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1. Introduction

1.1 The Solihull Council's 'school streets' project aims to address several traffic related issues at the beginning and end of each school day. It undertakes this by limiting traffic in the streets surrounding schools at key times and creating a predominantly car free zone.

1.2 The aim of the project is to create a safer, & more pleasant, environment for everyone around Coppice Academy, Coppice Road. The scheme will help promote active travel to school by walking and cycling, which in turn, will help to reduce congestion and improve air quality in the area.

1.3 The restriction imposed by the traffic regulation order is a "prohibition of motor vehicles" on Coppice Road, applicable Monday to Friday between the hours of 08.15 to 09.00 and 14.30 to 15.45, with exemptions for permit holders. Permits will predominantly be issued to residents living on roads subject to the order, with a limited number allocated to the school.

1.4 The order also introduces a "no loading" (Monday-Friday between 08.15am-09.00 and 14.30-15.45), a & "prohibition of waiting at any time", to prevent motorists parking at the junction of Damson Lane/Coppice Road/Foredrove Lane. The new parking restrictions will protect the visibility splay for drivers. It will thus improve sight lines and road safety.

1.5 It is considered that the proposals will generally assist to secure the safer movement of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic and improve the amenities of the area.

1.6 The proposed traffic order is also expected to have a positive impact by reducing instances of obstructive and dangerous parking, improving the quality of life for residents, and providing a better road safety environment for school children

1.7 The proposals are shown on drawing no. 9880 in Appendix A. The proposed full traffic order schedule is provided in Appendix B.

2. Matters for Consideration & Objections

2.1 The proposals were advertised on 2 October 2026. The closing date for receipt of representations was 23 October 2026.

2.2 16 representations were received. 9 were against. Whilst 6 were in favour of the proposals. 1 neutral response, which requested further details regarding the operation of the scheme, was also received. The 9 objections have been considered in full and the summarised responses, together with an officer's response, can be seen in the table below: -

Representation / Issue	Supporting Commentary
1 – Concerns regarding the operation of the scheme.	Residents need clear reassurance that we will be able to enter and leave our own road freely during the restricted hours and that any exemption system will be straightforward and cover all household vehicles where necessary. There are also practical concerns regarding visitors, taxis, carers, deliveries and tradespeople. For example, when booking a plumber, electrician or engineer, residents are often only given an approximate arrival window. It would be extremely difficult to manage if they happened to arrive during the restricted period and were unable to access the property. I am also concerned that restricting access to the road in this way could make properties on Coppice Road less attractive to future buyers and could potentially have a negative effect on their marketability and value. I would be grateful to know whether this has been considered as part of the proposal. Another concern is that preventing school traffic from entering Coppice Road may simply displace vehicles onto Damson Lane and surrounding roads, potentially creating congestion and additional safety issues elsewhere. I would strongly support considering a trial period rather than introducing permanent restrictions immediately, so that the real impact on residents and surrounding roads can be properly assessed.
Officer Comments / Response	
Residents will be issued with permits for all their vehicles which will enable them to come and go as normal during the times that the restrictions will be in place. We would ask that visitors and tradespeople do not drive into the zone for the short time that the restrictions are in place. This has not proved to be a problem at other school street sites within the Borough. Most tradespeople/ delivery companies avoid areas by schools during the drop off and pick up times.	

As school streets prohibits movement and not parking, any tradespeople/visitors who are already parked on the road would not be affected provided they do not drive off during the short time that the restrictions are in place. Regarding the effect on house prices and the ability to sell a property. This has not been an effect at any of existing eleven school streets sites. It appears that house values have continued to stay at the expected market value. Likewise, dispersion of parking on to neighbouring roads has not been an issue at the existing school street sites and for this scheme. Alternative parking is available in the Damson Lane Park car park which is a 5-minute walk from the school. School streets schemes have been installed very successfully in other parts of the Borough. As such their operation is well known and a “trial scheme” is not necessary.	
Representation / Issue	**Supporting Commentary**
2 – Operational Concerns.	(1). The proposed order refers to a prohibition of motor vehicles during certain times. I understand that residents will be issued with permits, but I would like clarification on exactly what this means. Does this mean that, other than residents with permits, no other vehicles will be permitted to enter Coppice Road during the restricted times? How many permits will each property be entitled to? Will residents have to apply for these permits and, if so, will there be any charge? What happens when relatives, friends or other visitors need to attend a resident's property during the restricted times? What happens if someone needs to visit a resident regularly, for example to provide childcare or assistance? Will taxis, carers, tradespeople and other legitimate visitors be permitted to enter? What arrangements will be in place for people who need to access a property but do not have a resident's permit? For me personally, I have my grandchildren dropped off at my home because I look after them while their parents are at work. If vehicles are prohibited from entering Coppice Road during these times, does this mean that my family would have to drop the children somewhere else and expect them to walk to my property? If that is the case, this would significantly restrict access to my home and would have a direct effect on my quality of life and that of my family. (2). Proposed no-loading restrictions. The proposal also refers to a no-loading restriction between 8:15am–9:00am and 2:30pm–3:45pm. I would like clarification about exactly what this means for residents. Does this mean that vehicles are prohibited from stopping or parking on Coppice Road during those times, including residents' vehicles? For example: If a resident has relatives visiting, where are they expected to park? If a resident needs someone to drop something off at their property, are they permitted to stop? Would residents require additional permits? Would there be a charge for such permits? How would essential

