# PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

**DATE** 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

**REPORT OF** Councillor Stewart Swinburn, Portfolio Holder

for Housing, Infrastructure & Transport.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER** Carolina Borgstrom – Director for

Environment, Economy and Infrastructure.

**SUBJECT** Traffic Regulation Order 25-16: Healing

Primary Academy and Elliston Primary

Academy - School Keep Clear.

STATUS Open.

**FORWARD PLAN REF NO.** PHHIT 08/25/05.

#### **CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS**

The recommendations of this report will contribute to the Council's Stronger Communities objective by creating and maintaining a safer, environment for all road users in the vicinity of the school sites.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To ensure the safety of children, parents and other road users, it is proposed to remake a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to support the introduction of fixed cameras at Elliston Primary Academy.

It is proposed that, following a review of the existing traffic restrictions on Fords Avenue (outside Healing Primary Academy), to revoke the current restrictions and introduce new 'School Keep Clear' restrictions to better reflect the current requirements of the school.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

- a) Approval is granted for the making of a 'No Stopping 8.00am 9.00am & 3.00pm 4.00pm Monday to Friday on entrance markings during school term time only' Traffic Regulation Order as shown indicatively on drawings (Refs: TR-23-15-013 and TR23-15-012 in Appendix 1).
- b) In the event there are unresolved material objections to the Order, these are referred back to the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport (PHHIT) for determination and a decision as to whether the Order be confirmed and executed.

#### **REASONS FOR DECISION**

The report is intended to allow for the introduction of new or amended School Keep Clear restrictions at Elliston Primary Academy and Healing Primary Academy. By doing so it is expected that road safety will be improved and parking concerns, particularly in the immediate vicinity of the school gates, will be addressed. The report will also support the introduction of fixed enforcement cameras at school sites where this is programmed.

#### 1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 Elliston Primary Academy has been identified as one of three schools to benefit from fixed enforcement cameras through the 2025/26 LTP capital funding.
- 1.2 Following a review of the Consolidation Order, a potential anomaly was identified that could affect the effectiveness of enforcement of the restrictions outside Elliston Primary Academy. Whilst this is only a potential anomaly at this time, and is subject to ongoing further legal advice, to avoid any delays with the introduction of the cameras, it is proposed to make a stand-alone TRO, which will revoke any previous Orders to ensure enforcement of the existing restrictions can be undertaken.
- 1.3 In addition, Officers have undertaken a review the existing School Keep Clear markings at Healing Primary Academy and concluded that they are no longer fit for purpose owing to their length and position. Therefore, to improve road safety for all road users, it is proposed to introduce new, more effective School Keep Clear markings, supported by a TRO to ensure sight lines and traffic flows are maintained and to deliver a safer environment for children, parents and carers at pick up/drop off times.

## 2. RISKS, OPPORTUNITES AND EQUALITY ISSUES.

- 2.1 Should this proposal be adopted, the opportunities are:
  - To maintain a safer environment for all road users in the immediate vicinity of the school gates at peak school arrival and leaving times.
  - To enable robust enforcement of the School Keep Clear markings at each school location.
  - To improve visibility within proximity to pedestrian and vehicular school access points.
  - To encourage the use of cycling and walking as more sustainable alternatives on the 'school run'.
- 2.2 Should these proposals be adopted, the risks are:
  - Parking may be displaced into surrounding residential streets during school arrival and leaving peak times. However, as these restrictions are already in place, this risk is anticipated to be minimal.
- 2.3 Should these proposals not be implemented, the risks are:

- The road safety concerns, and parking issues being experienced around schools will remain unchanged.
- 2.4 There are no implications under the Equality Act 2010, European Directive 2001/42/EC and transposed into UK law through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulation 2004 or The General Data Protection Regulation 2018 as a result of this proposal.

#### 3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

3.1 Do nothing – This is not recommended as the road safety and parking concerns around the school sites at peak times will not be addressed.

#### 4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 It is not anticipated that there will be any significant negative reputational implications resulting from the decision. The road markings are currently in place and enabling robust camera enforcement is likely to have positive reputational implications for the Council.
- 4.2 If approval is given to this proposal, the Order will be formally advertised in accordance with the statutory Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. Public notices will be published on site and in the local press to advise of the Council's intention to make the Order. This provides a formal opportunity for anyone to object to the making of the order.

#### 5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 All costs associated with the making of this TRO will be covered through existing Council revenue budgets.

#### 6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The measures proposed are intended to improve safety for children and young people on their journey to and from school. Having robust restrictions in place, will enable effective enforcement to be undertaken to prevent dangerous and inconsiderate parking within the immediate vicinity of the school gates at peak arrival and leaving times.

#### 7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There will not be any significant climate or environmental implications because of this report and its recommendations.

#### 8. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

8.1 There has been no consultation with Scrutiny in relation to this matter.

#### 9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 As outlined in section 5, the costs associated with the making of this TRO are to be met from within existing revenue budget provision.

#### 10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Under Section 1 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 traffic authorities are empowered to make Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for (inter alia) the reasons set out at the beginning of this report. Section 2 specifies what TROs may require and the recommended order is within those powers.
- 10.2 The procedure for making TROs is set out in Schedule 9 Part III of the 1984 Act and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and provides for advertisement and consideration of any objections before making a final decision on the proposed TRO.
- 10.3 Regulation 8 makes provision for objections and regulation 14 allows the Council to modify a TRO before it is made.
- 10.4 If it is decided to make the TRO, notwithstanding any objections made, it can only be challenged by Judicial Review in the Administrative Court.

#### 11. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct HR implications as a result of this report.

#### 12. WARD IMPLICATIONS

12.1 The proposals relate to school sites within the Wolds and Sidney Sussex Wards.

#### 13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

<u>Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales)</u> <u>Regulations 1996</u>

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 No 362

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# Appendix 1 – TR23-15-012 (Healing) and TR23-15-013 (Elliston)



