

## Report for Resolution

**Report to** Norwich Highways Agency Committee  
25 September 2008

**Report of** Head of Transportation and Landscape

**Subject** Safer and Healthier Journeys to School Schemes -  
Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders

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Item

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### Purpose

This report informs members of the objections received to the advertising of Traffic Regulation Orders for Safer and Healthier Journeys to School schemes at Valley Primary School at Gentry Place and Cavell Infant School at Duckett Close. The objection period for Saint Thomas More School at Jessopp Road and City of Norwich School at Eaton Road ends on 24 September, therefore any objections to the loss of parking will be reported orally to your meeting.

### Recommendations

That the Committee:-

- (1) approves the revised proposals for Valley Primary School as shown in Appendix 1;
- (2) approves the revised proposals for Cavell infant School as shown in Appendix 2;
- (3) subject to any objections being received, approves, proposals for City of Norwich School as shown in Appendix 4;
- (4) subject to any objections being received, approves proposals for Saint Thomas More School as shown in Appendix 5.

### Financial Consequences

The financial consequences of this report are that the Local transport Plan has allocated £2,000 for the Valley Primary School Scheme, £20,000 for the Cavell Infant School Scheme, £15,000 for the City of Norwich School and £15,000 for Saint Thomas More School.

### Strategic Objective/Service Priorities

The report helps to achieve the corporate objective to “Strong and prosperous city – working to improve quality of life for residents, visitors and those who work in the city now and in the future” and the service plan priority of implementing the Local Transport Plan.

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### Background Documents

None

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## Background

1. Valley Primary School, Cavell Primary School, City of Norwich School and Saint Thomas More School prepared Travel Plans which highlighted the need to improve safety and manage traffic outside their school entrances.
2. The County Council subsequently allocated funding in the Local Transport Plan to address the problems.
3. Proposals were drawn up for the 4 locations and consultation with local residents and other stakeholders took place for Valley Primary School and Cavell Primary School from 21 July to 12 August 2008, City of Norwich School and Saint Thomas More School from 1 September to 24 September 2008.
4. The Traffic Regulation Orders and Speed Restriction Orders were advertised on 21 July and 3 September 2008. The closing date for objections was 12 August and 24 September 2008.

## Proposals for Valley Primary School, Gentry Place

5. The proposal is shown as Appendix 1 and consist of:
  - a SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR marking backed by a TRO across the school entrance (no stopping on school entrance markings)
  - a single yellow line on the corner of Gentry Place and Bates Green (No waiting Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm) in order to enable large delivery vehicles to access the school more easily.

## Proposals for Cavell Infant School, Duckett Close

6. The proposal is shown as appendix 2 and consist of:
  - a SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR marking backed by a TRO across the school entrance (No stopping at any time on school entrance markings)
  - a single yellow line on the opposite side of the road (no waiting Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm)
  - double yellow lines in Duckett Close near the junction with Barrett Road (no waiting at any time)
  - a 20mph speed limit for Duckett Close, with associated signing and markings
  - Bollards on footway near the school pedestrian entrances to prevent parking on verge area

## **Proposals for City of Norwich, School, Eaton Road**

7. The proposal is shown as appendix 4 and consist of:

- changing the existing Residents Permit Parking on the south side of Eaton Road (from a point 5 metres west of the boundary of Nos. 48/50 to the existing No Stopping on School Entrance Markings) to No Waiting At Any Time (double yellow lines)
- replacing the existing School Warning signs with a flashing variety
- bollards in the footway opposite the school to restrict parking on the grassed area / footway

## **Proposals for Saint Thomas More School**

8. The proposal is shown as appendix 2 and consist of:

- providing a No Waiting, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. restriction on the south side of Jessopp Road outside Nos. 28d – 28g
- changing the Bus Stop bay to an enforceable Bus Stop Clearway
- on the school side of Jessopp Road, extending the double yellow lines from the speed table outside the school to join that Bus Stop Clearway
- bollards on both sides of Jessopp Road, westwards from the boundary of No. 27 and St Thomas More School, as necessary to prevent parking on the verges

