

ITEM No ...8.....

REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 25 JANUARY 2021
REPORT ON: FINTRY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PART TIME PROHIBITION OF DRIVING
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT
REPORT NO: 27-2021

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the responses received to the Traffic Regulation Order consultation on the proposal for a part-time prohibition of driving around Fintry Primary School.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee considers the points of objection and support received during the consultation and approves the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order subject to a modification as set out in the report.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of implementing the Traffic Regulation Order, associated with the installation of traffic signs and road markings, is estimated at £20,000. The cost will be met from financial provision set aside for this Dundee Decides Project within the Community Infrastructure Fund.

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 With reference to Article III of the Minute of the Meeting of the City Development Committee of 9 March 2020, Report No 79-2020 refers to a proposed part-time prohibition of driving around Fintry Primary School on school days between 8.30am – 9.15am, and 3.00pm – 3.30pm, to prevent a high influx of vehicles into the school vicinity at peak morning and afternoon times. Permission was granted to prepare a draft Order and commence consultations with both statutory bodies and the public.
- 4.2 Five responses were received to the formal Traffic Regulation Order consultation of which four were of objection, and one of support. Fintry Community Council objected to the proposals. No comments were received relating to the proposed amendments to the 20mph Zone part of the Order. The main points of objection received were as follows:
- a access to the Finmill Centre will be prevented during the time of the Part Time Prohibition;
 - b all taxis should be allowed to enter for residents, not just the taxis contracted to the school;
 - c the times of operation have been altered from the original proposals;
 - d Blue badge holders should be exempt from the prohibition;
 - e Police Scotland will have limited resources to enforce this scheme regularly;
 - f a mass of displaced vehicles will now descend on Fintry Road, or Fintry Drive;
 - g permits will not work to keep drivers out of the area;

- h underutilised land at the school could be used as a pick-up/drop-off area;
- i some do not feel that they will be able to get their children to other schools during these periods;
- j a drop off zone would be more beneficial;
- k concern over ability to be able to get to and from general appointments outside of the area;
- l residents will not be able to receive deliveries during these times;
- m family will not be able to visit during these times;
- n a feeling that the Council will later add fees to the permits rather than keep them free for residents; and
- o the money would be better spent on other things.

4.3 The main points of support received were as follows:

- a improved safety for children; and
- b positive response that vehicular access would be maintained to their own property.

4.4 The Traffic Regulation Order as drafted provides that permits can be issued to residents. It has been recognised that there may be non-residents whose personal circumstances are exceptional and which merit the granting of a permit and that the Traffic Regulation Order should be modified to make provision for this. This modification would not affect the ability of Police Scotland to enforce the scheme.

4.5 Police Scotland were consulted in preparing the draft prohibition order and are in support of the proposal. If the proposed part time prohibition of driving to improve safer routes to schools is promoted, the effectiveness of the scheme will be monitored in conjunction with Police Scotland.

4.6 It is expected that the part time prohibition of driving at Fintry Primary School will be a success as experienced with the part time prohibition of driving around St Mary's Primary School in Lochee, and Forthill Primary School in Broughty Ferry, which have been in place since 2013. There are also similar part time prohibitions in place in other local authorities which have been successful.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. There are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Council Management Team were consulted in the preparation of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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