

## STATEMENT OF REASONS

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### **Proposed Waiting, Loading and Stopping Restrictions - Various Roads Surrounding Severn Vale School and Field Court Junior School, Quedgeley, Gloucester, Gloucestershire**

#### **Proposals**

It is proposed to introduce:

- No Waiting and No Loading Mon-Fri 7.30am-9.30am and 2pm-4pm restrictions on Guise Close, Knollys End and Giles Cox in the vicinity of Field Court Junior School, Quedgeley, Gloucestershire; and
- No Stopping on Entrance Markings (School Keep Clear Yellow Zig Zag Lines) Mon-Fri 8am-4pm restrictions on both sides of School Lane, Quedgeley, Gloucestershire in the vicinity of Severn Vale School.

#### **Reasons**

In order to improve safety, amenity, visibility and navigability for vehicles (including cyclists) and pedestrians, particularly school children, it is proposed to introduce waiting, loading and stopping restrictions on parts of various roads in Quedgeley, Gloucestershire surrounding Field Court Junior School and Severn Vale School.

Concerns have been raised by local representatives regarding the current lack of restrictions on main access routes to both schools. This has led to inappropriate and unsafe parking outside school gate entrances, junctions and footways leading to the schools during the busy school day. The proposals balance the need for safety during school times whilst still providing on-street parking facilities for those that need it outside of those times.

Field Court Junior School - The restrictions are proposed in order to prevent inconsiderate, unsafe and inappropriate parking across footways, over driveways, on junctions and creating no turning head for vehicles to get out of the cul-de-sac roads. The removal of parked vehicles during the busy school pick up and drop off times will allow children safer access to the footways leading to the school and will stop obstruction for passing vehicles (including emergency service vehicles), congestion and obscuring visibility for pedestrians attempting to cross the various roads. The proposals would also supplement Rule 243 of the Highway Code (i.e. no parking within 10 metres of or opposite a junction).

Severn Vale School - The majority of the proposed measures involve making existing advisory "School Keep Clear" markings into formal restrictions in order to prevent vehicles stopping too close to the school entrances and to make enforcement more efficient should these restrictions be contravened. This should provide safer, unobstructed access to the main school entrances and crossing points at key times during the school day. They will also help to prevent congestion outside the school. The restrictions are proposed in order to prevent inconsiderate, unsafe and inappropriate parking across footways, over driveways and too close to the school gate. The removal of parked vehicles during the busy school day will allow children safer access to the footways and gates leading to the school with clear visibility to cross the road.

#### **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

The specific grounds with which the County Council are using for the implementation of the proposed scheme as above are encompassed in the following sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for making a Traffic Regulation Order:

- Section 1 (a) For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- Section 1 (c) For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
- Section 1 (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Thorough consideration was given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing this Traffic Regulation Order.

**Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual**

All of the associated signing and lining will be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual Chapters 3 and 5.

**Equality Act 2010**

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the County Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.