

Officer Decision pursuant to Scheme of Delegation, Part 8

Tony Singh, Chief Highway Engineer

Pursuant to sections 6, 122 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the "Act")

Title: Extension of School Street for Mayfield Primary School

Reference Number: ORD P036C-24

Objection period: 8 May to 29 May 2024

Background

Ealing Council proposed to implement a number of School Streets (time-limited pedestrian and cycle zone) in various locations within the borough to help provide a low traffic area at school opening and closing times only, making it easier and safer for pedestrians and cyclists to use the road space.

A Traffic Management Order (TMO) formal consultation and notice of proposals was published in the Ealing Gazette and London Gazette and erected on posts/lamp columns at the proposed locations on 8 May 2024 for 21 days.

Summary of Comments / Objections

We received 2 responses to the notice, of which 1 was an objection. A summary of the issue raised is as follows along with the Council's responses to them.

Date received: 9/5/2024

Inside or Outside School Street: OUTSIDE

Objections raised through Traffic Management Order

- It will stop parents driving their vehicles directly to the school to drop their children,
- Families will need to walk further,
- Negative impact on highway safety,
- Vehicles will be driven faster.

Action and response from Council

Proceed

- The council wants to increase the number of people using active modes of travel, especially for short journeys such as for school related trips.
- evidence from monitoring of Tranche 3 schemes shows that School Streets do not create significant parking or traffic issues in the wider area.
- a strong view by the parents/carers, school staff on gate duty and residents within the School Street that there are issues outside the school at the start and end of the school day. The stakeholder survey showed congestion and parking behaviour around the school had the highest negative score of respondents views on the current situation. An extension of the School Street will address these concerns.

- Monitoring of the Tranche 3 School Streets that were implemented in Spring 2023 shows no significant increase in parking, speed or volume of motor vehicles.

Legal Implications

The council has powers to implement on street waiting restrictions under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (including sections 6, 122, and 124 in particular).

The relevant procedures are set out in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

In exercising these powers, section 122(1) of the Act imposes a duty on the council to have regard (so far as practicable having regard to the matters specified in subsection (2) to securing the 'expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway'. Subsection (2) also includes 'the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises and 'any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant.

Concluding Statements of Officer

Officers have duly considered all comments and suggestions.

I have considered the comments and objections to the proposals and on the basis of the council's powers and duties outlined above, I am satisfied that the decision to proceed with the implementation of the School Street is correct.

On this basis I authorise the implementation of the scheme and the making of the Ealing (Various Roads School Street Scheme) (No. 4) (Amendment No. **) Order 202*

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Signature:

