



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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REPORT

Subject Heading:

**HYLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARKING REVIEW**

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Outcome of Public Consultation

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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 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 makes recommendations based on the outcome of the public consultation held for the proposed School Keep Clear road markings as part of the Hylands School Primary parking review.

The scheme is within the **Romford Town** ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered this report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the proposed parking scheme as part of the Hylands Primary School parking review and as detailed in this report and shown on Drawing QJ061/01/01 is rejected.
2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of £2,000 would be met from the Primary Review Capital Programme

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 As part of the Highways consent for the construction of Hylands Primary School on land east of Granger Way, conditions were placed on the approved planning application (P1948.08).
- 1.2 Condition 10 of the application stated that the new development should not be brought into occupation until a review of the restrictions around the school entrances was undertaken
- 1.3 The review was limited to investigating the school keep clear road markings and junction protection lining
- 1.4 Hylands Primary School opened mid 2011 coinciding with the closure of Edwin Lambert School, but part of the development saw the closure of Manor School at the end of the 2009 summer term.
- 1.5 However, due to the school being on a new site it was then decided by the Highway Authority that a review once the school was operational would be more appropriate and would allow for monitoring during the first few months.
- 1.6 Once operational the Highway Authority received informal requests from residents' and parents requesting that the entrance and egress points be kept clear of parked cars to improve visibility and to stop these areas being congested with cars during the school peak times.

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- 1.7 Following this, once it became apparent that the alleyway access to the school would be open almost constantly, residents' and parents that lived in Globe Road became concerned about the prospect of Keep Clear markings affecting parking provision in the area.
- 1.8 A site review was carried out on the 20th October 2011 in which past comments and concerns from residents' and member of staff were taken into consideration.
- 1.9 Drawing QJ061/01/01 shows the arrangement of School Keep Clear markings on Globe Road and Benjamin Close.
- 1.10 On or about 1 November 2011, approximately 100 letters were hand-delivered to residents potentially affected by the scheme. A closing date of 2 December 2011 was given for comments.

2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

- 2.1 By the close of consultation, 9 written responses had been received from residents and are summarised in appendix I of this report.
- 2.2 All of the responses were noted as objections with a combination of reduced parking for residents' and providing a passing place for traffic on Globe Road being the main points of objection.
- 2.3 Residents' of Benjamin Close regarded the times of the school keep clear as inadequate as vehicles associated with the school enter the close before and after the proposed times, however, it was also stated that any restriction would cause inconvenience to residents.
- 2.4 Residents of Globe Road were concerned with creating a passing place for fast moving traffic on a road where double sided parking is common throughout.
- 2.5 Both sets of residents suggested that the lack of parking enforcement at present would be continued, rendering the proposed restrictions, counterproductive. It was suggested that better and more stringent enforcement of the existing restrictions would improve safety more effectively.
- 2.6 Residents' were also of the impression that a better school/ parent relationship with respect to school travel initiatives would be of greater benefit than increasing the waiting restrictions.
- 2.7 Given the local opposition and lack of support from the school or parents, Staff recommend that the proposals be rejected.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of the proposals set out within this report is £2,000 and will be met from the Primary Capital Review Programme.

Legal implications and risks:

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

Human Resources implications and risks:

It is likely that implementation of the scheme will antagonise residents' resulting in resources being channelled toward answering complaints.

Equalities implications and risks:

Most waiting restrictions are installed for road safety reasons, so they have no significant environmental or equalities implications, although further lining will have some visual impact.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Project file: QJ 061 Primary Schools Parking Review

APPENDIX I

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

| Respondent | Comments |
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| No. 39 Globe Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keep clear markings will provide passing point for motorists ○ Concerned about the loss of 4 parking spaces in front of residential properties creating a shortage of parking ○ Poor enforcement of the existing restrictions ○ Temporary entrance remaining open well after school hours |
| Globe Road resident | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerned about the loss of parking in an area already difficult to park. |
| Globe Road resident | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerned about the loss of parking in an area already difficult to park and is made more difficult by parents parking illegally. ○ Better enforcement is required ○ Wardens should rigorously enforce the restrictions in the area ○ The cost of a 3rd permit should be greater to discourage high car ownership. |
| Globe Road resident | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggests the alleyway and access its onto the highway is not fit for purpose ○ Suggests that the 20mph speed limit is not enforced and SKC's on Globe Road will provide a passing place allowing vehicles to maintain as much speed as possible. ○ Concerned about the saleability of the properties and moving cars around as a result of the restrictions ○ Suggests that forewarning parents that the camera car is in the area isn't the best way to combat the problem. |
| Globe Road resident | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Previously pointed out that the use of the alleyway would cause problems, such as safety of the pupils due Globe Road being having the traffic flow of a main road. ○ Keep clear markings will provide passing point for motorists during the schools' busiest time resulting in them being inches away from moving traffic ○ Issue with Councillors and alleged pandering to Granger Way |

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| 6 Hale House | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The operational time of the restrictions would affect residents', deliveries etc and be of no benefit to them○ The cars enter the close before and after this time○ Separate parking zone for Benjamin Close which is properly enforced. |
| Moore, Scott and Hale Mgmt Co Ltd | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Traffic enters the Close in relation to the school from 7.30 am until well past 5pm. The nursery sessions and after school clubs ensure parents drop off and collect their children constantly during the daytime. Therefore the proposed times are inadequate.○ The creation of a keep clear zone Monday till Friday outside Hale House will greatly inconvenience the residents. They will be unable to have deliveries/ tradesman visits during this period and therefore have to have deliveries/visits of a weekend, often impossible to arrange.○ The creation of this keep clear zone will not, stop parents from parking in it. They will still have the mentality of getting as close to the school gates as is possible. It will only succeed in driving traffic into the beginning of the Close, causing even greater traffic chaos.○ Suggest a list of measure to benefit all parties○ Suggest making Benjamin Close a separate CPZ from RO3 for residents only, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.○ Place keep clear signs outside the pedestrian entrance and the parking bays opposite Hale House.○ Double yellow line ALL bends and corners in the Close, as well as in front of the parking bays opposite Scott House.○ Better enforcement |
| 31 Globe Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Keep clear markings will provide passing point for motorists creating a dangerous environment for children○ Objects to the increase of pedestrian levels and noise in front of their property○ Concerned about the amount of vehicle parking over the crossover and the egress from his driveway due to the number of children unsupervised.○ Suggests that the main pedestrian entrance should |

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| | be in Granger Way |
| Resident of Globe Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Suggests residents' were promised no parking spaces would be lost on Globe Road○ Suggests an all year round restriction is unfair to residents.○ Is of the opinion that the entrance should be solely located in Benjamin Close. |