



Delegated decision report

DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

DECISION CANNOT BE TAKEN BEFORE MONDAY, 15 MARCH 2010

Title	OBJECTIONS TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING AT SCHOOL ENTRANCES) ORDER NO 1 2009
Report Author	REPORT TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

PURPOSE

1. To approve The Isle of Wight Council (Prohibition of Stopping At School Entrances) Order No 1 2009, in light of the objections received to place a parking restriction on the school keep clear in Grange Road, East Cowes (East Cowes Primary School) and School Road, Godshill (Godshill Primary School).

OUTCOMES

2. Alterations to the parking restrictions in the above roads in order to create a safer road network.

BACKGROUND

3. A number of amendments to the parking restrictions in East Cowes and Godshill were advertised during July/August 2009 after consultation with the police, East Cowes town council and Godshill parish council and local councillors for each area.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

4. The recommended orders will contribute to the delivery of the Islands Community Strategy particularly priorities
 - 2 - Create wealth and reduce our carbon footprint at the same time and
 - 6 - Improve health, emotional wellbeing and life expectancy across the Island and targets 1.24 – (to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents by 40% by the year 2010) and 1.41- (to cut the number of short car journeys).

CONSULTATION

5. Consultation has been undertaken in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996.

Copies of representations received during the statutory consultation period are attached to this report.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

6. The costs associated with the introduction of the proposed Order have been identified, and are to be covered as part of the Highways capital allocation for Island wide Minor Traffic Management Schemes.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The relevant powers are contained in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The procedure for introducing Traffic Regulation Orders is set out in the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996.

The Local Authority must consider any objection that has not been withdrawn. This is considered in the evaluation below.

The council is required to publish a notice to the effect that the order has been made, the nature and effect of the order and the date it is proposed to come into effect.

The council is required to make the necessary amendments to the road markings and signage as a soon as practicable in the area to adequately provide information as to the order that is in place in the area.

Where the restrictions on road users may represent restrictions of an individuals human rights under Article 8 and protocol 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights, those restrictions are proportionate where the ability of other road users to safety use the highway is enhanced.

The recommended Traffic Regulation Orders are, in part, designed to increase road safety by reducing both the incidents of traffic crime and consequences to other road users of traffic crime. The recommendations are made with regard to the duty to reduce incidents of crime and disorder contained within s17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

8. Following advertisement of all Traffic Orders which are subject to 28 days consultation, members of the public are entitled to raise any representations within that period.

The service will be required to undertake an equality impact assessment. This will identify if there is any negative impact on the local community. An equality impact assessment will ensure all those who use any nearby facilities to proposed traffic regulation orders including visitors are not disadvantaged. Please note that road safety implications are paramount in any decision to implement traffic orders.

OPTIONS

9. a) Do not implement proposed restriction.
- b) Implement proposed restriction/s
- c) Implement proposed restriction with amendment.

RISK MANAGEMENT

10. Should the proposed changes to the existing parking restrictions not be introduced, this would have the potential to increase the probability of personal injury collisions, which on average cost the local community £89,820 per incident (Department for Transport 'Highways Economics Note No 1 2005 – Valuation of the Benefits of Prevention of Road Accidents and Casualties Issue Date January 2007). This would also affect the Isle of Wight Council's ability to achieve its targets for casualty reduction by 2010.

EVALUATION

11(a) **Grange Road, East Cowes**

Implement 'No stopping at any time, Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm, on school entrance markings' parking restriction the following length of road:

Grange Road, East Cowes on both sides, from a point 107.5 metres north of it's junction with Upper Yarborough Road to the end of the public highway.

If implemented, school keep clear zig zag markings will be painted in the end of the cul-de-sac on the road to cover the end area by the school. There will be a total of 11 metres from the end of the road needed to implement this restriction.

Eight letters of objection was received for Grange Road – the main points being:

- These restrictions will reduce the value of the houses (2).
- The school will be closed when the reorganisation happens anyway (2).
- The money should be used to repair the potholes (1).
- The parking situation is difficult already (6).
- This are will only create a drop off and pick up point for parents (1).
- There will be no enforcement (1).
- The markings on the road will be unsightly (1).
- There has never been a problem (2).
- If the school staff slowed down there would not be an issue (1)
- There will be no where for the residents to park (2).
- Permit holders only is the better solution (2).
- There has never been an accident to date (1).
- The hours proposed could be less draconian (2).

- Parent use other areas to drop children off and they should be considered instead (1).
- Deliveries to houses and the school will not be able to take place (2).

The proposed restrictions in Grange Road have been advertised following representation from the school who have expressed concerns regarding the dangers created by vehicles being parked in the turning area, which in turn creates an issue with visibility and road safety issues for children, also that this is a turning area where vehicles are not able to make that manoeuvre.

The proposed restriction is designed to address the problems encountered by the parked vehicles in and around the turning area of Grange Road. There is the added issue as there is a school at the end of this road too.

The representations raise concerns about the ability for residents to park outside their properties and will not be to being able to unload heavy shopping, although the proposed restrictions do not enable such an activity to take place during the proposed restricted from Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm it does in fact allow parking from 5pm until 8am the next morning and is completely unrestricted after 5pm on Friday evening until Monday morning at 8am.

The police, town council and local Isle of Wight councillor have indicated support for the proposed restriction.

Having considered the points raised and the existing site characteristics, it is proposed the restriction is implemented as advertised.

11(b) **School Road, Godshill**

Implement 'No stopping at any time, on school entrance markings' parking restriction the following length of road:

School Road, Godshill on the north side, from a point 31.5 metres west to a point 71 metres west of it's junction with School Crescent.

If implemented, school keep clear zig zag markings will be painted in the road to cover the entrance to the school. There will be a total of 39.5 metres marked on street.

Two letters of objection were received for School Road, the main points being:

- Although the restriction is needed it is felt it is too excessive and could be reduced to school hours only. (1)
- There is a need for parking along this road due to the village hall being nearby. (2).
- It would be better if the hours of restriction were from Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm as there is no danger to children outside of school hours. (1)
- It would be better if the restriction was limited to days and hours from Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm (1).
- As there is a school gate and entrance to the car park vehicles will have to stop in this location to open the gates and would be at risk of getting a ticket (1).

The proposed restrictions in School Road have been advertised following representation from the Isle of Wight Council's parking services that have highlighted a risk to children and a road safety issue around school times. The proposed restriction is designed to address these problems by keeping that area of road outside the schools main entrance sterile therefore maximising the safety for the children.

The representations raise concerns about the ability for residents to park outside of normal school hours as this has never been a problem to other road users in this location. As this issue was raised by parking services and there concerns were during school hours it is recommended that the proposed restrictions are implemented as advertised, with the exemption that the proposed restriction are altered from 'No Stopping At Any Time, on school entrance markings' to 'No Stopping , Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm, on school entrance markings'.

The police, town council and local Isle of Wight councillor have indicated support for the proposed restriction.

Having considered the points raised and the existing site characteristics, it is recommended that the proposed restrictions are implemented as advertised, with the exemption that the proposed restriction are altered from 'No Stopping At Any Time, on school entrance markings' to 'No Stopping , Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm, on school entrance markings'.

RECOMMENDATION

12. a) Grange Road, East cowes
Implement proposed restriction. (9b)
- b) School Road, Godshill
Implement proposed restriction with amendment. (9c)

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Decision

Signed

Date
