
INTRODUCTION OF TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR ZIGZAG MARKINGS

Report by Director of Environment and Infrastructure

TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

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1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report proposes to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enable enforcement of existing school keep clear zigzag road markings throughout the area covered by the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum.**
- 1.2 On 25 November 2010 Scottish Borders Council, unanimously approved Councillor Lackenby's motion:-
"That Scottish Borders Council move forward with a programme to include all school 'zigzag' markings in a Traffic Regulation Order thereby making clear to all road users when parking is restricted outside our Border schools."
- 1.3 There are a total of 12 lengths of road where school keep clear zigzag markings exist in the Teviot & Liddesdale area and these are recommended to be subject to a Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting parking on Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm. These lengths of road are adjacent to schools at:- Drumlanrig-St Cuthbert's Primary School, St Margaret's Primary School (Hawick), Stirches Primary School (2 lengths), Trinity Primary School, Wilton Primary School (5 lengths) Hawick High School and Newcastleton Primary School.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 I recommend that Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum:

- (a) **approves The Scottish Borders Council (School Keep Clear) (Traffic Regulation Order) 2013 to introduce prohibition of parking on Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm on existing school keep clear markings in respect to:-**
 - (i) **The Loan, Buccleuch Terrace, Roxburgh Drive, Arthur Street, Stirches Road, Wellfield Road, Branxholme Road and A7 Buccleuch Road in Hawick; and**
 - (ii) **Montagu Street in Newcastleton**

- (b) These are detailed in the plans in Appendix A and the extracts from the relevant Draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Appendix B.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Order is proposed to further promote road safety in the vicinity of schools by making currently advisory zigzag school entrance road markings enforceable.
- 3.2 In 2010, Scottish Borders Council unanimously approved Councillor Lackenby's motion:-
"That Scottish Borders Council move forward with a programme to include all school 'zigzag' markings in a Traffic Regulation Order thereby making clear to all road users when parking is restricted outside our Border schools."
- 3.3 The review of existing School-Keep-Clear markings found the following existing markings in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum area:-
(a) Hawick – on The Loan, Buccleuch Terrace, Roxburgh Drive, Arthur Street, Stirches Road, Wellfield Road, Branxholme Road and A7 Buccleuch Road; and
(b) Newcastleton - on Montagu Street
- 3.4 As with all TROs, the Council has to undertake a two stage consultation process. Firstly there is a statutory consultation with bodies that have a direct interest such as Police, freight and public transport representatives and community councils. Following that process, the proposal requires to be advertised locally (local press and on-street notices) to allow others the opportunity to comment or object.
- 3.5 Statutory consultation on the proposals was carried out from 14/3/2013 to 13/4/2013. No specific comments were received at this stage apart from a number of queries Borders-wide regarding the extent of any restrictions. In all cases, once advised that the extent of any proposal was as existing layout, the enquirer was content with the proposals.
- 3.6 The proposals were advertised to the public from 16/5/2013 to 14/6/2013. No objections were received. As above in 3.5, a number of queries were handled and in each case when advised, the enquirer was content with any proposals.
- 3.7 All schools that currently have school keep clear markings have been included in the TRO and there are no schools which were considered to require either additional lengths or new markings where none exist at present.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The financial implications associated with the recommendations relate to the provision of new signs and refreshing of yellow zigzag markings. Approximate costs are as follows:-

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| a) Hawick | £3300 | 11 signs and 11 sets of zigzags; and |
| b) Newcastleton | £300 | 1 sign and 1 set of zigzags |

The costs would be borne by the Aids to Movement budget.

4.2 Risks

The risks of not proceeding with the recommendations are:-

- a) that parking on school keep clear zigzag markings will continue to be unenforceable; and
- b) that an approved Council decision has not been carried forward.

4.3 Equalities

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out on this proposal and it is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

4.4 Acting Sustainably

There are no significant impacts on the economy, community or environment arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects on carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.6 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

5 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Head of Corporate Governance, the Head of Strategic Policy, the Head of Audit and Risk, the HR Manager and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and their comments have been incorporated into the report.

Approved by

Director of Environment & Infrastructure Signature

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