

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject: School Keep Clear Markings and Various Parking Restrictions Outside Schools (Leigham Primary) within the Area Committee Boundary – Objections

Committee: Eggbuckland and Moorview Area Committee

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Executive Summary:

This report advises the public and Ward Members of the result of the advertisement of waiting restrictions outside Leigham Primary School undertaken simultaneously with the advert to implement traffic orders on various city wide School Keep Clear markings.

Corporate Plan 2009-2012:

- Developing an effective Transport System – Yes. Improve Safety and accessibility.
 - Maintaining a clean and sustainable environment – Yes. To create a more attractive environment that is safe, clean tidy, as well as a more healthy and diverse nature, (i.e. Improved Air Quality).
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Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

The costs of providing the appropriate Traffic Regulation Orders and construction works will be borne by the 2009-2010 Capital Programme.

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

None.

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that Members of the Area Committee:

1. Consider the objections/comments received during the advertisement period as detailed in **Appendix 1**; and
2. Approve that the proposals as detailed on Plan A in **Appendix 2**, be implemented.

Reasons for above recommended actions are as follows:

- a) To enable the Ward Members to be aware of the public's concerns;
- b) To improve emergency access into the school at all times and improve visibility for pedestrians.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

The implementation of parking restrictions as advertised, or a relaxation of them has been rejected on the grounds of causing too much inconvenience to local residents.

The relaxed proposals will improve student safety, emergency access to the school, and access to the existing residents' parking spaces.

Background papers: None

Sign off:

Head of Fin		Head of Leg		Head of HR		Head of AM		Head of IT		Head of Strat Proc	
Originating SMT Member											

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Funding for the making of traffic regulation orders on existing School Keep Clear markings (SKC) outside of schools has been allocated to the Current Capital Programme 2009-2010. A number of these have recently been advertised.
- 1.2 Where the Sustainable Transport Team have been notified of difficulties outside of a school during their regular meetings and during the process of preparing adverts for the School Keep Clears then additional proposals have been advertised and consulted upon in an attempt to resolve these difficulties.
- 1.3 The Sustainable Transport Team requested that a Single Yellow Line, (prohibition of waiting Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm), be advertised, (and consulted upon), to improve student safety at Cockington Close by the school gates. This was undertaken simultaneously with the advertisement of SKC elsewhere within the city.
- 1.4 There were comments from a high number of residents who had issues concerning any loss of parking.
- 1.5 The existing conditions allow anyone to park at Cockington Close at any time, in any location and the Police may only prosecute drivers for obstruction. For short periods, parents regularly obstruct the entrance to the school, who restrict access for other drivers and obstruct students entering and leaving the School.
- 1.6 During the consultation it became apparent that the number of available parking spaces, if the restrictions were implemented, would be insufficient for the residents' requirements.
- 1.7 The **objectives of this scheme** are to:
 - Improve access into the School at all times;
 - Improve Safety and Accessibility at School opening and closing times;
 - Consider the needs of residents' parking during the consultation.

The amended recommended proposals will continue to achieve these objectives.

2.0 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) ADVERTISEMENT

- 2.1 The statutory consultation/advertisement of the SKC and other safety improvements was undertaken between 31 July - 21 August 2009.
- 2.2 Street notices were erected for the 3-week advert and a notice was placed in the Evening Herald on 31 July 2009 informing the general public of the proposals. Letters were also forward to local residents within the vicinity of the proposed Single Yellow Line.
- 2.3 Ward Members of the Area Committee were forward copies of the above consultation letter at the commencement of the advertisement period.
- 2.4 A summary of the comments received during the advertisement are detailed in **Appendix 1**.

3.0 COMMENTS

- 3.1 Eleven letters of objection were received from local residents stating that there was insufficient parking for the number of houses presently and the proposed Single Yellow Lines will create difficulty to the existing parking conditions.
- 3.2 As a result of the consultation it was necessary for officers to visit the site and assess the existing parking provision in greater detail. Information was also received from residents, and the local PCSO – (Thank you), in respect of the number of parked vehicles in the area at various times. If a Single Yellow Line was implemented, it would create difficulties for residents in this location, and the location where displaced car drivers may have needed to divert. A summary of the number of vehicles parked in the area is summarised in Table **Appendix 3**. The table shows that it is clear that the advertised restriction would create difficulties for the residents. It is therefore recommended t NOT implement the advertised restrictions.
- 3.3 The purpose of the consultation is to collect evidence/details/information/ concerns/data from those affected, to assist the correct recommendation to be made. It is necessary to consider current Council Policy, Safety, Local Transport Plan objectives, local consultation, etc before a suitable recommendation is made.
- 3.4 The Police were consulted and raised no issues.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The recommended proposals are detailed on **Plan A**.
- 4.2 It is recommended to implement a white “KEEP CLEAR” in front of the school gates rather than a Single Yellow Line in Cockington Close. This will remove no parking spaces, (except those who park directly in front of the gates where emergency access is required at all times). It may also assist access from/to the regularly used parking spaces near this location. The KEEP CLEAR marking will not interfere with vehicles parked adjacent to the grass verge or vehicles parked in the recognized parking bay near the steps.

5.0 FUTURE PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION BY SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT TEAM

- The placement of additional boulders on the grass verges in the area to prevent drivers, (primarily parents of students), from parking in this dangerous and antisocial manner.
- The Sustainable Transport Team have had some success in reducing congestion at the school by encouraging students to walk rather than be driven to school e.g. the walking bus. These incentives will continue. Parents who have to drive need to be encouraged to use the large car park and walk their children along the off road footways rather than add to the congestion outside the school.
- The erection of bollards on footways and in verges to prevent the reported passage of motor vehicles along Mothecombe Walk, in this dangerous and antisocial behaviour.

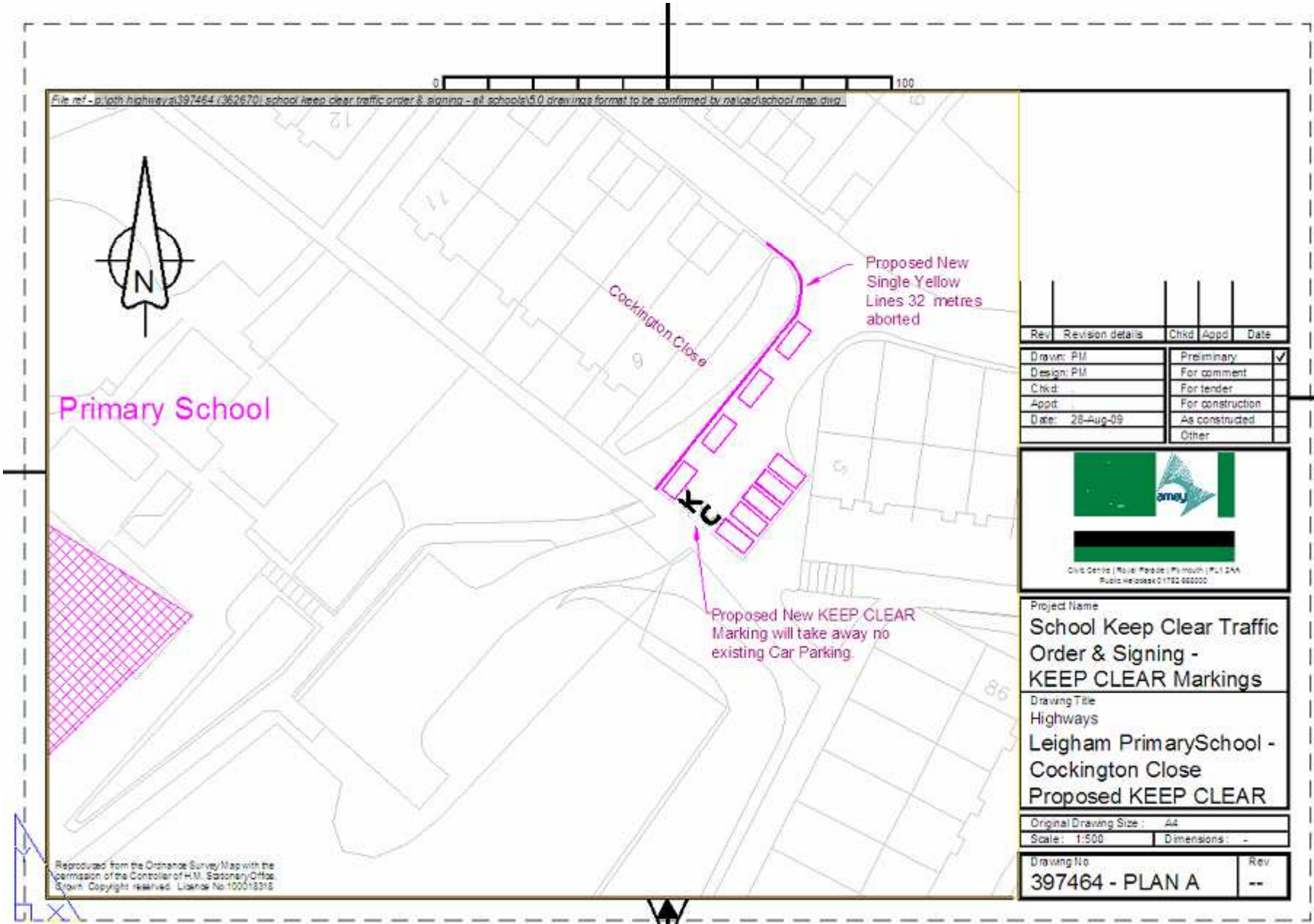
APPENDIX 1 -School Keep Clears (SKC).

Summary of formal letters of objections to advertised Single Yellow Line in Cockington Close.

Ref.	Comment	Response
6	Leigham - Cockington Close Objects to Single Yellow Lines being painted as this will create difficulty for elderly people. The problems are parking parents. The grass verges are used by dogs for toilet.	The proposals have been amended to improve access and safety but also respects residents' parking needs. The KEEP CLEAR may be enforced by the Police Community Support Officer PCSO.
7	Leigham - Cockington Close Single Yellow Lines not suitable for the residential area.	
8	Leigham - Cockington Close Disapproves of the Single Yellow Lines as the residents will be punished.	
9	Leigham - Cockington Close Objects to the proposals which will make a 24 hour restriction.	
10	Leigham - Cockington Close Objects to double yellow lines. The parking spaces are needed by the residents. The problems are caused by parents	
11	Leigham - Cockington Close Objects to the proposals as there is no obstruction to the school and will prevent cars parking 24 hrs a day 365 days a year. Problems are caused by the parents.	
12	Leigham - Cockington Close Objects to the proposal and will create more problems with parents parking in resident spaces at the bottom of the car park.	
13	Leigham School - Cockington Close The school should use other 4 number of entrances. Residents will loose their parking spaces where will they park?.	
13a	Telephone call Leigham - Cockington Close	

	Objects to the proposals and considers that residents are being penalised as a result of the parents' poor behaviour.	
16	Leigham - Cockington Close 100% objects to the proposals since residents who are mainly senior citizens at 72-86 Mothecombe Walk will have nowhere to park from 9am to 5pm. The dropped kerbs should be re-instated at the hard shoulder. (signed by 3 additional residents).	
18	Leigham School – The Business Manager Although initially in favour of the Single Yellow Lines they understand the comments made by the residents. In review of the residents concerns the school are happy with the amended recommendations.	

APPENDIX 2 PLAN A LEIGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL COCKINGTON CLOSE



APPENDIX 3 – TABLE OF RESIDENT PARKING AT COCKINGTON CLOSE

Existing Parking capacity = 9.

if Single Yellow Line is implemented Parking capacity = 9 before 8 am and parking capacity = 9 after 5 pm.

Parking capacity = 5 between 8 am – 5 pm.

DATE & TIME			Taken by	PARKED CAR SPACES ADJACENT TO GRASS VERGE (4No.)	PARKED CAR SPACES NEXT TO FOOTWAY AND STEPS (5 No.)	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKED CARS	
NOTE NUMBER OF VEHICLES OBSERVED WHEN SCHOOLS ARE ON SUMMER VACATION RESIDENTS' CARS EXPECTED ONLY.							
14/08/09	Fri	5.00pm	R	4	3	7	*
		6.00pm	R	4	3	7	
		7.00pm	R	4	3	7	
		8.00pm	R			8	
17/08/09	Mon	5.00pm	R	4	3	7	*
		6.00pm	R	4	4	8	
		7.00pm	R	2	3	5	
		8.00pm	R	4	2	6	
18/08/09	Tue	5.00pm	R	3	2	5	*
		6.00pm	R	3	2	5	
		7.00pm	R	3	3	6	
		8.00pm	R	4	3	7	
24/08/09	Mon	3.30pm	PCSO	4	3	7	
25/08/09	Tue	12.00pm	PCSO	3	3	6	*
		13.00pm	PCSO	5	3	8	*
		15.00pm	PCSO	5	4	9	*
		16.00pm	PCSO	4	5	9	*
26/08/09	Wed	12.00pm	PCSO	3	2	5	*
		14.00pm	PCSO	4	3	7	*
28/08/09	Fri	15.00pm	PCSO	5	3	8	*
		15.00pm	PCSO	5	4	9	*
		17.00pm	PCSO	4	4	8	*

R – Resident observations PCSO – Police Community Support Officer observations.

Times of advertised restriction i.e. Mon – Fri 8 am – 5 pm.

Problems for residents if restrictions as advertised are implemented.