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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES

Wednesday 24th March 2021

Present: Councillor Peter McBride (Chair)
Councillor Naheed Mather

In attendance: Karen North, Senior Technical Officer

Apologies: Councillor Graham Turner

1 Membership of the Committee

Cllr Cathy Scott attended as sub for Cllr Graham Turner

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th December 2020 be approved as a correct record.

3 Interests

No interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

All agenda items were considered in public session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 Questions by members of the Public (Written Questions)

No written questions were received.

7 Member Question Time

No member questions were asked.

8 Objection to Traffic Regulation No 30 Order 2020, Proposed "School Keep Clear" markings, South Parade, Cleckheaton

The Committee considered a report which outlined an Objection to Traffic Regulation No 30 Order 2020, Proposed "School Keep Clear" markings, South Parade, Cleckheaton.

Karen North, Senior Technical Officer, advised the Committee that South Parade is a residential distributor road in Cleckheaton, with residential properties, to both sides, for the majority of its length. Most of the properties in this area do not have off street parking facilities and residents park on the road. Heaton Primary school is

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located on the middle of South Parade, with industrial premises on the opposite side of the road.

The Committee was informed that as parking is at a premium in this area, there are currently "School Keep Clear" markings in operation, governed by an existing Traffic Regulation Order, which restricts parking on the school side of South Parade, and on Highfields Road 8 am 9:30 am and 2:30 - 4 pm to reduce the risk, from parked cars, for children walking to school.

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 were put down; however, this has had little impact. The proposed "School Keep Clears" have been kept to a minimum, to reduce the impact on the surrounding roads, but maximise safety. The proposed length covers the footpath link from Heaton Ave, to a safe distance beyond the concealed entrance, to maintain visibility when vehicles are emerging.

The Traffic Regulation Order for the installation of these markings was advertised between 26 November 2020 to 28 December 2020 and during that time one objection was received.

The objector believes that the proposals would displace more parking along Highfield Terrace and further inconvenience the residents around the school.

In response to the objection, the Committee was advised that 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.

The Committee considered all the information received both verbally and in writing and;

RESOLVED

That the Objection to Traffic Regulation No 30 order 2020, proposed "School Keep Clear" markings, South Parade, Cleckheaton be overruled, and the Traffic Regulation Order be implemented as advertised.