

REPORT TO THE HEAD OF HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT

REPRESENTATION TO AN ADVERTISED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The Metropolitan Borough of Solihull (Kingshurst Way and Interconnecting Side Roads, Kingshurst) (Total Prohibition of Waiting, Restriction of Waiting and School Keep Clear) Order 2021

25/02/2021

LEAD OFFICER: STEVE HAWLEY

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To consider representations received to an advertised Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce additional parking restrictions on Kingshurst Way and interconnecting side roads.

2 Background

- 2.1 At the request of the council's School Asset Support Team it was proposed to provide additional parking restrictions on Kingshurst Way and Haselhour Road to regulate parking.

The proposals aim to aid traffic management, improve road safety and help to facilitate the free passage of all traffic particularly at school start end times. The parking restrictions are proposed to be delivered as part of a wider package of improvements to the street scene in close proximity to the school.

The proposals as advertised are detailed on plan 8682 in Appendix A.

3 Matters for Consideration

- 3.1 The proposals were formally advertised on 21 January 2021 and the closing date for receipt of representations was 11 February 2021.
- 3.2 Three representations to the Order were received during the consultation period; one fully supportive message from the local school, one local resident generally supportive of an intervention with parking restrictions, and one local resident objecting to part of the proposals. The comments and suggestions received have been fully considered. The tables overleaf summarise the partially supportive representations.

Table 3.2.1 Representations to the Proposed Parking Restrictions.

Representation	Numbers Received	Supporting Commentary	Officers Comments/ Response
Object/other	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whilst I am delighted the council are finally taking action, I do have concerns, the existing single yellow lines on Kingshurst Way have never deterred people from parking and in my opinion never will. <p>I have a disabled son who has serious health conditions and we often need to call an ambulance for him. Although we do have a drive, accessing this drive can be very difficult in our large vehicle and dangerous due to the numerous cars parked slightly over our drive and across the road. Paint double yellow lines along our section of road and get rid of the single line.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have recently moved to this section of Kingshurst Way and have found parking by the property difficult. On the small section of Kingshurst Way that we reside, there are 12 households (in flats) all using a small area to park cars. With the proposed changes, it will decrease an already limited space for residents to park vehicles. <p>Me and my partner find this change both infuriating and counterproductive. With fewer spaces for the residents of 95-109 Kingshurst Way, I fear that tensions among some of the residents will heighten and parking will become even more dangerous around the school of Yorkswood Primary. The use of double yellow lines directly outside of the school is not an issue, but I wish for you to further consider the implications to residents in the surrounding areas.</p>	<p>Refer to paragraph 3.3</p> <p>Refer to paragraph 3.4</p> <p>Refer to paragraph 3.5</p>
Support	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yorkswood Primary School indicated they fully supported the proposals. 	n/a

- 3.3 The comments raised by the objector around the compliance of the existing parking restrictions are noted. Whilst the majority of motorists do park with consideration to the regulations, inevitably there are still motorists who show disregard for them. It is not thought that double yellow lines would change this behaviour, however, more robust enforcement would.

Consequently, we will seek the assistance of our parking services colleagues to ensure that the restrictions are subject to regular enforcement. In addition, we will request that the school sends out reminders to parents to park considerately, using newsletters/other school communications.

The advertised scheme would prohibit stopping opposite the properties in question at all times via the introduction of school keep clear markings, which will help to regulate on-street parking at this location and improve access to and egress from driveways. It should also be borne in mind that the demand for parking is largely at school time, and therefore the single yellow line to prohibit parking at school start and end times, with subsequent enforcement is appropriate.

- 3.4 Concerns around access difficulties are noted, the council may be able offer other assistance to discourage parking over driveways, such as an access protection marking. The objector is encouraged to speak to us regarding this.
- 3.5 The proposed restrictions as advertised aim to regulate the kerbside space and reduce the impact of school related parking. It should be noted that the area of concern highlighted in the objection is a very narrow section of carriageway. Unrestricted parking has been left on the opposite side in recognition of the demand for parking. However, the carriageway is not wide enough to facilitate parking on both sides of the road on the main Kingshurst Way route, the double yellow lines on the junction of the cul-de-sac section of Kingshurst Way adjacent to the properties in question are necessary to protect the junction from parking in line with Highway Code guidance.

4 Ward Members' Views

- 4.1 The Ward Members for Kingshurst & Fordbridge were aware of Officer's intention to advertise the Order. Subsequently details of the representations received were shared with the Ward Members, with only Cllr Cole responding, who supported the proposed way forward.

5 Officer Recommendation

- 5.1 The representations received in respect of the experimental Traffic Regulation Order have been fully considered and responded to accordingly in section 3 of the report.
- 5.2 It is recommended that notwithstanding the two representations objecting to parts of the proposal, the parking restrictions are implemented as originally advertised.

6 Democratic Services

- 6.1 Democratic Services have confirmed that the proposed order was subject to statutory advertisement on the dates reported and that representations were received as noted above.

7 Risk Implications

- 7.1 The Corporate Risk Management Approach has been complied with to identify and assess the significant risks associated with this decision / project. This includes (but is not limited to) political, legislation and reputation risks.
- 7.2 The Approach is not intended to eliminate all risks and not all the risks identified can be managed all of the time. Also, risks will still exist that have not been identified.

8 For decision

8.1 The Head of Highway Management is asked to approve that:

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is made as originally advertised.

The recommendation as set out above is hereby approved:

P.S. Tovey

18th March 2021

Signature:**Date:**.....

**Paul Tovey
Head of Highway Management**