

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Environment and Economy

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	02 July 2018
Subject:	Revised CCTV Trial Experimental Amendment Order

Summary:

This report outlines an objection and comment relating to the Experimental Traffic Order for mandatory school keep clear markings, currently in force at various locations, and requests consideration of the introduction of a further Experimental Order incorporating a further amendment to the exemptions in place.

Recommendation(s):

The Members of the Planning and Regulation Committee:

1. Consider the objection and comment relating to the current Experimental Order in force.
2. Approve a further Experimental Order to bring into effect an amendment to the LCC (Prohibition and Restriction of waiting and loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2012.

1. Background

- 1.1 In 2016, as part of a strategy to improve pedestrian safety, the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee approved a pilot CCTV enforcement scheme to be used in the enforcement of school keep clear markings outside a number of schools around the county. To enable enforcement of the markings an experimental traffic order to amend the LCC (Prohibition and Restriction of waiting and loading and parking places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2012, was introduced on 30 January 2017.

1.2 Response

One objection was received from a parent concerned that in order to get to two separate schools in the area they needed to drop off their child within the area of the school keep clear markings in order to get to the next school on time to drop off a second child.

A comment was received from a bus company concerned that during school finish and start times when congestion and on street parking is high, the school keep clear markings are the only available place to drop off and pick up school children safely. They remark that some schools have provision for buses to park in the highway by means of dedicated parking bays.

1.3 Comments

The purpose of restricting the presence of vehicles on school keep clear markings is to promote visibility for both drivers and pedestrians in the vicinity of school entrances and therefore improve safety.

As regards the comment made by the bus company, this highlights an issue which has arisen as a result of the introduction of the CCTV trial. The 2012 Order referred to above contains an exemption for school buses to stop or wait on a carriageway identified as a clearway, which includes mandatory school keep clear markings (see extract at APPENDIX A: Section 3-22.3). However the purpose of the clearway is to restrict vehicles from stopping and parking in the area around a school entrance where there will be a high concentration of pedestrians, and allowing buses to do so compromises that aim.

1.4 Proposal

Bearing in mind the above it is proposed to suspend the exemption for school buses by the introduction of a further experimental order, the effect of which will be to enable enforcement of the school keep clear markings for all vehicles, including buses.

Should this order be approved then a review of parking restrictions will take place at sites where bus drop off and pick up is required with a view to introducing measures to provide for this where feasible.

2. Conclusion

The trial has demonstrated that the CCTV vehicle when present is an effective tool in the regulation of traffic congestion around schools and when on site has been effective in deterring inconsiderate parking. When the vehicle is not on site however, inconsiderate parking does unfortunately return on a regular basis. It has raised public awareness and perception of the purpose and presence of restrictions outside schools, and their enforcement. The amendment proposed will further enhance the safety benefits already accrued by the effective enforcement of school keep clear markings via CCTV.

Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out??

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Extract from LCC (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2012

Background Papers

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