

Transport and Environment Committee

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Carmel Avenue at Pentland View Road, Kirkliston - Proposed Double Yellow Lines on Corner – Objections to Traffic Regulation Order

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Executive summary

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Summary

A package of measures to promote safer pedestrian access to Kirkliston Primary School is being proposed, including parking restrictions in the vicinity of the school gate. Proposals were drawn up to progress a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) through the statutory process so as to introduce parking restrictions around the junction of Pentland View Road and Carmel Avenue and on Pentland View Road covering the dropped crossing point opposite the School Keep Clear Markings.

The Order was advertised between 30 August and 20 September 2013 and one objection was received (see Appendix 1 for details). This report will consider this objection and recommend a proposed course of action in response to the comments made.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 1 sets aside the one objection received; and
- 2 makes the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

Measures of success

The enforceable lines will improve visibility and safety for vehicle drivers and particularly for pedestrians and will result in an improved environment.

Financial impact

The cost of the yellow lines will be less than £1,000. This can be accommodated within the funding currently allocated to the Safer Routes to Schools Programme within the Roads and Transport Capital budget.

Equalities impact

An Equalities and Rights Impact Assessment (ERIA) has been carried out for the Safer Routes to Kirkliston Primary School Programme. Improvements to pedestrian crossing facilities will have a positive impact on the safety, freedom of movement and access for users of the junction. This will include many people whose characteristics are protected under the Equalities Act 2010.

Sustainability impact

This report will not impact on the three elements of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 Public Bodies.

Consultation and engagement

A non-statutory consultation was carried out for the scheme at the school with invitations to all neighbouring residents in January 2013. The feedback from this consultation has been used to inform the subsequent development of the design.

The Traffic Regulation Order to add a single yellow line with loading and waiting restrictions enforced Mondays to Fridays between 8am and 4pm and the double yellow lines on the corners of Carmel Avenue at the junction of Pentland View Road were advertised between 30 August and 20 September 2013. Three letters of support and one objection to the scheme have been received. Local members have been consulted on this report and no comments have been received.

Background reading/external references

Proposed Introduction of Waiting and Loading Restrictions on Pentland View Road opposite the entrance to Kirkliston Primary School between 8am and 4pm Mondays to Fridays and the Prohibition of Parking at the corner of Carmel Avenue at the Junction with Pentland View Road.

Appendix 1 – Details of the objection received

Appendix 2 – Plan of the proposed restrictions

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1. Background

- 1.1 Kirkliston Primary School is in an area of expanding population, resulting in an increase in pupil numbers.
- 1.2 Representations were made by the school, Parent Council and Police Scotland regarding the difficulties experienced by pedestrians accessing the school gate on Pentland View Road as a result of parked vehicles. The school wrote to all neighbouring residents and invited them to a meeting in January 2013 to discuss the issues.
- 1.3 The residents' opinions were taken on board regarding the extent of the restrictions when finalising the design.

2. Main report

- 2.1 Improvements have already been made around the school with the footway being widened and coloured surfacing being applied to the road to highlight the existence of a new dropped crossing on Pentland View Road. The parking restrictions are needed to reinforce the new crossing and an existing one on Carmel Avenue.
- 2.2 The Traffic Regulation Order was advertised between 30 August and 20 September 2013 and one objection was received from a local resident on Carmel Road. In summary, the points raised in the objection included parking outside properties would be reduced, plans to open additional school entrance on Stirling Road should be accelerated, other alternative traffic management measures and off road parking spaces should be provided.

2.3 The objector stated that:

- *removing parking from the corner of Carmel Avenue and Pentland View Road would restrict their ability to park close to their property.*

Traffic congestion has only been observed close to the school for around 15 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon. Even during these periods, there are still ample spaces further down Carmel Avenue and in adjoining streets. Parking on a bend or opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, except in an authorised parking space, is already illegal as stated in point 243 of the Highway Code. The minimal loss of parking spaces is offset with the benefits to public safety and vehicular access.

- *creating a one way system would be a better solution and cause less inconvenience for residents.*

The level of inconvenience to local residents associated with a one way system would be greater than the disbenefits of introducing traffic restrictions as proposed.

- *accelerate plans to have an entrance to the school from Stirling Road in anticipation of the school expansion.*

A new gate will shortly be opened directly off Stirling Road when the construction of the new classrooms is complete.

- *more parking could be provided by removing the grass verge or allowing cars to park in Allison Park.*

Observations at other schools show that providing more parking encourages more people to bring their vehicles into the area and can further exacerbate the problem.

- *support residents with driveway access on to their properties.*

The Council has a permit scheme which can give residents permission to install these facilities at their own expense, subject to appropriate planning consent.