	deliveries be dealt with? What about delivery drivers delivering parcels? What about taxis? What about tradespeople attending a property? What about carers or people providing essential support? What happens if somebody needs to unload something heavy or bulky at their home? I would like a clear explanation of how these situations are expected to work before this scheme is introduced. (3). Effect on Damson Lane and surrounding roads. I am also very concerned about the displacement of traffic and parking onto surrounding roads, particularly Damson Lane. If vehicles are prevented from entering or stopping on Coppice Road during the restricted times, people will inevitably look for alternative places to stop and park. I believe this could result in vehicles parking along nearby roads and potentially on Damson Lane. Damson Lane is already a main and busy road. If significantly more vehicles are parked along it, this could make the road more congested and make it more difficult for traffic to pass. I am particularly concerned about the safety implications for children. If parents are unable to drive into Coppice Road and instead have to stop or park on a busy main road, children will potentially have to get in and out of vehicles alongside much heavier traffic. I therefore question whether the proposed scheme could simply move the problem from Coppice Road onto a busier road, rather than solving it. (4). Essential and legitimate access. I would also like to know exactly what exemptions will apply to the restrictions. How will the scheme deal with: Essential delivery drivers; Parcel deliveries; Taxis; Tradespeople; Carers; Visitors; Family members; People providing childcare; Vehicles dropping off or collecting children; Emergency or essential services; and Other legitimate reasons for accessing a resident's property? It is important that residents are not effectively prevented from receiving visitors, deliveries or assistance during the restricted periods. (5). School holidays. Please also clarify whether the restrictions will remain in force during school holidays, weekends and other periods when the school is not operating. If the purpose of the scheme is to address traffic associated with school drop-off and collection, I would like to understand why restrictions would need to apply when the school is closed. (6). Lack of an existing parking problem. I am strongly opposed to the proposal because, in my experience, Coppice Road does not currently have a significant parking problem. Parents dropping children off generally stop for a short period, often around five or ten minutes, and then leave. Outside of the school drop-off and collection periods, the road is often relatively

	quiet and has plenty of available space. I therefore do not understand why such significant restrictions are being proposed for a road where there has not historically been a serious parking problem. I am concerned that the proposed restrictions could create problems that currently do not exist, particularly by forcing vehicles onto surrounding roads. (7). Air quality. I also question the claim that the scheme will improve air quality. If vehicles are prevented from accessing Coppice Road, those vehicles do not simply disappear. They will have to go somewhere else. If parents and other road users are forced onto Damson Lane and surrounding roads, this could result in increased congestion, vehicles waiting for longer periods and additional traffic on those roads. I therefore believe the Council should consider the overall effect on the surrounding road network and air quality, rather than looking solely at Coppice Road.

Officer Comments / Response

Residents will be issued permits for all vehicles registered at their property. These will be free of charge.

Regular visitors with a valid need to access houses such as carers/ family members, can also be issued with a permit.

We would ask delivery/trades people to avoid driving into or out of the zone during the short times the restrictions are in place. Most already avoid schools at these times due to traffic congestion.

School Streets is a prohibition of movement restriction, so it restricts vehicles from moving into or out of the zone. Vehicles already parked that do not have a permit are not affected by the restrictions provided they do not move off during the short time the restrictions are in place.

Blue badge and emergency vehicles are exempt from the restrictions.

There are currently eleven school street sites in Solihull and displacement of parking has not proved to be an issue. We hope that families who live near the school will choose to walk, scoot or cycle instead. For families that live further away and need to drive, we will encourage them to park in the car park in Damson Lane Park and walk the remaining short distance to school.

The restrictions will not apply at the weekend. Presently, it is not intended to enforce the restrictions during the school holidays. Coppice Academy supports the introduction of school streets following concerns over the volume of traffic and road safety outside school.

Air quality outside schools is a concern especially as children's lungs are still developing and are particularly vulnerable. Apart from pollution caused by vehicles driving into Coppice Road, some drivers will park outside school and leave their engines running, the average car doing this will each produce the equivalent of 150 balloons worth of pollution each minute. This is particularly worrying outside the school gates where large numbers of children are entering and exiting the school.

Representation / Issue	Supporting Commentary
3 - Operational Concerns.	No practical alternative**:** The proposal does not identify a designated drop-off point, park-and-stride facility or suitable alternative parking location for parents who live further away. Where are these parents expected to park and walk their children to school from? Displacement of traffic**:** Parents who need to drive will still need somewhere to park. There is a real risk that the proposal simply moves traffic and parking onto surrounding roads rather than resolving the problem. Impact on pupils during winter: Children may have to walk considerably further from wherever parents can find suitable parking. The impact of cold and wet weather and reduced daylight during winter should be properly considered. Safety of the wider journey: If children are expected to walk from alternative parking locations, consideration needs to be given to whether those routes, junctions and crossing points are safe and suitable. Accessibility and individual circumstances**:** Walking or cycling the entire school journey is not practical for every family. There should be clear arrangements for families who have genuine reasons for needing to travel closer to the school. Working parents and school collection: Many parents need to continue directly to work, childcare or another school after drop-off. At collection time, parents also need somewhere safe and lawful to park while walking to school, collecting their children and returning to their vehicles.
Officer Comments / Response	
The purpose of a school streets scheme is to encourage motorists to refrain from using a vehicle and utilise more sustainable forms of travel, such as cycling and walking. Albeit some parents may live further away, they should consider changing their modal traffic pattern and try to comply with the principles of this type of scheme. There are currently eleven school street sites in Solihull, and the displacement of parking has not proved to be an issue. We hope that families who live near the school	

will choose to walk, scoot or cycle instead. For families that live further away and need to drive, we will encourage them to park in the car park in Damson Lane Park and walk the remaining short distance to school.

The impact of seasonal weather does not appear to have been an issue where similar schemes have been introduced within the Borough. Parents appear to have coped well and adjusted to the needs required due to the weather on their daily journey to school.

The restrictions will apply to all parents. Children with special needs may be considered for exceptions subject to suitable proof being provided for the medical reasons.

Working parents should consider allowing themselves extra time for their journeys following the introduction of a school streets scheme.

Representation / Issue	Supporting Commentary
4 - Operational Concerns.	My primary concern is how parking permits will be allocated and enforced. I understand from residents in other schemes within the Solihull area that schools have been able to obtain permits for staff, allowing them to continue parking on nearby residential roads. If a similar arrangement is proposed for Coppice School, I would have significant concerns. In my view, the presence of school staff parking on surrounding roads throughout the day is a greater issue than the brief periods of congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times. There are a number of staff vehicles that are regularly parked on residential roads despite school car parks being available. Even where parking capacity is limited, it would seem reasonable for staff to make use of the available on-site parking and, where necessary, park in a way that accommodates other staff vehicles. The manner in which some vehicles are parked is also concerning. It is not uncommon to see cars parked partly on pavements or occupying multiple spaces. Granting permits to school staff could inadvertently legitimise or encourage this behaviour and increase its impact on residents throughout the day, rather than simply addressing the short periods of congestion at the start and end of the school day. 1. How will resident permits operate, and will there be any cost to residents? While the proposal states that the restrictions would apply Monday to Friday, I would welcome clarification on whether the scheme would operate only during school term time or throughout the

	entire year, including school holidays. I see little justification for restrictions to remain in force when the school is not operating. 2. I would also be concerned if residents were required to pay for permits as a result of a parking issue that is primarily associated with the school, can you confirm the cost implications to residents? 3. How will the scheme accommodate legitimate visitors to residents' properties during the restricted periods, such as family members, carers, tradespeople, deliveries, and other guests? 4. The notice also refers to the introduction of no-loading restrictions and new double yellow lines. Could clarification be provided on where these are proposed to be located the map indicates these will be throughout Coppice Road? My understanding is that double yellow lines prohibit waiting at all times regardless of whether a resident holds a permit. If that is correct, introducing double yellow lines on Coppice Road would appear to significantly reduce the amount of available parking for both residents and visitors. Clarification on how these measures would interact with any permit scheme would therefore be appreciated. I would also like clarification on the evidence and objectives behind the proposed scheme: 1. Have there been a significant number of accidents, near misses, or other incidents that have demonstrated a need for this scheme? 2. Has any study been undertaken regarding the catchment area of pupils attending the school? For example, if many pupils travel from more than two miles away, it is inevitable that a proportion of parents will rely on cars and will therefore need somewhere to park. Conversely, if the majority of pupils live within a reasonable walking distance, encouraging active travel may be a more realistic objective. 3. For those families who cannot reasonably walk to school, does this scheme simply displace the problem to surrounding roads near Coppice Road, rather than addressing the underlying issue? As a resident of Coppice Road, and as outlined in Point 1, I consider the current disruption at school drop-off and pick-up times to be relatively limited, amounting to approximately 15

	minutes at the beginning and end of the school day during term time. My concern is that the proposed scheme may introduce restrictions that affect residents' ability to come and go throughout the day, creating a greater and more persistent inconvenience than the issue it seeks to address.

Officer Comments / Response

Residents will be issued with permits subject to them meeting the application criteria.

Discussions will be undertaken with the school to agree arrangements to allow their staff to enter the premises during the periods the school streets scheme is in operation.

At the present time, it is intended to operate the scheme, from Monday to Friday, during term times only.

We would ask delivery/trades people to avoid driving into or out of the zone during the short times the restrictions are in place. Most already avoid schools at these times due to traffic congestion.

The double yellow lines, & no loading, traffic orders will be introduced at the junction of Damson Lane/Coppice Road/Foredrove Road. The precise extents are provided on drawing no. 9880 in Appendix A to this report. The parking restrictions will improve drivers sight lines and improve road safety at the junction. Motorists should not be parked in the vicinity of the junction.

The purpose of a school streets scheme is to encourage sustainable journeys to school and reduce the carbon footprint. A roads collision history is not the reasoning for the justification of such schemes.

School streets schemes are initially identified where most parents live within a reasonable distance from the school. These parents could be expected to change their mode of travel from a car to other forms of travel such as cycling and walking.

There are currently eleven school street sites in Solihull, and the displacement of parking has not proved to be an issue. We hope that families who live near the school will choose to walk, scoot or cycle instead. For families that live further away and need to drive, we will encourage them to park in the car park in Damson Lane Park and walk the remaining short distance to school.

“Before” and “after” traffic surveys will be completed on Coppice Road to judge the effect of the scheme and monitor its success. The analysis will identify if it has been successful in alleviating the traffic problems during the previously busy school morning and afternoon periods.

Representation / Issue	Supporting Commentary
5 – Special Needs Considerations.	I object to the plans regarding no parking around coppice school. We live quite a distance from coppice and driving is the only way I can get my child to school. Moving schools is not an option, he is autistic and settled at coppice. I myself has to be in work for 9am, I am a health care assistant for the NHS community services and work in Solihull. Parking a distance away would make this difficult to get my son into school for 8. 45am and myself to work for 9am. Currently we leave the house at 7.50am due to the traffic in the Solihull area on lode land due to road works on Coventry Road. We park safely on coppice road never obstructing driveways.
Officer Comments / Response	
The restrictions will apply to all parents. Children with special needs may be considered for exceptions subject to suitable proof being provided of the medical reasons.	

Representation / Issue	Supporting Commentary
6 – Special Needs & Financial Considerations.	I have some concerns regarding the proposed traffic order that may start on coppice road. We live on the road and both my husband and I drive. We both have full-time jobs and work at two schools and both have different shifts at different times of the day. We have 6 children- three of which still live at home, so we also have our older daughters support and help with picking up our younger two children from school who have cars themselves. It states we have to apply for parking permits, and I have heard this costs a lot of money! I hope I'm wrong as we have lived in our house for 37 years and doesn't seem fair that we have to pay just to access coming to and from home ! We are a big family and we all help each other out . My husband is diabetic and has regular medical appointments, he also has adhd so this is causing him a lot of anxiety! My granddaughter who spends half of her time at our house attends the school where my husband and I work at and she has issues who is currently being assessed for adhd and autism. Sometimes she has to be collected from school early and brought back here to our home. And one last worry is we are on an Iva so we struggle financially.
Officer Comments / Response	
Residents will be able to apply for a permit subject to them meeting the required criteria. They will be free of charge for all vehicles registered to an address on Coppice Road. Full details can be obtained by visiting the Council website at https://www.solihull.gov.uk/search?s=school+streets .	

