

ORIGINATING DIVISION: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

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

DATE: 30th July 2019

TITLE: OBJECTION – PROPOSAL TO VARY THE BOROUGH OF
BLACKBURN SCHOOL ENTRANCE CLEARWAY ORDER
2018

WARD: Shear Brow and Corporation Park

COUNCILLORS: Cllr Hussain Akhtar
Cllr Suleman Khonat
Cllr Zainab Rawat.

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of four emails of objection to an element of the proposed variation to a TRO as detailed below:-

No stopping on entrance markings Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm Dukes Brow, Blackburn

2.0 BACKGROUND

As part of a safety scheme in the vicinity of Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, it was proposed to introduce extended school keep clear restrictions on West Park Road, East Park Road and Dukes Brow. In addition to the above, this proposal includes minor modifications to existing school keep clear restrictions around St Anne's School and revocations of redundant orders in the vicinity of St Peter's School Mill Hill.

3.0 DETAIL

Approval to advertise this proposed Traffic Regulation Order was given on 27th March 2019 and it was advertised on the 20th June 2019. Following advertising, four emails of objection were received from residents of Dukes Brow objecting to the proposal to introduce school keep clear markings on the residential side of the road as well as the school side.

The objectors are all residents of Dukes Brow and allege that

- This restriction will result in elderly residents and visitors having to walk further as they will not be able to park near their homes during the operational times of the restriction.
- Parents and grandparents concerned that this will have an impact on young children's safety as they will have to walk further from their parking place.
- Couriers and delivery drivers will not be able to stop due to the loading/unloading ban
- Residents will have to carry shopping etc a further distance from parked vehicles
- All objectors request that this proposal be reconsidered and ask if another solution can be found such a less onerous restriction, a permit parking scheme or a one way driving order.

In addition to the proposed variation to the school keep clear order as detailed above, an experimental order, recently confirmed, will introduce a restriction of waiting and loading on the adjoining sections of Dukes Brow operational Monday to Friday 8am-5pm school term time only. It is unclear which of these restrictions, the residents are objecting to as their emails refer simply to proposed parking restrictions. However as the variation to school keep clear order is the only order which can be objected to in this way, this report will deal with objections to that proposal and the comments will also be kept on file for when the objection period of the experimental order has passed (i.e after the first 6 months of its life) and changes may be made to the order based on these comments.

The proposal to introduce a School Keep Clear restriction on the residential as well as the school side of Dukes Brow will reduce parking along this stretch of properties in an area where few have off street parking. This will have a negative impact on residents and will adversely affect the elderly and those with mobility problems. Having carried out further site surveys and reviewed the proposed new restrictions, it is felt that keep clear markings on the school side of the road only, as with most schools in the borough, will be adequate to provide a safe environment for pupils as they arrive at and leave the school.

It is recommended therefore that the objections be upheld and the proposal for a school keep clear restriction on the residential side of Dukes Brow be removed from the schedule.

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 upheld.
- The Order is made with the school keep clear restriction on the residential side of Dukes Brow removed from the schedule.
- The objectors are informed of the decision.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS:	4 emails of objection Plan
7.0 CONTACT OFFICERS:	Gina Lambert
8.0 DATE PREPARED:	9 th September 2019