

**HIGHWAYS
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

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REPORT

Subject Heading:

TPC395 Drapers Academy, Settle Road,
proposed School Keep Clear markings -
comments to proposed

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Clean, safe and green borough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

This report outlines the responses received to the advertised proposals to introduce three new School Keep Clear markings agreed in principal by this Committee at its meeting in February 2014 and recommends a further course of action

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Highways Advisory Committee having considered this report and the representations made recommends to the **Cabinet Member for Environment** that:

- a. That the proposals to introduce three new School Keep Clear marking, as outlined on the appended plan, where stopping will be prohibited from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday inclusive, be implemented as advertised.
- b. The effect of the scheme be monitored.
- c. Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £1500 and can be funded from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background and Outcome to Public Consultation

- 1.1 Following a request from a representative of Drapers Academy to extend the area already covered by School Keep Clear markings fronting the school site, because access to the school car-park is severely restricted due to parked vehicles, which cause problems for both buses and cars. Officers presented the item to the Highways Advisory Committee in February 2014, where it was agreed in principal to design and consult on proposals.
- 1.2 On 2nd May 2014 proposals to introduce three new 43.5 metre School Keep Clear markings, fronting the school site, prohibiting stopping between 8:00am and 5:00pm Mondays to Fridays inclusive were publicly advertised. Those perceived to be affected by the proposals, were consulted by letter and plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed at the location.
- 1.3 By the close of consultation on 23rd May 2014, there was one response received against the proposals, which focussed on the lack of enforcement on the existing School Keep Clear markings and therefore, felt that further restrictions would be ineffective.

2.0 Officer Comments

- 2.1 The introduction of the new School Keep Clear markings is considered to be very important to the operation of the school site and for the safety of pedestrians and visitors, particularly children. Enforcement is undertaken on a rota basis and as often as resources permit.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

This report is asking the Highways Advisory Committee to recommend to the Lead Member the implementation of the above scheme.

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals as described above and shown on the attached plan is £1500 including advertising costs. This cost can be met from the 2014/2015 Minor Parking Schemes revenue budget.

The costs shown are an estimate of the full costs of the scheme, should it be implemented. A final decision would be made by the Lead Member – as regards to actual implementation and scheme detail. Therefore, final costs are subject to change

This is a standard project for StreetCare and there is no expectation that the works cannot be contained within the cost estimate. There is an element of contingency built into the financial estimate. In the unlikely event of an overspend the balance would need to be contained within the StreetCare overall Minor Parking Schemes revenue budget.

Legal implications and risks:

Waiting restrictions and school keep clear markings require consultation and the advertisement of proposals before a decision can be taken on their introduction.

Human Resources implications and risks:

It is anticipated that the enforcement activities required for these proposals can be met from within current staff resources.

Equalities implications and risks:

The proposals included in the report have been publicly advertised and subject to public consultation. All residents who were perceived to be affected by the proposals have been consulted by letter and plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed at the location.

By the end of the consultation no equality concerns or issues have been raised and only one response was received against the proposal. The respondent is focussing on the lack of enforcement of the existing School Keep Clear markings and therefore felt that further restrictions would be ineffective. After careful consideration officers have recommended that the proposal be implemented as advertised and the effects be monitored on a regular basis to ensure any equality negative impact is mitigated.

