



**Decision Session: Executive Member for Transport and Planning
15 March 2018**

Report of the Director of Economy and Place

Scarcroft Primary School: Request drop-off/pick-up area on Scarcroft Road and a disabled parking provision on Moss Street

1. Summary

To consider the request made by Scarcroft Primary School for improved vehicle drop off facilities for parents and guardians and a disabled parking facility at the entrance to the school.

2. Recommendation (Option One)

Advertise a proposal to amend the York Parking, Stopping and Waiting Traffic Regulation Order to:

- I. Introduce a timed parking area on Scarcroft Road : 30 minute between 7.30am and 6pm (no return within 60 minutes)
- II. Introduce a 6.7m disabled parking bay on Moss Street, to operate Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm. Outside these times the bay would remain a R16 Residents' Priority Parking Area

Reason: To reduce congestion and improve safety by encouraging parents to drop off and pick up away from the school entrances and to provide a disabled parking amenity for parents and children with mobility impairment.

Background

3. In April 2016 Scarcroft Primary School became part of the South Bank Multi-Academy Trust. City of York Council approved the expansion of pupil numbers, increasing the pupil intake at the school at the entry level. In 2000, numbers on roll was 260, current figures are 370 and the maximum capacity will be 420 in 2020, an increase of 62% over the 2000 enrolment numbers.
4. Associated with the additional pupil numbers is elevated use of the highway leading to increased congestion and additional vehicle turning

manoeuvres on Moss Street. This is a No Through Road with no turning area provided close to the school. This results in vehicles performing turning manoeuvres providing an increased safety risk for pupils walking or cycling to school.

Request for Drop-Off, Pick-Up Area on Scarcroft Road

5. Currently, the proposed area on Scarcroft Road, is marked as a parking area and can be used by any motor car or motor cycles with no time restrictions. Location Plan attached as Annex A.
6. The proposed area on Scarcroft Road is approximately, 250m to 300m walk across a shared cycle path/footpath across part of Micklegate Stray to the school entrance. Because the after school club opens at 7:45 am and closes at 6pm we are proposing a timed parking restriction limited to 30 minutes between 7.30am and 6pm (Monday to Friday). The area would remain unrestricted outside the specified times.

Analysis

7. It is anticipated that a limited waiting area on Scarcroft Road, providing a safe walking environment across the Stray to the school, will reduce vehicle movements and improve congestion on Nunthorpe Road and Moss Street during school peak hours. This will result in a safer environment for pupils walking and cycling to school.

Additionally, there is an existing two hour parking bay on the south side of Scarcroft Road which can be used with a signalised pedestrian crossing provision to access the footpath across Micklegate Stray to the school..

8. The proposed area for the drop-off zone is not adjacent to any residential property. The area is heavily used by commuters during the day with some overnight parking. Removal of long-term parking at this location will ease traffic congestion on this section of Scarcroft Road and provide additional passing areas.
9. There are two other unrestricted areas for parking on Scarcroft Road as well as the 2 hour parking area which can be used by the croquet club, allotment owners and visitors.

Request for Disabled Parking Bay on Moss Street

Background

10. The 62% increase in pupil numbers, has necessitated an extension to the fabric of the building. The extension will reduce the capacity of the staff parking area from 42 to 20 spaces. Previously a disabled parking amenity was provided within the staff car park. When the extension is completed the staff car park will not be accessible for visitors during the school day. As a result of these changes, the school has requested a disabled provision is made available on street for the use of disabled parent/carers, pupils or visitors to the school.
11. The area on Moss Street is part of the R16 Residents' Priority Parking zone. The bays adjacent to the school can be used by non-permit holders for 120 minutes which gives some visitor parking for the school. All resident parking bays are available for unlimited parking if a disabled permit (Blue Badge) is displayed in the vehicle.

Analysis

12. The proposed location of the disabled provision on Moss Street is closer to the school entrance. Although all Resident Parking Bays can be used by blue badge holders, they are likely to be used by other parent/carers for drop off and pick up at peak hours. Consequently, the disabled parking amenity will provide a dedicated parking area for those with most need.

Options

13. **Option One:**

Advertise a proposal to amend the York Parking, Stopping and Waiting Traffic Regulation Order to:

- III. Introduce a timed parking area on Scarcroft Road for 30 minute parking between 7.30am and 6pm (no return within 60 minutes)
- IV. Introduce a 6.7m disabled parking bay on Moss Street, to operate Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm. Outside these times the bay would remain a R16 Residents' Priority Parking Area

This is the recommended option because it will deliver safer access to the school and improve the disabled amenity for parents and children.

14. **Option Two:**

To refuse the request from Scarcroft Primary School and take no further action on this matter

This is not the recommended option because the safety issues surrounding peak hours at the school will remain unaddressed.

Consultation

15. No formal consultation has been undertaken yet.

The proposal to amend the Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised in The Press, notices placed on street and details delivered to all adjacent residents affected.

Community Impact Assessment

16. A Community Impact Assessment has been prepared as Annex C.

There are two positive impacts identified:

- Improved safety at the school entrances
- Improved disabled parking provision for the school and local community

There is one negative impact identified:

- The proposal, if implemented, will remove parking facility for one vehicle in the R16 Resident Parking Zone, Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm

The Community Impact Assessment to be updated as required following any representations received during the consultation process.

Council Plan

17. The above proposal contributes to the City Council's Council Plan:

- A focus on frontline services – to ensure all residents, particularly the least advantaged, can access reliable services and community facilities
- A council that works in partnership with local communities

Implications

18. This report has the following implications:

Financial – Scarcroft School, as an academy, have agreed to fund the legal costs involved with this proposal.

Human Resources – None

Equalities – See Community Impact Assessment, paragraph 16 within this report and Annex C.

Legal – The proposals require amendments to the York Parking, Stopping and Waiting Traffic Regulation Order 2014: Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 & the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996 apply

Crime and Disorder – None

Information Technology – None

Land – None

Other – None

Risk Management - There is an acceptable level of risk associated with the recommended option.

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Annexes:

Annex A: Plan of the proposal for Limited Waiting (drop-off zone)

Annex B: Plan of the proposal for Disabled Parking

Annex C: Community Impact Assessment