



# **HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**13 December 2011**

# **REPORT**

**Subject Heading:**

**IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT  
SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANS  
Mead Primary School,  
Amersham Road, Harold Hill.**

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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 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 presents the results of the public consultation on a proposed School Keep Clear restriction opposite Mead primary school's pedestrian entrance nearest Petersfield Avenue.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the information set out in this report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the School Keep Clear marking, as shown on Drawing QK009/mead/OF/01, be implemented.
2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of implementing the scheme is £200 which can be met from the 2011/12 Transport for London Local Implementation Plan allocation for School Travel Plans Implementation.

## REPORT DETAIL

### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Last year, as a result of the Mead Primary School Travel Plan, two consecutive School Keep Clear markings were installed in Amersham Road outside the pedestrian entrance nearest Petersfield Avenue. These were to discourage parents from dropping children off outside the school entrance which is on the outside of a bend.
- 1.3 The school made further representations to the StreetCare team. Due to the bend in the road, parents dropping children off on the inside of the bend (opposite the new SKC markings) are still blocking the footway and carriageway. Also at the school's request, two panels of pedestrian guardrail were installed in the summer across the entrance to prevent children running straight into the road.
- 1.4 The school requested a single School Keep Clear marking opposite the school entrance.
- 1.5 This proposal will help to maintain visibility for pedestrians and drivers in the school vicinity.
- 1.6 Details are shown on drawing no. QK009/mead/OF/01. The marking will be operational Monday to Friday 8.00am to 5.00pm.
- 1.7 Ten residents were consulted, a notice was erected on site and the proposals advertised on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September with comments to be received by 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## **2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation**

- 2.1 One resident replied and does not think anyone will adhere to the new markings without sufficient enforcement. He thinks the street also needs traffic calming.

## **3.0 Staff Comments**

- 3.1 Staff consider that without sufficient enforcement, the car parking problem may still continue but the restriction is required for enforcement. If used properly, the school keep clear markings will help pedestrians cross Amersham Road to access the school. This is especially helpful for unaccompanied children.

## **IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

### **Financial implications and risks:**

The estimated cost of £200 can be met from the 2011/12 TfL Local Implementation Plan allocation for School Travel.

### **Legal implications and risks:**

Parking restrictions require consultation and the advertisement of proposals before a decision can be taken on their introduction.

### **Human Resources implications and risks:**

None.

### **Equalities implications and risks:**

Parking restrictions outside school are often installed to improve road safety especially for those walking to school.

There will be some visual impact, due to the required signing and road markings.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**