            |
|   | Title<br><b>YORK ROAD<br/>         UPPER BATLEY</b>                                 |                  | Drawn<br>KN                |
| Streetscene & Housing<br>Flint Street, Fartown<br>Huddersfield, HD1 6LG   |   | Section<br>TRF   | Checked<br>JGW             |
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Dear *Julie Muscroft*

**TRAFFIC REGULATION (No 15) ORDER 2017**


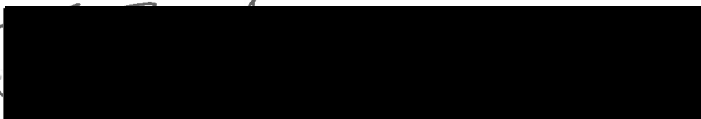
**Batley East, Batley West, Birstall & Birkenshaw - Number 12 Order 2017**

I am writing in connection with the proposal to place no waiting restrictions along York Road.

The junction of York Road with Batley Field Hill is extremely dangerous, particularly during school drop off and collect times when it is congested with traffic and Upper Batley High School pupils on foot leaving or seeking their lift. The proposal in the order moves some way towards alleviating the danger but does not go far enough. I propose that the no waiting restriction should extend along both sides of York Road from its junction with Batley Field Hill to beyond its junction with York Grove. In this way the most dangerous part of York Road would be entirely free of parked vehicles waiting to pick up or drop off their passengers and the junction with Batley Field Hill could be negotiated safely.

I should be grateful if consideration could be given to my proposal.

Yours sincerely,

John Broadhead