## **Comments / Objection Received**

9. The responses to the public consultation are shown in appendix 3

## **Assessment - Valley Primary School, Gentry Place**

10. The three objections received to the proposals for Gentry Place concern the reduction of parking spaces available for the local residents, and the times of operation of the single yellow line.
11. The times of operation of the single yellow line restriction are 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday. The times of 8am to 6.30pm are standard across the city, and normally apply Monday to Saturday, but outside schools a variation is made to so they apply Monday to Friday. To aid enforcement and to avoid confusion for the public, it is important not to have too many variations, so it is proposed to keep the restriction to the times advertised.
12. The main purpose of the waiting restrictions is to keep parked vehicles away from the school entrance where the main pedestrian activity is, and to ensure that large vehicles can enter and leave the school grounds.
13. To ease the parking situation for the residents, it is proposed that the single yellow line is shortened. The single yellow line will only extend 12m, which is the equivalent of 2 car lengths. It is also proposed that the SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR marking is moved 3m to the east to protect the length of

footway opposite the single yellow line.

14. The revised proposals are shown on appendix 1.

**Assessment - Cavell Infant School, Duckett Close**

15. The one objection received to the proposal for Duckett Close concerns the restriction on parking outside their property and the times of operation of the single yellow line.

16. It is proposed to shorten the single yellow line by 15m which will provide a length of 5m of unrestricted parking outside no. 5. This is opposite the school staff car park so it will not compromise safety for the school children crossing over the road near the pedestrian entrances, and will still facilitate vehicle access into and out of the car park.

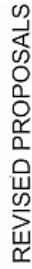
17. The revised proposals are shown on appendix 2.

**Assessment - City of Norwich, School, Eaton Road**


18. No objections received up to 15 September 2008, any objections received after this date will be reported orally to your meeting

**Assessment - Saint Thomas More School**

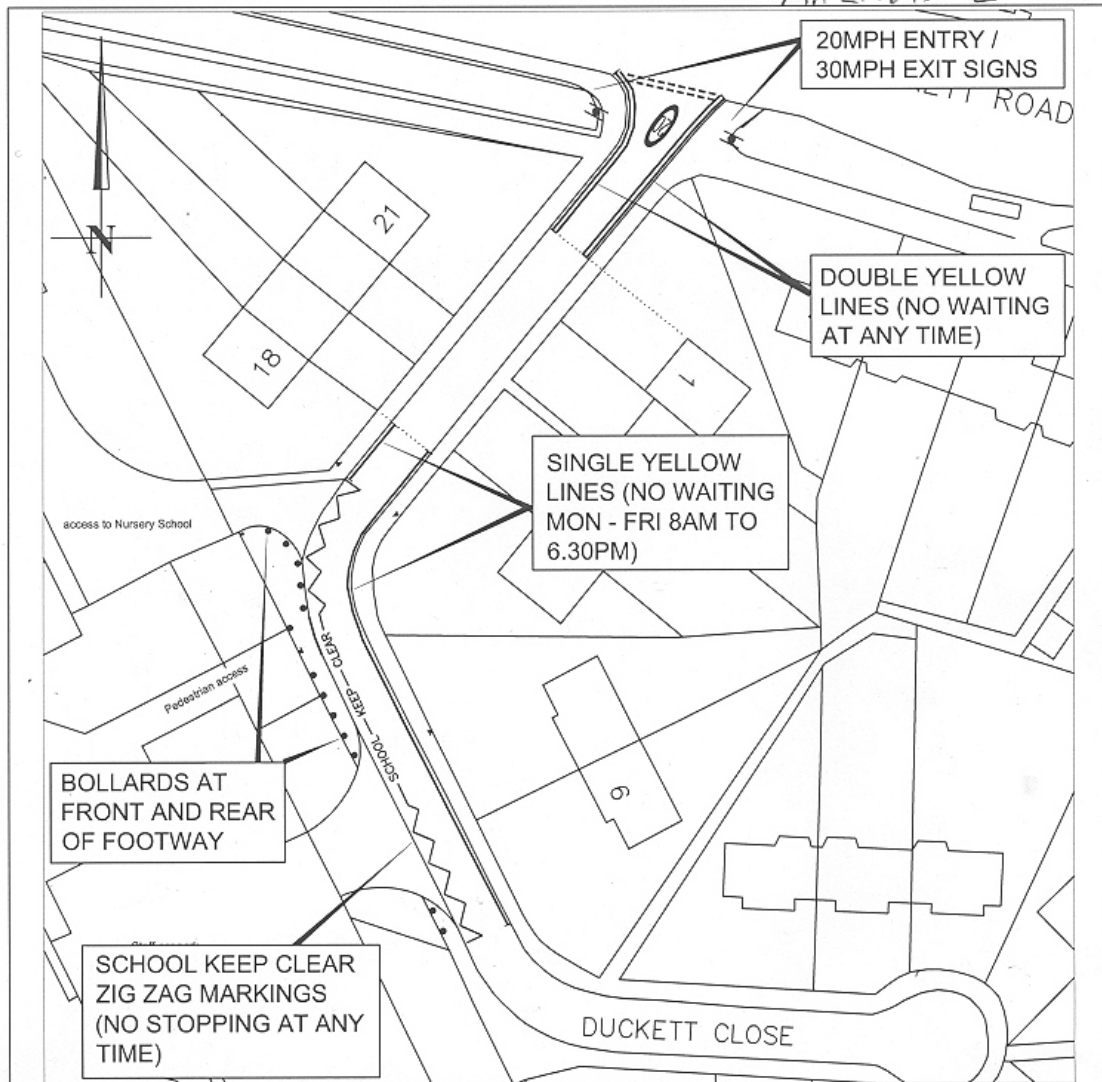
19. No objections received up to the 15 September 2008, any objections received after this date will be reported orally to your meeting



