

Committee:	Regulatory Planning Committee
Date:	16 September 2015
Report by:	Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
Title of Report	Traffic Regulation Order – School Keep Clear Markings, Crowborough and Rotherfield area
Purpose of Report	To consider the objection received in response to the consultation on the draft Traffic Regulation Order to make the School Keep Clear markings legally enforceable in Crowborough and Rotherfield
Contact Officer:	Kelly Burr 01273 482824
Local Member:	Councillors Richard Stogdon, Bob Standley, Sylvia Tidy, Frances Whetstone

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning Committee is recommended to:

- 1 Not uphold the objection set out in Appendix 2 to the Report, concerning the draft Traffic Regulation Order to make the School Keep Clear markings in Crowborough and Rotherfield legally enforceable; and**
 - 2. Recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the Order be made as advertised.**
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CONSIDERATION BY DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT.

1. Introduction

1.1 Sussex Police requested that the School Keep Clear markings in the Crowborough area were given legal backing to enable them to enforce the Keep Clear area. In response, the Council's Local Traffic and Safety Section has prepared a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit parking on the School Keep Clear markings in the Crowborough and Rotherfield area during the school day, throughout the year except for August.

1.2 In May 2015, East Sussex County Council gave notice under its powers in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that it was proposing to make a Traffic Regulation Order to make the School Keep Clear markings in the Crowborough and Rotherfield areas legally enforceable. This includes one site within the boundary of Withyham that is in the postal town of Crowborough, one site that is in the parish of Rotherfield with the remaining sites being in the parish of Crowborough. A copy of the draft Traffic Regulation Order is included as Appendix 1.

1.3 There are 13 sites across the Crowborough and Rotherfield area where the existing School Keep Clear entrance markings are proposed to be made legally enforceable and one site where a new marking is being proposed.

1.4 No objections were received from the statutory consultees, following the initial consultation. Further to this, all the schools where the restrictions have been proposed have been consulted prior to the statutory consultations and no objections have been received.

1.5 During the period of public advertisement which was between 29 May 2015 and 19 June 2015, responses were received from three members of the public. Two of these were considered to be in support of the proposals as a whole, and one objection was received concerning one site in Crowborough Hill. Summaries of the objection and points of support are included in Appendix 2. Full copies of the consultation representations received are available in the Members' Room.

2 Comments and Appraisal

2.1 The objection relates to the proposal to make the existing School Keep Clear marking outside of Sir Henry Fermor C of E Primary School, on Crowborough Hill legally enforceable. The objector feels that parking will be forced into more hazardous areas on Crowborough Hill rather than using the School layby which is where the markings are located.

2.2 The proposals have been put forward to aid Sussex Police in enforcing the restrictions and keep the area outside of the School free of parked cars. A response to this objection is included in Appendix 2. The reasons behind all of the proposals have been further explained in writing to the objector. Attempts to resolve this objection were unsuccessful and the objection has not been withdrawn.

2.3 The letters of support for the proposal should be noted.

3 Conclusion and reasons for approval

3.1 The proposals aim to ensure that Sussex Police are able to enforce the School Keep Clear markings outside of schools in the Crowborough and Rotherfield areas. By enforcing the restrictions, road safety will be maintained.

3.2 The Committee is therefore recommended, for the reasons set out in this report, not to uphold the objection (set out in Appendix 2) to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order for the restriction in the Crowborough area, and to recommend to the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport that the Order be made as advertised.

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Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

3 September 2015

APPENDIX 1 – COPY OF THE DRAFT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The East Sussex (Various Roads: Crowborough and Rotherfield)

(Prohibition of Stopping and Waiting on School Keep Clear Markings) Order 201*

Notice is hereby given that East Sussex County Council propose to make an Order under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and 4(2) of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and all other enabling powers, which will introduce stopping and waiting restrictions along the following lengths of road:-

School Keep Clear

(No stopping and waiting between the hours of 7:30am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday inclusive on School Keep Clear Markings) except August

Crowborough:

Crowborough Hill (Sir Henry Fermor C of E Primary School)

Northeastern side: From a point opposite a point 2 metres south of the southern kerbline of Sherlock Shaw, for a distance of 25.5 metres in a southerly direction

Green Lane (Beacon Academy)

Both sides: From a point 67 metres north of the northern kerbline of Pellings Farm Close, for a distance of 87.5 metres in a northerly direction

Hadlow Down Road (Jarvis Brook Primary School)

Both sides: From a point 13.5 metres south of the southern kerbline of Western Road, for a distance of 31.5 metres in a southerly direction.