2.4 Further details of the objection and the Council's comments in response are provided in Appendix 1.

2.5 This report recommends setting aside the objection and making the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
 - 3.1.1 sets aside the one objection received; and
 - 3.1.2 makes the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

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Director of Services for Communities

Links

Coalition pledges	P44 - Prioritise keeping our streets clean and attractive
Council outcomes	CO22 - Moving Efficiently – Edinburgh has a transport system that improves connectivity and is green, healthy and accessible
Single Outcome Agreement	SO4 - Edinburgh’s communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric
Appendices	Appendix 1 – Details of the objection Appendix 2 – Plan of the proposed yellow lines

Appendix 1- Objection and response to TRO/13/19 ~ Various Schools Plans (Pentland View Road, Kirkliston)

Sent: 03 September 2013 11:41

To: Traffic Orders

Subject: TRO/13/19 ~ Various Schools Plans (Pentland View Road, Kirkliston)

Good afternoon,

I would like to lodge my objection to the proposal to put double yellow lines on the corners of Pentland View Road and Carmel Avenue, both in Kirkliston.

I am in total agreement that the safety of the children going to and from school is absolutely paramount however I am unfortunate enough to witness on a daily basis select parents who currently:

- ignore the informal one-way system
- park over junctions
- park over driveways
- park on grass verges
- park on pavements
- double park

The same parents will have the same disregard (I have been advised this in person from a number of them since the notices were displayed on the lamposts) for unenforced double yellow lines for the 5-10 minute period in the morning and afternoon of school days. Residents however will be subject to the enforcement on a permanent basis, and in an area where residential parking is already at a premium.

I moved to the village this year so I am not aware of what, if any, other solutions have been considered however I would think the following should have some consideration:

- make informal one-way system formal - this has little/no impact on residents and if anything will help the overall flow of traffic through the area
- accelerate plans to have an entrance to the school from Stirling Road in anticipation of the school expansion
- allow access to Allison Park - it's done for football matches
- tarmac the grass verge area that runs alongside the school fence
- support residents with driveway access on to their properties (kerb excavations)

Best regards,

Kirkliston
EH29 9DA

Date 9th October 2013

Your ref

Our ref RS/TRO/13/19/MS

Dear

Kirkliston Primary School Parking Restrictions

Many thanks for your email objecting to the above.

The aim of the proposed restrictions is to keep a clear view for people crossing Carmel Avenue and Pentland View Road. People's safety is a right which we have to uphold and the safety of children travelling to and from school is paramount.

Parking on a bend or opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space is already illegal as stated in point 243 of the Highway Code (see www.gov.uk/waiting-and-parking/parking-239-to-247) but formalising this with yellow lines will enable council parking attendants to book offenders. Preventing cars parking on the corners is likely to ease traffic flow as motorists will also gain a clear view.

Parking attendants are likely to have an increased presence with more to enforce and this is also likely to deter people from double parking, blocking junctions, driveways and pavements and parking on the verges. I should stress that the yellow lines designed to keep the crossing clear opposite the school will be limited to 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Following a meeting between the school, parent council and residents, we reduced the length of the yellow line to the bare minimum.

You make the point that double yellow lines will affect residents 24 hours a day. Formalising of a one way system would cause even more inconvenience to residents and the evidence from other schemes is that traffic speeds would be likely to increase.

We are working with the school on encouraging parents to allow their children to walk, cycle and scoot to school to reduce congestion, pollution and road safety risk whilst promoting healthy, active lifestyles.

Those who feel they have to drive are being encouraged to park in the streets away from the school, where, having checked the situation at the beginning and end of several school days throughout the year, we have found there to be plenty of space.

Turning more green space over to parking as you suggest has sadly been shown to simply encourage more people to drive and the situation to worsen.

In terms of supporting residents with driveway access, the council do currently have a permit scheme which cost £90 for crossing the footway and £200 to excavate. Details are available on http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/435/footway_excavation_permit_pack

I agree with you that the opening of a pedestrian gate on Stirling Road would reduce the overcrowding on Pentland View Road. We are negotiating to do this as soon as possible.

I would like to conclude by thanking you for your time in writing to us with your concerns and would ask you to consider removing your objections to prevent delay on improving the situation.

If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. My contact details are on the footer of page 1.

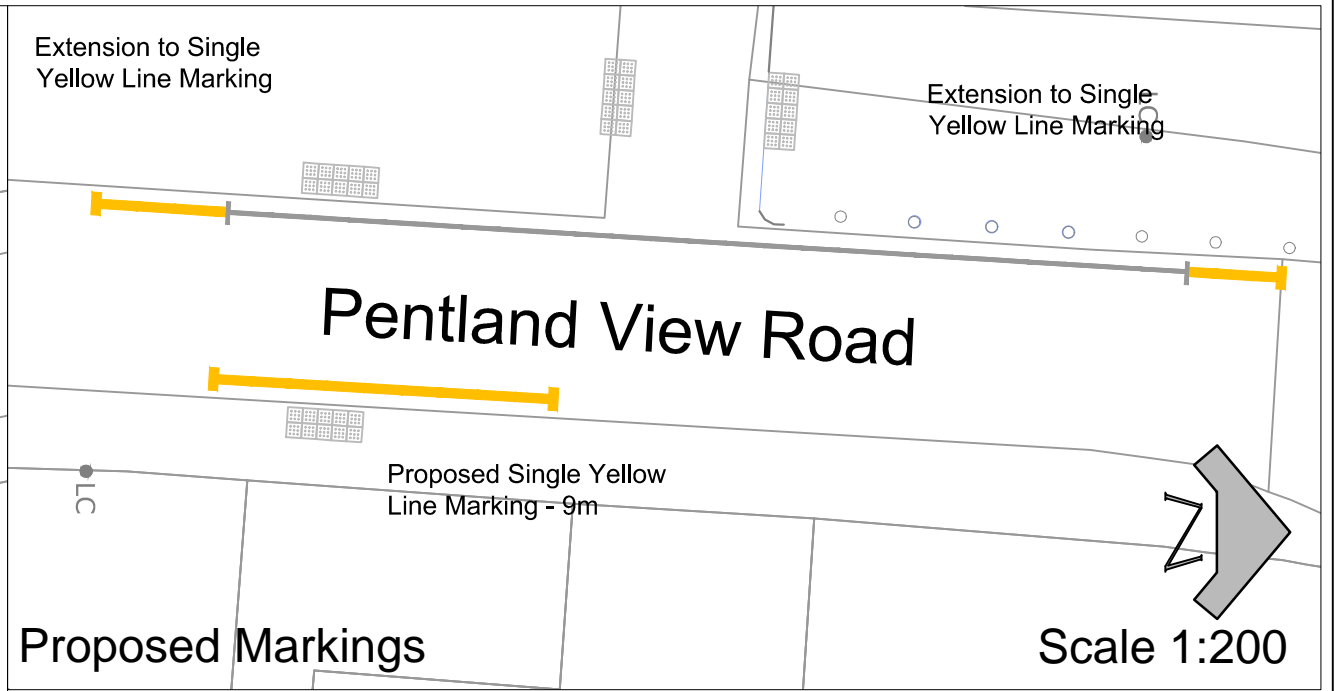
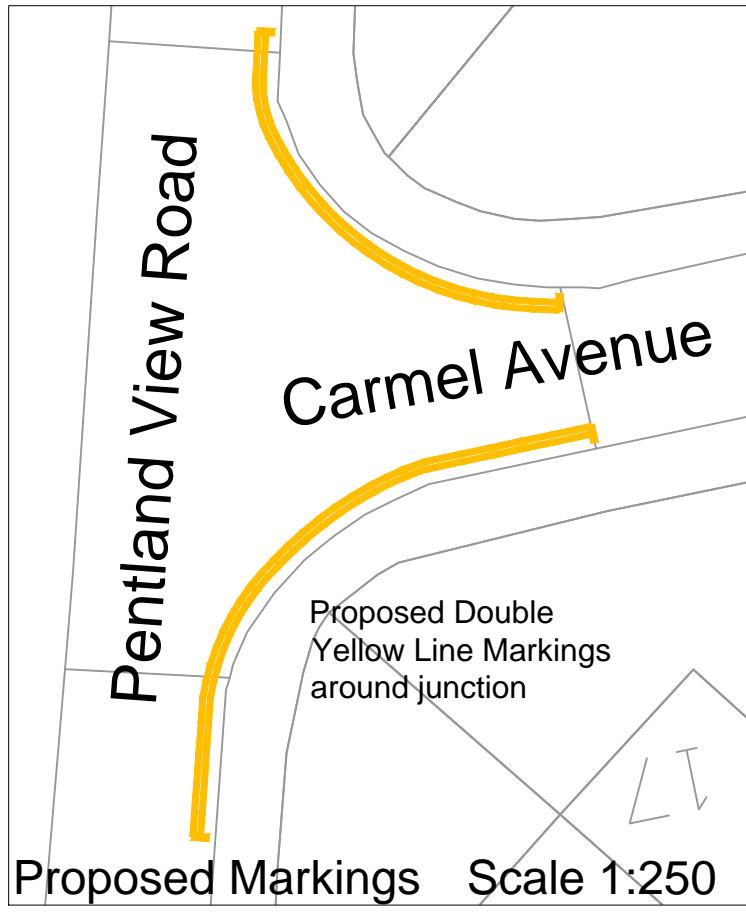
Yours sincerely


**Mark Symonds,
Road Safety Interventions Officer**



Proposed Double Yellow Line Markings around the junction of Pentland View Road and Carmel Avenue .

Proposed Single Yellow Line Marking on Pentland View Road covering the dropped crossing point opposite the School Keep Clear Markings (Approximately 9m). Extension on either side of the existing Single Yellow Line Marking on Pentland View Road to make 31.6m in total. No Waiting, loading or unloading between the hours of 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday



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