

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE

Meeting date: 12 September 2022

From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

SAFER STREETS – SCHOOL STREET INITIATIVE **EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2021**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1** *This report informs Carlisle Local Committee of the comments and feedback received regarding The County of Cumbria (St Bede’s Catholic School, Carlisle & Inglewood Infant School, Carlisle) (Pedestrian and Cycle Zone) Experimental Order 2021 (“The Order”) during the first 6 months of operation and makes a recommendation in regard to making the order Permanent or not, referred to at paragraph 3.1 of this report.*
- 1.2** *It is recommended that The Order is made Permanent IN PART, only in so far as it relates to Strathclyde Avenue and St Bede’s School having taken account of the comments and feedback received mainly in support.*
- 1.3** *In regard to School Road and Inglewood Infant school, the Local Committee is recommended to approve the making of a new Experimental Traffic Regulation Order which will introduce amended operational times for the restrictions allowing assessment of the impact on parking and traffic flows, allowing consideration of whether the amended operating times be made permanent after a trial period, referred to at paragraph 3.2 of this report.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1** *Safer Schools help to support the following Council Plan priorities:*
- *To safeguard children, and ensure that Cumbria is a great place to be a child and grow up*
 - *To enable communities to live safely and shape services locally*
 - *To promote health and wellbeing, and tackle poverty*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 *That the Local Committee approves The County of Cumbria (St Bede's Catholic School, Carlisle & Inglewood Infant School, Carlisle) (Pedestrian and Cycle Zone) Experimental Order 2021, being made Permanent IN PART, only insofar as it relates to Strathclyde Avenue St Bede's School.***
- 3.2 *That the Local Committee approve the making of a new Experimental Traffic Regulation Order with amended operating times for Inglewood Infants School so that the Pedestrian and Cycle Zone will operate on School Road between 8.15 am and 9.15 am and from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm, during Term Time Only to run for a period of up to 18 months.***

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The School Streets initiative is an idea pioneered by the Sustrans Charity that aims to tackle the congestion, poor air quality and road safety concerns that many schools experience during drop-off and pick-up times. This is achieved by way of traffic regulation at these times on the roads in the vicinity of the school gates. The restrictions will prohibit vehicular traffic outside of the school with exemptions for emergency vehicles, blue badge holders and residents. The objectives for the school are to improve road safety and air quality outside of the school, which may then increase walking and cycling to the school.
- 4.2 Following approval to make an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order at this Local Committees meeting on 13 September 2021 The County of Cumbria (St Bede's Catholic School, Carlisle & Inglewood Infant School, Carlisle) (Pedestrian and Cycle Zone) Experimental Order 2021 was introduced on Strathclyde Avenue for St Bede's Catholic Primary School and on School Road Carlisle for Inglewood's Infants School.
- 4.3 A copy of the Notice and Statement of Reasons are attached as Appendices 1 and 2 and the plans are attached as Appendices 3 and 4 to this report. The Order came into operation on 1st November 2021 as an Experimental Order to enable assessment of the impact on parking and traffic flows following its introduction and to consider feedback after the initial 6 months.

St Bede's Catholic Primary School

- 4.4 The School Street Scheme on Strathclyde Avenue for St Bede's Catholic Primary School has been received well. There is support from the school and it is well regarded locally. Within the initial 6-month trial period support from the school was confirmed and no other responses were received. Therefore, it is recommended that The Order in so far as it relates to Strathclyde Avenue and St Bede's School be made Permanent.

Inglewood Infants School

- 4.5 The School Street Scheme on School Road for Inglewood Infants School has been received well. Within the initial 6-month trial period two responses were received. One response was in relation to a vehicle within the school street within the restricted times. Officers are working with the school and Cumbria Constabulary on compliance with the scheme, but it is generally of

a very high level. The second response regarding the scheme was from the school. There is support from the school for the scheme, however it has been requested that the timings in the afternoon be amended slightly.

- 4.6 As the restrictions operate now (2.45pm to 3.45pm) some of the pupils are leaving school before the restrictions come into operation in the afternoon. The school has therefore requested that the restrictions at the end of the school day are moved forward from 2.45pm - 3.45pm by 15 minutes to run from 2.30pm – 3.30pm.
- 4.7 Consultation letters were sent out to affected residents, the school, Local member and statutory consultees on 17 August 2022 to ask for comments and objections to changing the times of the restrictions on School Road. Following the consultation, the school have responded in support for the amended operating times. No further responses in comment for objection have been received.
- 4.8 It is recommended that a further Experimental Traffic Regulation Order for A Pedestrian and Cycle Zone, at school times (School Street Scheme) be made for up to 18 months on School Road Carlisle for Inglewood Infants School. A Statement of Reasons for the further Experimental Order can be found attached as Appendix 5 to this report.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Local committee may accept, amend or reject the Recommendations at paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There would only be a minimum cost associated with this proposal. There are no cost implications for St Bede's School. For Inglewood School the timings on the school street signs would require changing and the School Street would continue for longer as an experimental order.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The County Council, as Traffic Authority, must take into consideration the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") detailed below at paragraph 7.2, in considering whether it is expedient to agree to the implementation of the Orders detailed in this Report for the reason specified at sections 1(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g) of the 1984 Act, namely: -

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- (b) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

- (g) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).
- 7.2 Under Section 122(2), the matters which must be taken into account in exercising that duty are: -
- (a) The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
 - (b) the effect on amenities of an area;
 - (c) the national air quality strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995;
 - (d) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
 - (e) any other matters appearing to the authority to be relevant.
- 7.3 Local Committees may, pursuant to Part 2D, paragraph 5.1.2 g) of the Constitution, approve the making of traffic regulation orders in accordance with powers under Parts I, II and IV of the Road Traffic Regulation act 1984, **except** for the making of Traffic Regulation Orders which involve the introduction for on-street residents permits, which are delegated to the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure subject to a decision of the appropriate member body to introduce such charges.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The report is informing Carlisle Local Committee of the responses and feedback to The School Street Order for Strathclyde Avenue outside St Bede's Catholic Primary School and School Road outside Inglewood Infants School Carlisle. Following feedback in support it is recommended to make The Order 2021 permanent IN PART only in so far as it relates to Strathclyde Avenue for St Bede's School.
- 8.2 For Inglewood Infants School it is proposed to make a new Experimental Traffic Regulation Order 2022 to amend the times of operation of the Pedestrian and Cycle Zone (School Street) following feedback from the school. The proposed time changes have been widely consulted on indicating support for the times of operation to be 8.15 am to 9.15 am and from 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1	Statutory Notice for the Experimental Order 2021 (St Bede's and Inglewood)
Appendix 2	Statement of Reasons for the Experimental Order 2021 (St Bede's and Inglewood)
Appendix 3	Location Plan - St Bede's Catholic Primary School
Appendix 4	Location Plan – Inglewood Infants School
Appendix 5	Statement of Reasons for the proposed Experimental Order 2022 (Inglewood School only)

Electoral Division: Harraby North

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS ***[including Local Committees]***

Carlisle Highways and Transport working Group 21st June 2022
Carlisle Local Committee 13 September 2021

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

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