PROPOSALS (AS ADVERTISED)

	<b>NORWICH</b> City Council	Title VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL SAFER AND HEALTHIER JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL	No.		Date	Notes	REVISIONS	Int/Ckd.	Date SEPT 08	Scale(s) 1/500	Jerry Massey Director of Development City Hall, Norwich, NR2 1NH tel 0844 980 3333 fax 01603 213548 highways@norwich.gov.uk
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# APPENDIX 2



PROPOSALS (AS ADVERTISED)



REVISED PROPOSALS



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 CAVELL INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL  
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**SAFER AND HEALTHIER JOURNEYS TO SCHOOL  
OBJECTIONS / COMMENTS RECEIVED TO PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

SCHOOL	NAME / ADDRESS	COMMENTS / OBJECTIONS	OFFICERS' RESPONSE
<u>VALLEY PRIMARY</u>	13 Gentry Place	The proposal will restrict parking for residents which is already difficult. Objects to the operational times of 8am to 6.30pm. Suggests making the end of the cul de sac as a parking place and closing the Gentry Place junction	Single yellow line can be shortened without compromising the scheme
	12 Gentry Place	The proposal will restrict parking outside the residents houses to about 4 or 5 spaces, which won't be enough space to accommodate the parking needs of the 13 houses plus flats in this area. Some of the teachers also park here.	Single yellow line can be shortened without compromising the scheme
	10 Gentry Place	The proposal will mean that they will not be able to park outside their house or have visitors park there. The operating times of the single yellow line (8am to 6.30pm) are excessive as the children are all gone by 3.45pm. It will also cause difficulties for the parents who drop off and pick up children by car.	Single yellow line can be shortened without compromising the scheme
	Colin Page, Norfolk Constabulary	No objections to the proposals	
	Mr Spinks, Headteacher, Valley Primary School	Approves of the proposals	
<u>CAVELL INFANT SCHOOL</u>	5 Duckett Close	Objects to the proposed yellow line waiting restrictions as they will prevent residents parking outside their properties. The times of operation (8am to 6.30pm) are excessive. If yellow lines have to be put down, they should be restricted to the school opening and closing times. The parents who drop their children off are likely to ignore the lines anyway. A safer option would be to close the school's access from Duckett Close and make the access via Lakenham Way.	Single yellow line can be shortened without compromising the scheme. Times of operation are standard times. A pedestrian access to the school from Lakenham Way will be developed as part of the forthcoming redevelopment of the retail park
	Colin Page, Norfolk Constabulary	No objections to the proposals	