Children with special needs may be considered for exceptions subject to suitable proof being provided of the medical reasons.	
Representation / Issue	**Supporting Commentary**
7 – Operational Concerns.	I believe it is important that all parents are provided with a clear and comprehensive understanding of all the proposals, as the potential changes could have a significant impact on many families who rely on their vehicles for the school run and have no practical alternative. As I understand it, there are three tables of proposals currently being considered, with the potential for all three to be approved and implemented. If this is the case, parents who have no option but to drive may also be prevented from parking in the surrounding side roads. This would create considerable difficulties for families who are already managing demanding work and childcare commitments. I would like to explain my own circumstances, as an example of how the proposed scheme will affect working parents. I start work at 9:00 am, Monday to Friday, and need to travel directly from Coppice to work after dropping my youngest daughter at school. My daughter arrives at school early every morning, before the school gates even open. Unfortunately, placing her in morning school club is not financially affordable for myself, leaving us with no practical alternative but to drive her to school. Even under the current arrangements, I am late for work on most days by a few minutes. If the proposed scheme prevents me from parking in the nearby side roads and requires me to park even further away, this would make later and later to work, than I already am. To continue my own personal circumstances, I have two children, at two different schools in the borough, so again this is another reason why I have no other option but to drive. I simply cannot be in two separate locations at the same time, which for some peculiar reason, the council and schools seem to think that parents can do this, teleport between place to place within seconds. I am genuinely concerned about the potential consequences for my employment. If I continue to arrive late due to the proposed restrictions, I could ultimately face disciplinary action or even lose my job. A few minutes lateness every day in comparison to potentially now being 15 to 20 minutes will not be okay with my line of employment.

	I appreciate that local residents may be frustrated by congestion and traffic around the school. However, the current congestion and traffic around Coppice Road only applies for a maximum of 30 minutes in the morning on drop off and the same in the afternoon on pick up. I know this because I know three separate homeowners in that road. I would also ask that the school and council consider the fact that the school was established long before many of the surrounding properties were, and residents purchased their homes with knowledge of the school's presence and the associated traffic it would bring. I fully appreciate the importance of road safety and understand the need to consider the concerns of residents. However, I feel that the impact on genuine working parents and families who genuinely have no alternative to driving must also be taken into account before any final decision is made. I would therefore be grateful if the school could: Reissue the full council proposal to all parents, including details of all three proposed tables and the restrictions being considered. Clarify whether all three proposals are likely to be implemented and what this would mean for parking in the surrounding side roads. Explain what consideration has been given to parents who need to drive their children to school and travel directly to work from there, which let's be honest, is more than likely 99% of the parents who choose to drive, as opposed to the parents who walk. Confirm whether any alternative arrangements or exemptions are or will be being considered for families, like myself, who cannot afford or access breakfast club provision and for those who have to go straight to work from drop off will be given exemptions.

Officer Comments / Response

The proposed traffic regulation order has been advertised in accordance with statutory requirements. This includes notices posted on site, letters delivered to nearby residents, and the advertisement of the traffic regulation order on the Council's website.

It is proposed to instigate all three components of the traffic order proposal, namely, the school streets scheme, & the "no loading" & "no waiting at any time" parking restrictions.

The school have also made information available to parents regarding the proposed introduction of the scheme. The scheme will apply to all parents. Motorists should adjust their schedules to cope with requirements of the scheme. If necessary, allowing additional time for their journeys.	
Representation / Issue	**Supporting Commentary**
8 – Operational Concerns.	I write as a resident of Coppice Road to express my objections to the proposed School streets scheme the traffic order relating to access to Coppice Road at the beginning and end of the school day, on the following grounds: - 2. There are over 55 vehicles owned by residents of Coppice Road and the proposed restrictions are likely to cause considerable problems for those residents, - especially as the hours of restricted access cover a total of 2 hours at times in the day when the number of vehicles entering the road to provide services such as dog walking, home help, essential deliveries and arriving on business visits to the school can be very significant. There is no indication in the government guidance document as to how these essential vehicles could be exempted from the restrictions. It is essential that sufficient permits are provided to each household to ensure that residents are not inconvenienced. To suggest, as the government guidance document does, that such visitors park in adjacent roads is not practical, as there are no nearby adjacent roads suitable for this purpose. 3. At least four of the houses are occupied by residents who run business vehicles out of their own addresses, - and these vehicles vary according to the particular contractual work they may be undertaking. It is difficult to see how they could be provided with permits for exemption. 3. Whilst the restriction on waiting at the entrance to Coppice Road would be welcome on one side of their road, a prohibition on both sides removes the one location in Coppice Road where it is possible for visitors to park safely and without causing particular nuisance or hazard to residents. Prohibition of waiting on both sides of that part of the road would also cause a particular problem for the resident who operates a construction business and often needs to park rented vehicles in connection with his business. 4. A more sensible restriction will be to prohibit waiting on the corner when the road turns 90 degrees to the left; cars are often parked on this corner obstructing the view along the road and causing a safety hazard.