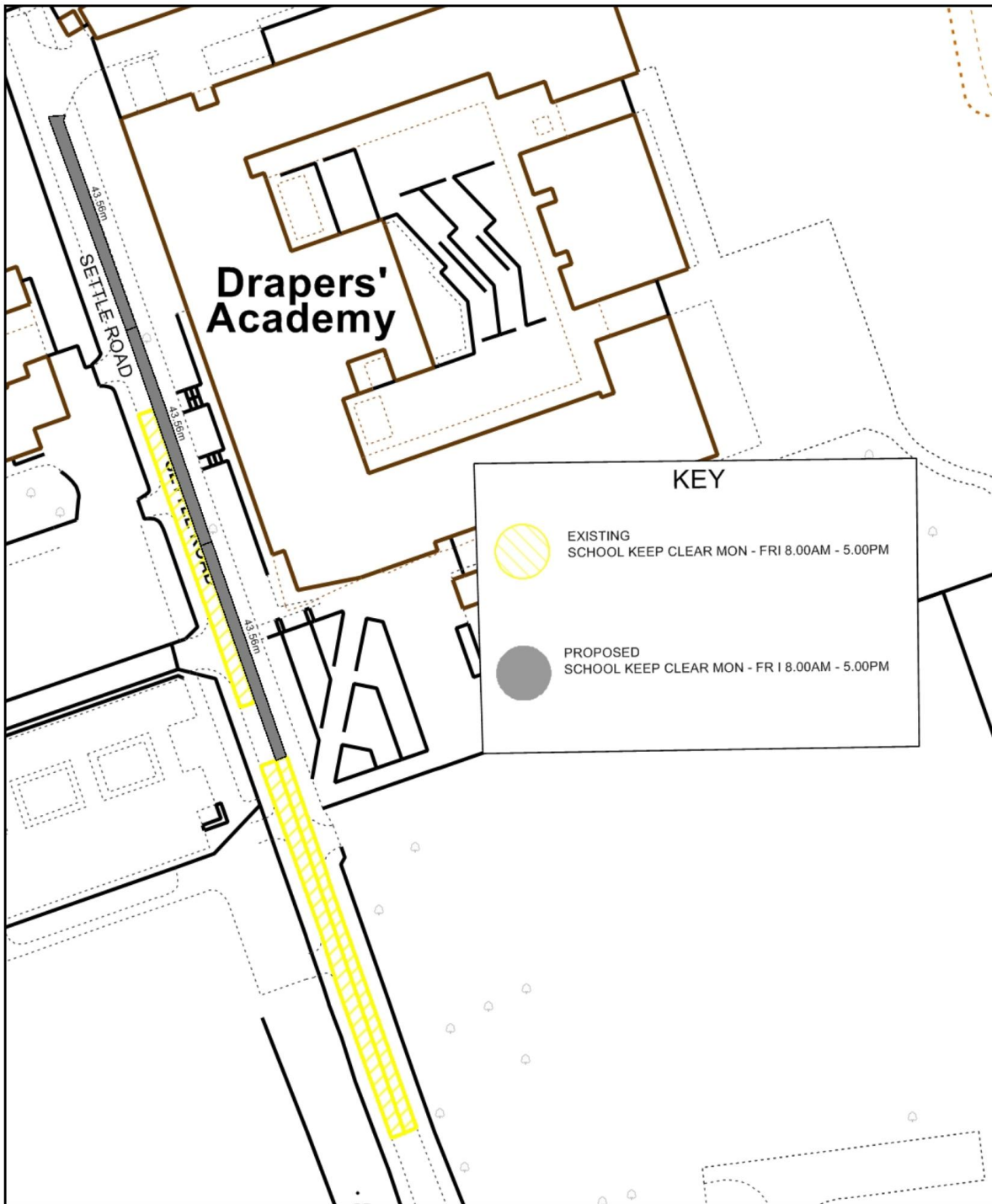
We recognise that parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas, which may disadvantage some individuals and groups, particularly disabled and older people, residents living locally and local businesses. However, parking restrictions in residential areas around school sites are often installed to improve road safety and prevent short-term non-residential parking, which will contribute to the safety and well-being of children and young people.





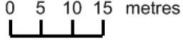

There will be some physical and visual impact from the required signing and lining works. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access for disabled people, which will assist the Council in meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

Staff will monitor the effects of these proposals and if it is considered that further changes are necessary, the issues will be reported back to this Committee and a further course of action can be agreed.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A



<p>TPC395 Drapers Academy, Settle Road</p>	
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