



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REPORT

20 March 2012

Subject Heading:

**School Crossing Patrol Improvements
Broadford Primary School, Farringdon
Avenue**

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

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| 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 recommends alterations to the zebra crossing facility and School Keep Clear markings outside Broadford Primary School following the completion of the recent public consultation.

This scheme straddles **Gooshays and Harold Wood** wards.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the information set out in this report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the alterations to the pedestrian crossing facility and school keep clear markings outside Broadford Primary School are approved for implementation as detailed in this report and shown on the following drawing:

QK009/NC/11.A.

2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of the scheme will be £800 which will 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 Broadford Primary School lies on the west side of Farringdon Avenue on the brow of a small hill. This section of carriageway contains speed cushions and on-street parking.
- 1.2 A school crossing patrol (SCP) operates immediately outside one of the school's entrances on a zebra crossing. Between the crossing and Chatteris Avenue is a bus stop. Parking is permitted between the bus stop and the zebra crossing controlled area.
- 1.3 The SCP has complained to the Road Safety Section of several occasions where a vehicle has overtaken a bus and parked cars and not seen the SCP standing on the zebra crossing and has had to brake sharply.
- 1.4 To assist the SCP it is proposed to:
 - a. extend the zebra crossing zigzags by 4 markings on both sides,
 - b. change the two existing school keep clear markings to operational Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm,
 - c. remove a short length of single yellow line and its time plate (this time plate is not in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations & General Directions) on the opposite side to the school (part of this line will be replaced by the extended zigzag markings).

2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

- 2.1 Thirty six letters were posted on the 9th February 2011 to the school and residents living within the vicinity of the scheme, being potentially affected by the scheme. The closing date for comments was 2nd March 2012.
- 2.2 The statutory elements of the scheme were publicly advertised on site, in the Romford Recorder and in the London Gazette on 10th February 2011. The closing date for comments was 2nd March 2012.
- 2.3 By the close of consultation one reply had been received:
- resident objected on the grounds that it removed the parking space outside their property and may affect its future saleability.

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.1 Staff accept there is a loss of on-street parking as a result of the extension of the zebra crossing controlled area. However, in balance, it results in improved visibility at the zebra crossing.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of the scheme is £800 which will be met from the 2011/12 Transport for London Local Implementation Plan allocation for School Travel Plans Implementation and installed before March 31st 2012.

Legal implications and risks:

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

Zebra Crossings do not require traffic orders, but Department for Transport guidance suggests that local consultations should take place.

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.

BACKGROUND PAPERS