	5. There is no clear indication in the proposal that the limitations would not apply during school holidays and this needs to clarified. 6. There are no safe locations adjacent to the school where parents can safely drop their children off in the morning or pick them up in the evening. Even if no waiting lines are applied to parts of Damson Lane adjacent to the entrance to Coppice Road, The remaining parts of Damson Lane and Foredrove Lane do not provide locations where 30 or more cars arriving in the morning or the evening can safely stop to let their children off to go to school or to pick them up. The car park in Damson Park Is too far away to be a practical picking up or dropping off location. Far from reducing the risk of accidents, did prohibitions are likely to increase the risk to children, their parents and residents accessing Coppice Road. 7. In view of the increased risk, under no circumstances should the scheme be commenced before the installation of a proper traffic light-controlled crossing adjacent to the entrance to Coppice Road. 8. I notice that the government guidelines require parents of children with special needs to have access to deliver their children directly to the school, which might need exemption of a significant number of parents' cars. It is also vitally important that the cars of teachers or other employees of the school or other education employees are exempt. 9. Whilst holding no brief to speak for the residents, some casual conversations suggest that residents may well feel that the disadvantages of the restrictions outweigh any suggested improvements for either residents or the school pupils and staff. 10. At the very least, and in line with the government's guidance document, I would ask that if the scheme is to go ahead, it only goes ahead for a trial period of six months, so that the impact can be properly measured before any irrevocable restrictions are imposed.
Officer Comments / Response	
Residents will be able to apply for a permit subject to them meeting the required criteria. Full details can be obtained by visiting the Council website at https://www.solihull.gov.uk/search?s=school+streets . Details of exemptions for essential persons is also provided on the website. Visitors to business premises located on the street should adjust their behavior to arrive outside of the operational times of the scheme.	

The double yellow lines, & no loading, traffic orders will be introduced at the junction of Damson Lane/Coppice Road/Foredrove Road. The parking restrictions will improve drivers sight lines and improve road safety at the junction. Motorists should not be parked in the vicinity of the junction.

At the present time, it is intended to operate the scheme, from Monday to Friday, during term times only.

The school streets scheme encourages parents to refrain from utilising a vehicle on their journey to school. This should result in a net reduction of vehicles parking in the vicinity of the school and surrounding roads.

As the number of vehicles entering Coppice Road should decrease, the demand at the junction of Damson Lane/Coppice Road should also be reduced. This should negate the need of the consideration of any form of traffic control as the junction will not exceed its traffic capacity.

Children with special needs may be considered for exceptions subject to suitable proof being provided of the medical reasons.

School streets schemes have been installed very successfully in other parts of the Borough. As such their operation is well known and a “trial scheme” is not necessary

Representation / Issue	Supporting Commentary
9 – Logistical reasons.	I oppose the restrictions due to multiple school drops, parking on Coppice Road allows me to drop my child to school on time otherwise parking further will make my child late. I do not feel safe in parking my car in the park car park and allowing my child to walk in the park. I have to start work after the school run so am not waiting on any roads longer than I need to as pick up is also around work time so cannot wait and will get to the school in time. The scheme will mean there won't be as many roads to park on and may have to think about moving schools due to these restrictions which may be the case with other parents.

Officer Comments / Response

The scheme will apply to all parents. Motorists should adjust their schedules to cope with requirements of the scheme. If necessary, allowing additional time for their journeys.

3. Representations in Support

Six representations have been received in support of the proposals. A neutral response, which requested further information regarding the operation of the scheme, was also noted;

Support 1: I write as a member of Warwickshire LAF (Local Access Forum) supporting this TRO. Safe school streets are an important feature in the tool kit to keep children and families safe around schools. I wanted to know though, how will this be enforced? I assume their maybe barriers used for the no vehicle access zone, but I am asking for the no waiting/loading zone. For these schemes to work successfully these areas need to be enforced because drivers will always take the easy option and dropping off their children in these areas will be tempting, bug will create hazards.

Support 2: I write to fully support the proposed school streets on Coppice Road. Traffic and parking on the road during school pick up and drop off times has been a constant issue in the 7 years we have lived on the road. Often causing traffic jams due to both sides of the road being blocked, residents being blocked in their drives and inconsiderate parking resulting in poor visibility for pedestrians, including school children, to cross the road. A much-needed traffic order and I'm in full support.