Western side: From a point 96 metres south of the south western kerbline of Western Road, for a distance of 25.5 metres in a southerly direction

Herne Road (Herne Junior School)

Eastern side: From a point 68 metres north east of the south eastern kerbline of Whitehill Road, for a distance of 25.5 metres in a northerly direction.

Luxford Road (Whitehill Infants School)

Both sides: From the boundary line between the school and a property known as Sounion, in a northerly direction for a distance of 31.5 metres

North Beeches Road (Beacon Academy)

Western side: From a point 29 metres south of the south western kerbline of East Beeches Road, in a southerly direction for a distance of 25.5 metres

Queens Road (St Mary's Catholic Primary School)

South-eastern side: From a point 22 metres south west of the south western kerbline of Pollington Place, in a south-westerly direction for a distance of 25.5 metres

School Lane (St John's C of E Primary School)

Western side: From a point 114 metres north of the north western kerbline of St Johns Road, in a southerly direction for a distance of 25.5 metres

Eastern side: From a point 102.5 metres north of the north eastern kerbline of St Johns Road, in a southerly direction for a distance of 25.5 metres

Rotherfield: North Street (Rotherfield Primary School)

Eastern side: From a point 5 metres south of the south eastern kerbline of Hornshurst Road, in a southerly direction for a distance of 37.5 metres

Western side: From a point opposite a point 3.4 metres south of the south eastern kerbline of Hornshurst Road, in a southerly direction for a distance of 43.5 metres

A copy of the draft Order, plans showing the lengths of road and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing the Order, may be examined in Reception, East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St Annes Crescent, Lewes on Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm and at Crowborough Library, Pine Grove, Crowborough on Monday and Wednesday 9am – 5.30pm, Tuesday 10am – 5.30pm, Thursday and Friday 9.30 – 7pm and Saturday 9.30 – 4pm.

Any person wishing to make an objection or other representation concerning this proposal must do so in writing, together with the grounds on which it is made, to Communities Economy & Transport, Parking, B Floor, East Sussex County Council, County Hall, St. Anne's Crescent, Lewes BN7 1UE or email TROS@eastsussex.gov.uk by 19 June 2015 quoting reference TRO/340.

If you require further information, telephone Road Safety on 0345 60 80 193.

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Governance Services Department, County Hall, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1UE**

29 May 2015

APPENDIX 2 – SUMMARY OF THE REPRESENTATIONS AND RESPONSES

Objection Letter	Summary of Objection	Officer Comments	Recommendation
Resident of unknown address	The objection refers specifically to the marking outside of Sir Henry Fermor School, Crowborough Hill. It is felt that the proposed restriction will increase parking on the road itself as the current school keep clear marking is situated within a layby.	This proposal is to make enforceable the Keep Clear marking that is already in existence. This should not alter the current parking arrangement.	To not uphold the objection and to implement the Order as advertised.
Support Letter	Summary of Support	Officer Comments	Recommendation
Resident of Crowborough Hill	Would like to see the restrictions imposed. On occasions where cars have parked on the school keep clear markings, she has seen children being injured by opening of car doors	The proposal will make enforceable no parking of cars in the area directly outside of the school.	To note the representation.
Resident of Whitehill Road	Refers to the proposal in general stating that there is chaos outside of schools and if anything, the restriction should be more extensive.	We are happy that our proposals are extensive enough, one new marking has been advertised outside of St Johns School, School Lane, as per request from the School and with agreement from local residents	To note the representation.