

# Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 24 June 2015.

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## Subject:

PETITION RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS

## Summary statement:

This report considers a Petition from Miriam Lord Primary School requesting that Bavaria Place is closed and other changes be made to the roads around the school.

**Ward: 19 Manningham**

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## **1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1. This report considers a Petition from Miriam Lord Primary School requesting that Bavaria Place is closed and other changes be made to the roads around the school.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. Petition – Miriam Lord Primary School, Bavaria Place (148 signatures)

- 2.1.1. The petitioners are concerned about the volume of traffic around the school at the beginning and end of the school day. The areas of concern are Bavaria Place and Church Street particularly at its junction with Bavaria Place.

The petitioners are also concerned about the inconsiderate and illegal parking and the speed of traffic on Bavaria Place. On many occasions cars have been observed driving the wrong way along the one way road.

The junction between Church Street and Bavaria Place is considered not to be safe for pedestrians. The sight lines are poor for pedestrians at this location. It is recognised that there is a pedestrian crossing but many families do not approach the school from this direction.

The school and parents are asking for the area to be made safe and that Bavaria Place is closed to vehicles.

Bavaria Place is a one way road linking the outer ring road (Carlisle Road) to Church Street. Bavaria Place is traffic calmed and joins Church Street on the outside of a bend. There is a school keep clear marking adjacent to the entrance to the school with a Traffic Regulation Order. The school also has a rear entrance leading to School Street near to Heaton Road.

A traffic survey was carried out on Bavaria Place between the 12 May and 19 May 2015. The results of the survey showed that the average traffic speed was 15 mph.

Accident records for the previous 5 year period have also been studied and show there have been no collisions on Bavaria Place. There have however been 2 collisions at its junction with Church Street. No crashes resulting in injury to pedestrians have occurred, at the start and end of the school day, on Church Street in the vicinity of Miriam Lord School.

It was noted on a site visit, at school closing time, that the school keep clear marking in Bavaria Place was parked on illegally by parents picking up children. Parking also took place on both sides of the bend in School Street. The double yellow lines at the junction however were, on the whole, kept clear. Many parents and children who left the school via the Bavaria Place entrance crossed school street at the junction to get into parked cars or walked towards the existing pedestrian crossing on Heaton Road (located between School Street and Morningside). Pedestrians who left the school by the rear entrance crossed Heaton Road on the existing zebra crossing.

It was also noted that school warning signs have only been provided in one direction. There is no sign to warn drivers approaching from Toller Lane.

The petitioners have asked for another pedestrian crossing closer to the school. It would not be possible to place a crossing at or near where the pedestrian desire line is due to the position of road junctions and the difference in level between the footway and carriageway on the outside of the bend to the north of Bavaria Place. The footway is much lower than the road surface. It is considered unlikely that pedestrians would use a crossing placed nearer to Toller Lane and away from the pedestrian desire line. There is no School Crossing Patrol operating in this area therefore the school may wish to contact the School Crossing Patrol Co-ordinator.

Bavaria Place is a popular route between Carlisle Road and Church Street and is used by motorists to avoid the Toller Lane and Carlisle Road junction. As previously stated the speed of traffic on this road is low and there have been no collisions resulting in injury in the previous 5 years. The petitioners believe this road should be closed for road safety reasons. However, to do so would force more traffic to use the Church Street / Toller Lane junction. This junction is already on the Road Accidents Sites for Concern list and a potential increase in turning movements could intensify the problems here.

### **3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1. Local ward members have been consulted. Any comments received will be reported verbally to this meeting.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 4.1. There are no financial or resource implications arising from this report.

### **5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

- 5.1. There are no risks arising from this report.

### **6.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL**

- 6.1. There are no legal issues arising from this report.

### **7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

#### **7.1. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

#### **7.2. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

#### **7.3. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

There is no impact on the Council's own and the wider District's carbon footprint and emissions from other greenhouse gases arising from this report.

**7.4. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no community safety implications of this report.

**7.5. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

None

**7.6. TRADE UNION**

None

**7.7. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Manningham ward members have been consulted on the relevant petition.

**7.8. AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

None

**8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

8.1. None

**9.0 OPTIONS**

9.1. Where appropriate, options will be considered with the involvement of the residents and businesses if schemes are programmed.

**10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1. That no action be taken on the request for the closure of Bavaria Place or the provision of a formal pedestrian crossing on School Street.

10.2. That improvement to the school warning signs be investigated.

10.3. That Miriam Lord Primary school contacts the School Crossing Patrol Co-ordinator to request a School Crossing Patrol.

10.4. That the petitioners are informed accordingly.

**11.0 APPENDICES**

11.1. Appendix 1 – Miriam Lord Primary School, Bradford – Petition and location plan.

**12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

12.1. None.



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To Whom It May Concern,

At Miriam Lord Primary School we are becoming increasingly concerned with the volume of traffic around the school at the beginning and end of the school day. The particular areas of concern are Bavaria Place and the road adjoining at the top of Bavaria Place (Church Street), in particular the busy junction.

Bavaria Place has always been a concern for the school. Many people double park on this road, often on the restricted 'No Parking' zone in front of the school gates. As well as this, the road is a 'rat run' for drivers, who throughout the day speed up the road to reach Church Street; there are also many occasions where cars can be seen driving the wrong way down the one-way road.

The junction from Bavaria Place to Church Street is not safe for the children and the families of Miriam Lord. It has poor visibility, meaning children cannot see cars that are approaching from different directions. Whilst we recognise that there is a pedestrian crossing further up the road, many of our families do not approach school from this direction and it is poorly located.

The concern of the school and the parents is that these dangers will inevitably lead to a serious accident taking place, which has happened recently as there have been two incidents involving children from the school, one leading to a broken leg.

We are asking for this area to be reviewed by Bradford Council to make it safe; as well as this we are asking for Bavaria Place to be closed to vehicles to make the area in front of our school safe.

Yours sincerely,

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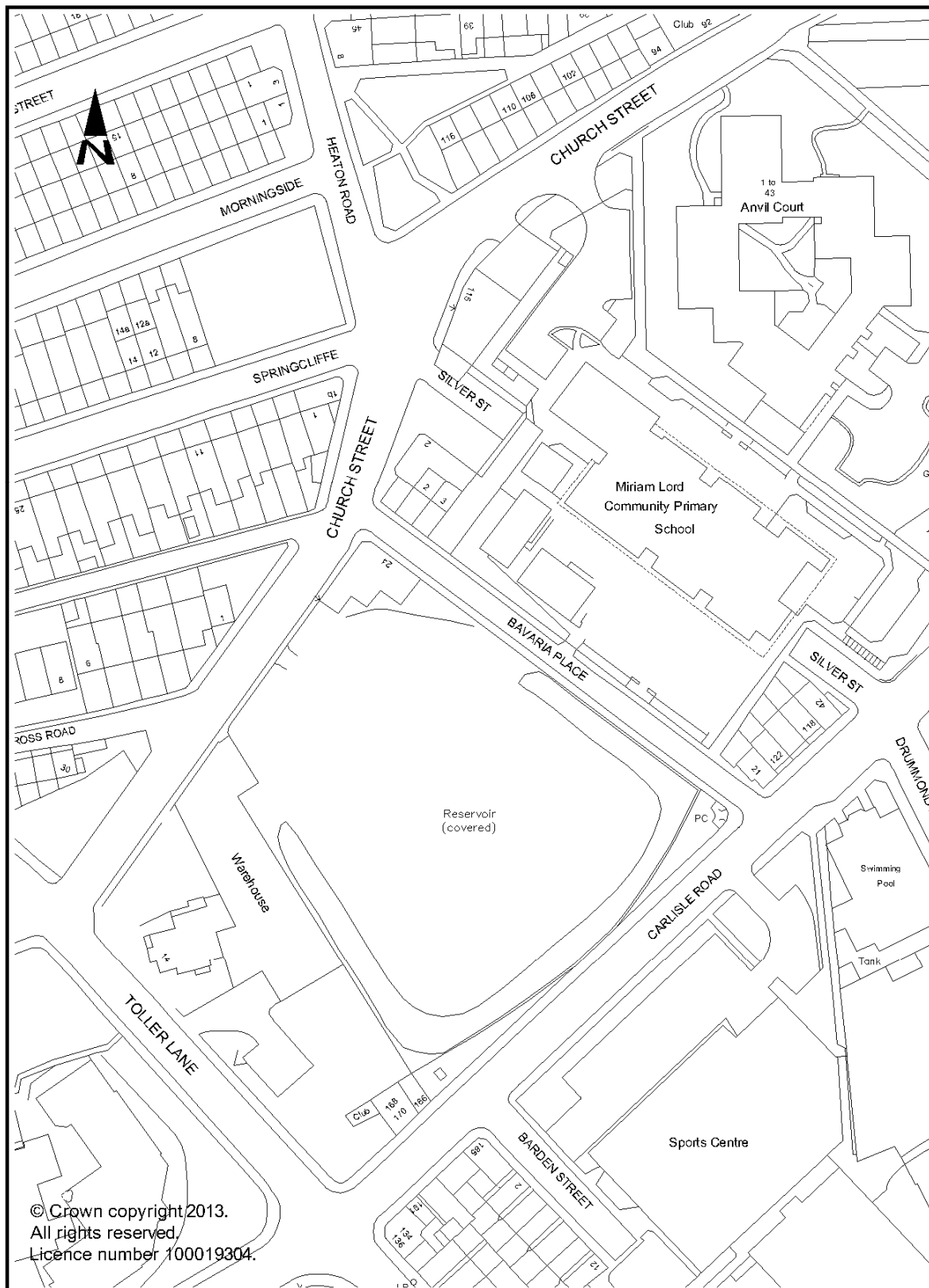




**Miriam Lord**  
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**We, the undersigned, support the request for changes to be made to the roads around Miriam Lord Primary School and the closing of Bavaria Place.**



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