

ORIGINATING DIVISION: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
CAPITA

REPORT TO: BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

DATE: 8th September 2016

TITLE: OBJECTION – PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION
ORDER BATCH 03 16

WARD: Queens Park

COUNCILLORS: Mustafa Desai
Faryad Hussain
Salim Mulla

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of the receipt of one letter of objection signed by six people to one element of Batched Order 03 16. That being proposed Traffic Regulation Order for:-

Queens Park Road, Blackburn – Proposed changes to operational times of School Keep Clear restriction

2.0 BACKGROUND

The operational times of the school keep clear restriction on Queens Park Road outside Audley School is no longer in line with the school finishing time which has changed since the order was made. It is proposed to change the wording of the order to reflect this change.

3.0 DETAIL

Approval to advertise this proposed Traffic Regulation Order was given at the Regeneration SPT meeting in March 2016 and this was advertised on 12th May 2016. Following advertising, a letter of objection was received in respect of the Queens Park Road School Keep Clear element of the Batched Order. The letter of objection came from a resident of Queens Park Road and is signed by another 5 residents of the road.

The objection is based on the misunderstanding that this proposal seeks to extend the length of school keep clear restriction as well as changing its operational time to fit better with school start and finish times. The objector states that

From the plans it is clear that the zig zag lines are being increased in length reaching up to 86 Queens Park Road and 76 Queens Park Road. This in effect takes out two clear car parking spaces.....

The objector also writes

...I would ask that consideration is given to possibly changing the end time in the morning to 9.15am in order that residents who live in the area are able to return to normality.

A letter and plan were sent to the objector clarifying that the length of the school keep clear restriction would remain the same as existing and that only its operational times were proposed for change and asking that the objection be withdrawn. The letter also indicated that it will be possible to change the end time of the morning restriction to 9.15am instead of 9.30am as requested. As this is a less onerous restriction than the original proposal, there will not be a need for re-advertising. No response was received from the objector, hence the necessity for this report. As the objection is based on a misunderstanding, it is proposed to recommend that it be overruled. However the objector's request that the morning restriction end time be amended has been accepted and this will be reflected in the schedule. It is proposed therefore that the order be made with an amendment to the morning end time of the school keep clear restriction on Queens Park Road as described above.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

Customer	Amenity
Financial	The costs of implementing the scheme will be met from the traffic budget
Anti-poverty	None
Crime and Disorder	None

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee recommends that the Executive Member support the officer recommendations that:-

- the objections are overruled.
- The Batched Order is made with an amendment to the proposed school keep clear restrictions on Queens Park Road.
- The objectors are informed of the decision.

6.0	BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Letter of objection Plan
7.0	CONTACT OFFICERS:	Gina Lambert
8.0	DATE PREPARED:	5 th September 2016

