

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Officer Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Adrian Gray
<b>Title:</b>	Various Sites - Experimental Traffic Orders : School Streets
<b>Reference:</b>	A1064

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#### 1. The decision:

- 1.1. That three experimental traffic regulation orders (ETRO) be implemented under sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA), the effects of which will be to prohibit motor vehicles at the sites described in column 1 of the table below during the hours specified in column 2 – the ETROs will be in effect for a period of 18 months and each will contain specified exemptions:

*Column 1 – Site*

*Column 2 – Hours of  
Operation, Term Time Only*

Ashburton Road, Gosport, (leading to Alverstoke Infant School), between its junction with Paget Road and its eastern point of termination, an approximate distance of 43 metres.

08.30 – 09.10 and 14.30 -  
15.10

Whitefield Road (spur, leading to Cadland Primary School) / Mary Drake Close, Holbury for their entire lengths.

08.15 - 09.00 and 14.30 –  
15.15

Harrison Road, Fareham, (leading to Harrison Primary School) between its junction with Serpentine Road and its junction with Southampton Road (i.e. its entire length).

08.15 – 09.00 and 14.45 –  
15.30

#### 2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Hampshire County Council intends to implement three “School Streets” pilot projects under three ETROs at the schools specified 1.1 above, which aims to tackle the issues caused by school-related traffic at the start and end of the school day.

The high volume of traffic outside schools during peak periods creates congestion, compromises air quality and presents a problem in terms of road safety, and can obstruct access for residents and the emergency services. Removing motor vehicle traffic from roads in the vicinity of school entrances at busy times will help to make children's journeys to school safer and will make active travel to school (cycling and walking) more appealing.

The ETROs will be in effect during the school drop-off and pick-up times to prohibit the use of motor vehicles. Residents of the affected roads will be asked to avoid entering and leaving during restricted times where possible, however access will be maintained for residents, their visitors and emergency vehicles. Relevant signing and traffic management will be placed in the highway at the extents of the affected roads, to ensure that the scheme achieves its intended objectives.

The Council considers experimental orders to be appropriate for this purpose as this is a trial scheme and the implications for the surrounding road network are uncertain. The ETROs will last for a maximum of 18 months. During the first six months of the trial, there will be an opportunity for people to contribute their views and anyone who is opposed to the restrictions continuing on a permanent basis to submit an objection. Such representations will be considered carefully and will help to determine whether permanent orders should be made, or whether to modify the scheme or remove it in its entirety.

- 2.3. Due consideration has been given to sections 122(1) and 122(2) of the RTRA 1984 and any other relevant legislation. In this case the Decision Maker acting on behalf of the Local Authority considers this ETRO expeditious, for the convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians).
- 2.4 The decision outlined in paragraph 2.3 (above) to exercise the functions of the Local Authority under sections 122(1) and 122(2) of the RTRA 1984 has been reached on the basis of what is reasonably practicable after due regard has been given to:
- the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises
  - and any other matters appearing to the authority to be relevant.

### **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1. None

### **4. Scheme Funding:**

4.1. Revenue

### **5. Conflicts of interest:**

5.1. None

**6. Dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service:**

6.1. None

**7. Supporting information:**

7.1. The following County Council Members for the three trial site locations have been contacted with details of the trial proposals; there is Member support for the scheme and no objections have been received:

- Cllr Alexis McEvoy (Cadland Primary School)
- Cllr Pamela Bryant and Cllr Peter Latham (Harrison Primary School)
- Cllr Zoe Huggins and Cllr Lesley Meenaghan (Alverstoke Infant School)

7.2. Hampshire Constabulary has been consulted and has confirmed that it does not object to the proposal.

7.3. Draft orders and maps

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

*Adrian Gray*

**23/6/2021**

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**Adrian Gray, Head of Highways (Traffic)**

**On behalf of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment**