

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH

**Subject:** Oreston Road – Footway Improvements  
**Committee:** Plymstock Area Committee  
**Date:** 9 November 2009  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Kevin Wiggins – Cabinet Member for Transport  
**CMT Member:** Anthony Payne – Director for Development & Regeneration  
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### **Executive Summary:**

This report relates to the formal Traffic Regulation Order advertised for proposed works on Oreston Road. All comments received during the advert period have been summarised and included within the report. The Traffic Regulation Order included Waiting Restrictions; School Clearway Markings and 20 mph limit.

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### **Corporate Plan 2009-2012:**

The proposed works on Oreston Road will aid in achieving the following Corporate Improvement Priorities: CIP 11 – Improving access across the city; CIP 12 – Delivering sustainable growth. The aim of the scheme is to improve pedestrian accessibility and safety along Oreston Road. The scheme will have particularly benefit school children from Oreston Community Primary School.

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### **Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land**

The full cost of this scheme will be funded from the 2009-2010 Capital Programme.

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### **Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.**

### **Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:**

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that the area members:

- a) Consider the comments received as part of the Traffic Regulation Order Advert.
- b) Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport to implement the following orders  
(As shown on attached plans):
  - a. Double Yellow Lines along Oreston Road and Thornyville Terrace.
  - b. 20 Mph Speed Limit along Oreston Road, outside the school.
  - c. Proposed school entrance clearway outside Oreston Community Primary School.

- d. Offer their comments on the proposed priority give way at Plymstock Road/  
Oreston Road.

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**Background papers:**

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**Sign off:** Comment must be sought from those whose area of responsibility may be affected by the decisions, as follows (insert initials of Finance and Legal reps, and of HR, Corporate Property, IT and Start. Proc as appropriate).

Fin		Leg		HR		Corp Prop		IT		Start Proc	
Originating SMT Member											

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The following works were advertised on 17 September 2009 (A copy of the consultation drawing is included in Appendix A):

- Waiting restrictions on Oreston Road, Plymstock Road and Thornyville Terrace.
- School entrance clearway outside Oreston Community Primary School.
- 20 Mph Speed limit on Oreston Road and on approach to Oreston Road from Thornyville Villas and Thornyville Terrace.

1.2 All residents living within the vicinity of the proposal received a letter identifying the proposed scheme and inviting them to submit comments. Three plans covering the scheme proposal were also attached. These letters were hand delivered to residents during the advertisement period.

1.3 Some existing double yellow lines were not shown on the original consultation drawings so amended copies of consultation drawing 397460/011 were sent to councillors on 22 October 2009 and delivered by hand to residents living in the vicinity of the works on 23 October 2009. Any comments received in connection with the amendments will be reported verbally at the Area Committee meeting.

1.4 All comments received from members of the public have been summarised and included in section 4.0 of this report.

1.5 Officers have summarised comments and provided responses where necessary. This allows Members to consider the comments of the public prior to making a recommendation to the Portfolio Holder.

## **2.0 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

2.1 The formal Traffic Regulation Order was advertised between 17 September 2009 and 7 October 2009.

2.2 Ward members were notified of the Traffic Regulation Order Advert on 15 September 2009.

2.3 Street notices were erected on 16 September 2009 and the formal advert was placed in the local press on 17 September 2009.

2.4 Nine letters were received from members of the public during the formal advert period.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

3.1 Oreston Road links from Pomphlett Roundabout to Plymstock Road. The route is predominantly residential with some car garages and Oreston Community Primary School located along its length.

3.2 At present there are lengths of Oreston Road that have no footway; this means that pedestrians have to walk in the road alongside passing vehicles. This road forms part of the route to and from Oreston Community Primary School, therefore as part of our commitment to encouraging children to adopt more sustainable modes of travel to and from school it would be beneficial if we construct a footway in areas where there are none at present.

### **4.0 COMMENTS**

4.1 As part of the formal advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order nine comments were received from members of the public. All comments received have been summarised and included in the table below.

4.2 The formal advert refers to the formal orders including waiting restrictions, school entrance clearway markings and 20 mph limit. Most comments received from members of the public relate to the civil engineering works that are not subject to a formal order. As part of the design process those comments will be reviewed and the design may be adjusted as required.

#### 4.3 Summary of Comments

Summarised Comment	Response	Total
Support Footway Improvements	N/A	4
Concerns about vehicles (buses) mounting the footway near to Oreston Road/ Plymstock Road junction.	This issue will not be addressed as part of the scheme, and it is not believed that the situation will be made worse by the proposal. Information will be passed to the Public Transport Team to investigate if it can be addressed by the network operators.	3
The proposals do not include any traffic calming on Plymstock Road.	The scheme is focused on improving pedestrian facilities on Oreston Road. It is not a traffic calming scheme. Traffic calming on Plymstock Road is a separate issue that is being dealt with as part of a planning condition.	1
If the proposals are supposed to be pedestrian improvements then why are there no pedestrian improvements on Plymstock Road?	The main focus of the scheme is to improve pedestrian footways in areas along Oreston Road. Plymstock Road has footway along a majority of its length.	1
Extension of double yellow lines required.	See amended drawing 397460/011. These were advertised and included on the amended drawing forwarded to residents.	1
Additional pedestrian provision is required for those accessing the old railway line footpath.	To be addressed as part of the school travel plan review to be undertaken by Oreston Community Primary School.	1
Additional warning signs.	Not considered necessary as pedestrians are now on the footway.	1
There are no existing problems outside our property so why isn't the money spent implementing a footway further along Plymstock Road where the existing footway is extremely narrow.	The main focus of the scheme is to improve pedestrian footways in areas along Oreston Road. Plymstock Road has footway along a majority of its length.	1
Concerns about the access of HGV's and LGV's into Plymstock Road	As part of the design process these comments will be reviewed and the design amended if necessary.	6
Installing a buildout and moving the give way line will make the situation worse on Plymstock Road. This will cause vehicles to speed up through the chicane.		
Concerns that the buildout on Plymstock Road will cause traffic delays and will therefore encourage vehicles to use The Quay and Rollis Park Road rather than Oreston Road.		

## **5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

5.1 Having reviewed the comments received as part of this advert it is recommended to ward members that the Traffic Regulation Orders are implemented as advertised. This includes waiting restrictions, school entrance clearway and 20 mph speed limit.

5.2 Following receipt of comments the implementation of the road safety works on Plymstock Road at its junction with Oreston Road will be reviewed. The works do not require the Committee approval, however; their comments will be welcome.

5.3 Ward members and residents will be forwarded a final plan ready for construction near to the commencement of the works.