

Report of the Director of Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on the 27th June 2013.

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Subject:

Birks Fold Traffic Regulation Order – update.

Summary statement:

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1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report refers to a series of objections to a traffic regulation order for Birks Fold previously reported to committee in January 2013 and deferred to enable further discussions with regard to the subject to take place.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This committee gave approval to the Ward Investment funding of £5,000 for the recognised problem sites for this Traffic Regulation Order at its meetings of the 27th September 2012. The Traffic Order was advertised during 12th November and 4th December 2012 and as a result these 3 objections/comments were received.
- 2.2 This section of Birks Fold is the only remaining section adjacent to the school where there are no waiting restrictions, where on-street parking creates access/egress problems, because of the narrowness of the road especially when funeral curretages are leaving Scholemoor Cemetery.
- 2.3 The Cemetery is also used as an alternative route from Clayton Road avoiding the Clayton Road/Cemetery Road/Beckside Road Junction, abusing the waffle paved closures within Scholemoor estate and coming through on to Birks Fold.
- 2.4 Suggestions were made to the Management of the Scholemoor Cemetery following concerns raised of the rat running traffic through the cemetery and the safety of the school children walking from Scholemoor to Birks Fold. We recommended, in the interests of road safety and access for emergency services on Birks Fold, in changing the existing entry only from Necropolis Road to be entry/exit with the permanent closure of all vehicular accesses on Birks Fold, which would resolve this problem. This was not supported by their Management as they felt that operating this cemetery as one way was the only way it could be operated safely, but they would consider an access to the cemetery from Cemetery Road, so far nothing has been considered to our knowledge.
- 2.5 The Cemetery Management offered the use of their car park in the cemetery off Birks Fold to the school and to parents, but this offer has not taken up.
- 2.6 Lidget Green Primary School expansion was completed in July 2011, the works supported the school increasing in size from 420 to 525 pupils which took place in 2008 and was accommodated in temporary classrooms. Additional on-site car parking was provided in the school, a drop off lay-by was considered, after a feasibility study at the time, but it was felt that these facilities would cause more problems than they would resolve.
- 2.7 The school have a live travel plan, its objectives are to decrease the number of cars around the school, introduce a dedicated bus service, have regular "walk to school" events, incentives and encourage car sharing among school staff.
- 2.8 Appendix 1 shows the extent of the proposed waiting restrictions advertised and Appendix 2 shows the extents of the existing waiting restrictions on Birks Fold.

2.9 The 3 objections/comments and officers comments are as follows:-

Objection/ Comment	The Objection/Comments	Officers Comments
Objection 1	<p>The children are dropped off at school from 7.45am and may not be collected up to 4.30pm, the proposed restrictions will force parents to drop off/pick up away from the school with the children having to cross the busy Cemetery Road at the Pelican Crossing especially when there is no school crossing patrol operating.</p> <p>The new Asda supermarket on Cemetery Road, the new Kings Science Academy when fully open and the proposed new housing on Northside Road will also have an impact on this school and parking requirements in this area.</p>	<p>Parking wardens do allow vehicles to stop and drop off and collect but not longer than 5 minutes, but this does not apply to school keep clear markings.</p> <p>The proposed restrictions will maintain access and egress in both directions especially at school times and maintain access for emergency services to the nearby residential properties, the school, maintain passage for the funeral currettages that are leaving Scholemoor Cemetery and other traffic.</p> <p>Additional waiting restrictions have been introduced for the Asda on Cemetery Road and nearby streets in accordance with the planning conditions.</p> <p>A new car park is being constructed at the rear of the Kings Science Academy with various measures introduced to deal with the parking issues, in accordance with the planning conditions.</p> <p>The new housing development will generate less traffic than the previous industrial developments on Northside Road.</p>
Objection 2	<p>The proposed waiting restrictions will push parked cars into the cemetery, the cemetery car park and Robinsons Court which is part adopted/private.</p> <p>The school already dominates on-street parking during term time</p>	<p>This can be resolved with the introduction of additional measures – a permit parking zone and permit parking places for those properties fronting the remaining lengths of Birks Fold and Robinsons Court with waiting restrictions to protect drive ways and maintain access.</p>

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		<p>The Cemetery Management have offered the use of their car park off Birks Fold to the school and to parents, but this offer has not taken up.</p> <p>Additional signing can be introduced which encourages the usage of the car park</p>
<p>Comment 1 from the Department of Children's Services</p>	<p>Recent consultations with parents, has shown that many are concerned about the dangers to their children from cars using Birks Fold.</p> <p>The impact of parents dropping off and collecting pupils from the school is in general focus on 2 particular time periods during the day.</p> <p>Birks Fold is relatively narrow and has in addition to the school the cemetery access which exacerbates the situation.</p>	<p>The proposed restrictions will maintain access and egress in both directions especially at school times and maintain access for emergency services to the nearby residential properties, the school, maintain passage for the funeral currettages that are leaving Scholemoor Cemetery and other traffic.</p>

2.10 Immediately prior to the January 2013 Committee a further meeting was called by the objecting parties and ward councillors in an attempt to resolve the issue. As such the objection report was deferred.