Support 3: We totally support the proposal and hope the proposal will not affect the residents and their visitor(s) along the Damson Lane which looks to be under a "No Loading restriction" at all times. The double yellow line should not have any effect on the residents and their visitors at all times even parked on the lines itself. The residents should receive free permits whenever they change vehicles. The speed limit of 20 mph to stay and as proposed camera enforcement should include at all time specially at JLR shift start & end times as people have been seen over speeding during that time which make the roads dangerous for other road users.

Support 4: I would like to say that I totally agree with parking restrictions outside Coppice Academy Infant School in Solihull. I have been taking my kids to Coppice for the last 4 years and will continue to do so for the next 3. I have to drive as I live in Marston Green but I use street parking a fair distance from the school which allows me to walk my children to the school. From what i observe many 'driving parents' do the same, the issue as i see it is lazy parents still in their pyjamas who just throw their kids out at the school gates, there are parents who park with their engine running outside the gate entrance to the rear of the school. I also observe parents who drop off kids at Damson Wood and them drive round to Coppice. Again, I was always able to park considerately at Damson, drop one off, walk to Coppice and return to my car. I hope this restriction is put in place and that it eases the issues the residents face. I can't see that it will impact much on streets further away, as the main issue as i see it is inconsiderate and lazy parents, and they will just object and probably continue to do what they do anyway.

Support 5: I'm a resident in Damson Lane and I 100% agree with the proposed school streets scheme traffic order. I've noticed that the parking etc has deteriorated over the last few years and it's great that action is being taken sooner rather than later.

Support 6: As a resident affected by the above proposed scheme. I am wholeheartedly in support of the new restrictions regarding Damson Lane/Coppice Road.

For many years I've witnessed dangerous parking. I have in the past contacted Coppice school and my local councillor regarding my concerns, so I am pleased at last, that something is being done. My only concern is how this will be enforced.

***Neutral Response*:** Could I ask how many permits will be issued to residents of Coppice Road as my mum lives in Coppice Road and we visit her daily at various times throughout the day. Should there be a limit on the number of permits could I suggest residents have priority over those earmarked for the school.

4. Responses to the Representations

The 16 representations received during the consultation period for the proposed traffic regulation order for Coppice Academy School Streets scheme have been considered in sections 2 & 3 of this report.

5. Other Matters for Consideration

Ward Members Views

Ward members for Elmdon are involved in the ongoing discussions regarding the proposal to introduce a traffic regulation order. They have been advised of the proposed recommendations following the receipt of the 16 representations during the consultation period. At present, they have no strong objections.

Democratic Services

Democratic Services have confirmed that the proposed order was subject to statutory advertisement on the dates reported and that the representations received as noted in sections 2 & 3 of this report.

Risk Implications

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.

The Approach is not intended to eliminate all risks and not all the risks identified can be managed all the time. Also, risks will still exist that have not been identified.

6. Recommendation for Decision

Following receipt of the 16 representations (9 against, 6 in favour, 1 neutral) it is proposed to implement the traffic order as originally advertised, and indicated on drawing no. 9880 in Appendix A, and the traffic regulation order schedule provided in Appendix B.

Officer's Recommendation:

The representations received in respect of the proposed traffic regulation order have been fully considered in this report.

It is recommended that the proposed traffic regulation order for the Coppice Academy School Streets scheme should be approved as originally advertised, and shown in the drawing in Appendix A, and the traffic order schedule in Appendix B.

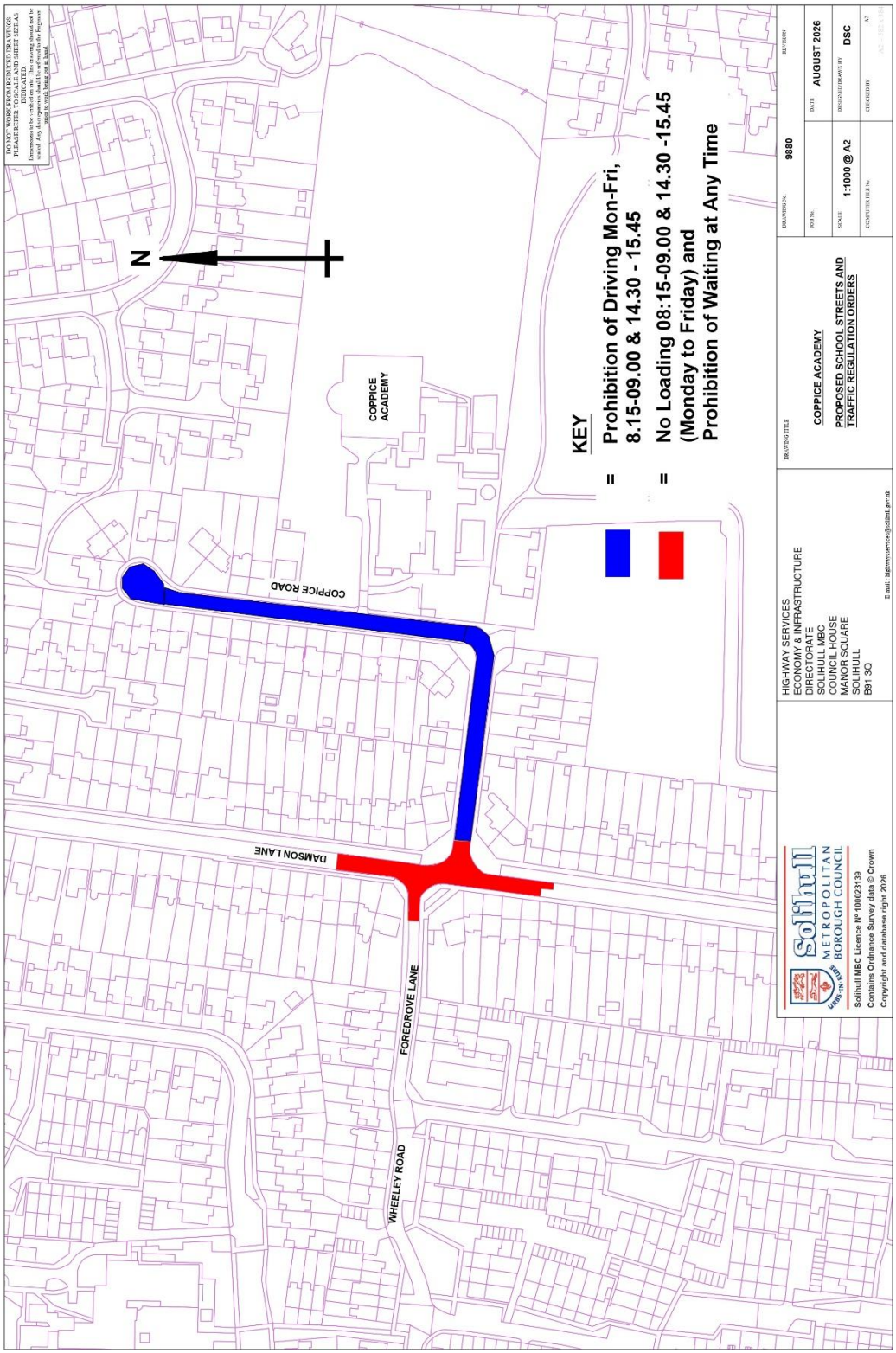
The Head of Highways is asked to approve that the proposed traffic regulation order for the Coppice Academy School Streets scheme, as detailed in the drawing in Appendix A & the schedule in Appendix B, be introduced.

The recommendations as set out above are hereby approved:

Signature:  Date 04/11/2026

Dean Ward - Head of Highways

APPENDIX A – ADVERTISED COPPICE ACADEMY SCHOOL STREETS TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER



APPENDIX B – RECOMMENDED TRAFFIC ORDER FOR APPROVAL

The Metropolitan Borough of Solihull (Coppice Academy) (Prohibition of Driving, No Loading & Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2026

Schedule 1

Prohibition of Driving

Name of Road in Metropolitan Borough of Solihull	Effective Times of Prohibition of Motor Vehicles (Monday-Friday)
Coppice Road (entire length)	08:15 – 09:00 & 14:30 - 15:45

Schedule 2

No Loading 08:15-09.00 & 14.30-15.45 (Monday-Friday)

Name of Road in Metropolitan Borough of Solihull	Length of road affected
Coppice Road (both sides)	From its junction with Damson Lane in an easterly direction, to a point 15 metres east of that junction.
Damson Lane (west side)	From a point 34 metres north of the centre line of its junction with Foredrove Lane, southwards for a distance of 84 metres
Damson Lane (east side)	From a point 52 metres north of the centre line of its junction with Coppice Road, southwards for a distance of 94 metres
Foredrove Lane (both sides)	From its junction with Damson Lane, in a westerly direction, to a point 16 metres west of that junction.

Schedule 3

Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time

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