2.11 The subsequent meeting took place on 28th February 2013 at Lidget Green Primary School.

2.12 The meeting failed to resolve the objections to the scheme, with no party willing to compromise on their position.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 There are no further considerations with regard to this matter.

4. OPTIONS

4.1 That the proposal shown in Appendix 1 be modified to accommodate the proposals shown in Appendix 3. The proposal is to replace a section with a limited waiting restriction for a maximum of 10 minutes, no return prohibited within 1 hour to provide short term facilities for drop off/collection of children for 4 vehicles at the nearest point to the school so that adequate space is maintained so vehicles can enter Birks Fold safely, provide room for passing traffic. That signs are also erected

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4.2 That transferring the problem further along Birks Fold and into Robinson Close considered in 2.9 (objection 2), needs to be taken into consideration which would require future funding consideration which also maintains access.

4.3 Members may choose not to accept these amendments.

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

5.1 The financial implications of this report are outlined in paragraph 2.1

6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

6.1 There are no significant risks arising out of the implementation of the proposed recommendations.

7. LEGAL APPRAISAL

7.1 There are no specific legal issues arising from this report.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

8.1.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

8.2.1 There are no significant sustainability implications.

8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

8.3.1 There are no greenhouse gas implications to this report.

8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

8.4.1 There are benefits to community safety.

8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

8.5.1 There are no significant human rights implications arising from this matter.

8.6 TRADE UNION

8.6.1 There are no Trade Union implications arising from this matter.

8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

8.7.1 There are no Ward implications.

8.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

8.8.1 The proposed measures included in this report support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

9.1 None.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 The committee's instructions are requested please consider the options set out in 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – Proposed waiting restrictions on Birks Fold.

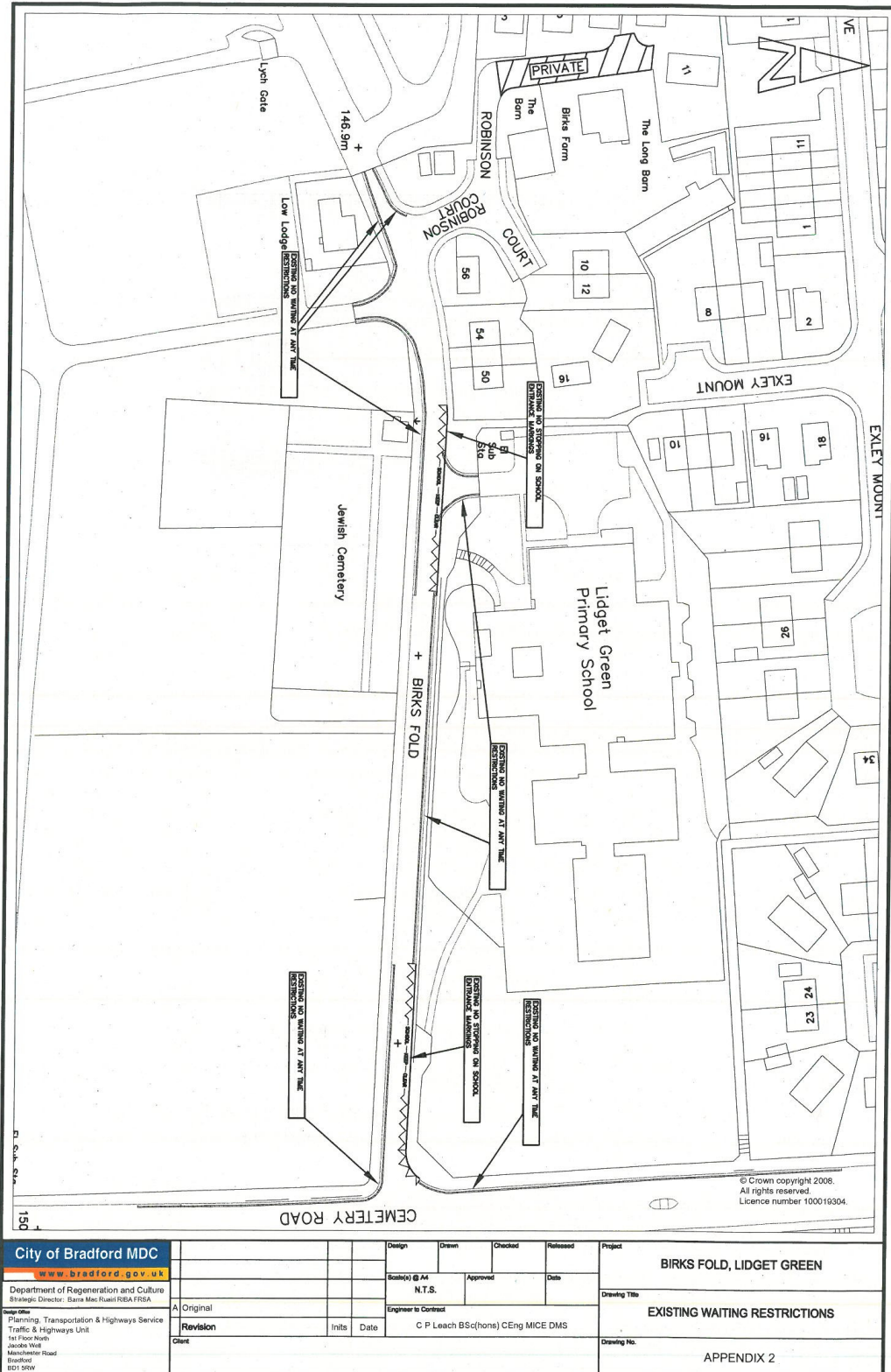
11.2 Appendix 2 – Existing waiting restrictions on Birks Fold.

11.3 Appendix 3 – Proposed amendments and limited waiting restrictions on Birks Fold.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

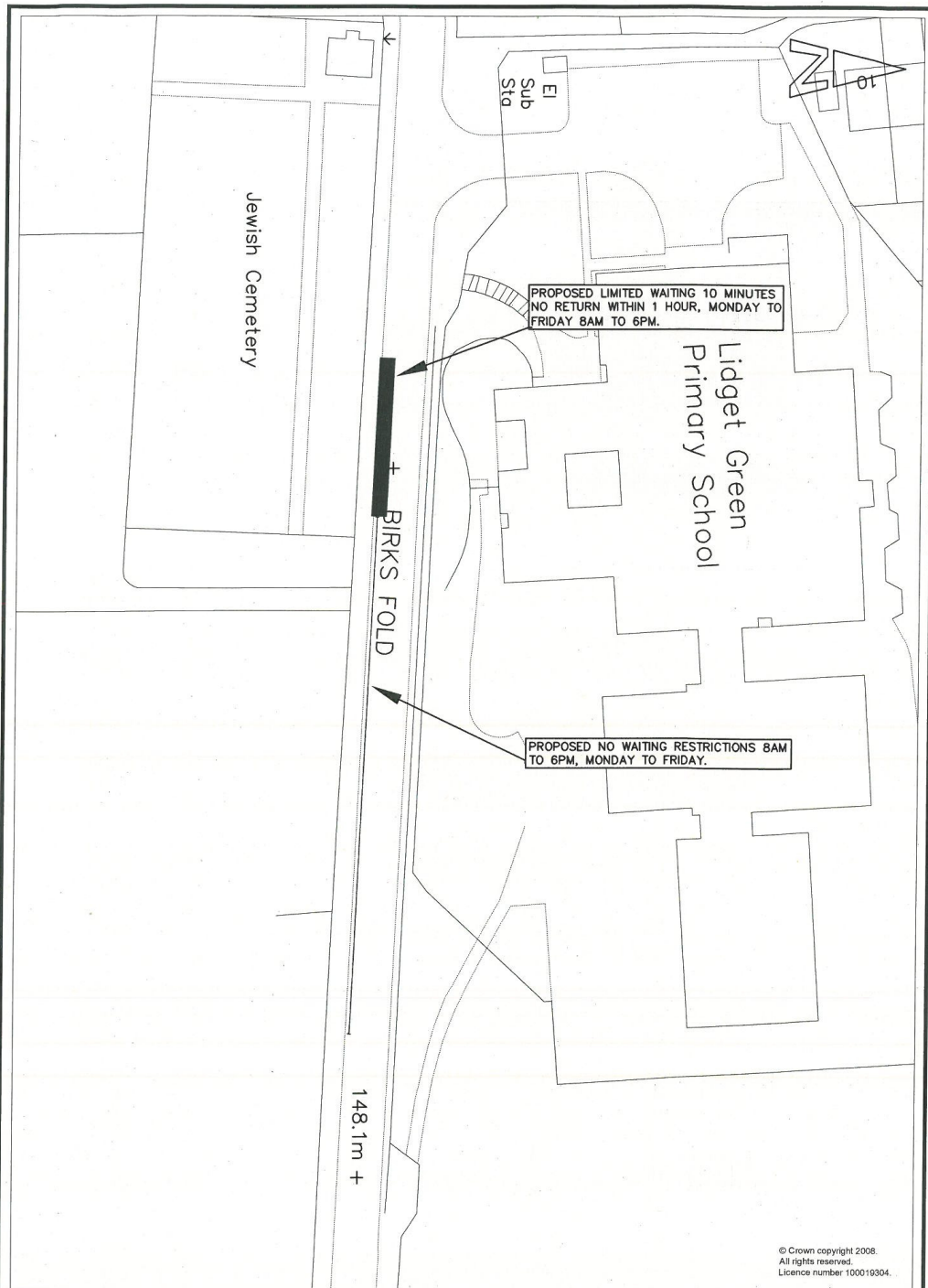
12.1 Bradford south Area Committee 26th July and 22nd November 2012.

Appendix 2



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