



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL South West Community Assembly Report

Report of: Director of Development Services

Date: 18th October 2012

Subject: Petition requesting waiting restrictions on Hallam Grange Crescent near Hallam Grange Primary School

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Summary: The purpose of the report is to assist the Assembly in order to provide a reply to the petitioners

Reasons for Recommendations:

The provision of waiting restrictions around the junction between Hallam Grange Crescent and Hallam Grange Croft would improve safety for pupils on their school journey.

The introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order on the school keep clear markings on Hallam Grange Crescent around the entrance to Hallam Primary School would keep them clear of any displaced vehicles resulting from the provision of waiting restrictions around the junction between Hallam Grange Crescent and Hallam Grange Croft.

Recommendations:

That the petitioners are thanked for bringing their concerns to the attention of the Council.

That members approve the scheme for waiting restriction around the junction of Hallam Grange Croft

That the South West Community Assembly recommends that a Traffic Regulation Order is introduced on the school keep clear markings on Hallam Grange Crescent around the entrance to Hallam Primary School.

Background Papers: No

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
YES
Legal Implications
YES
Equality of Opportunity Implications
NO
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
NO
Human rights Implications
NO
Environmental and Sustainability implications
YES
Economic impact
NO
Community safety implications
YES
Human resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
South West Community Assembly
Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Leader
Cllr Leigh Bramall
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
Cabinet Highways Committee
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
Yes
Press release
NO

REPORT TO THE SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 To respond to petitioners requesting waiting restrictions on Hallam Grange Crescent near Hallam Grange Primary School

2.0 WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR PEOPLE WITHIN THE SOUTH WEST COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY AREA

- 2.1 If an option to promote measures is adopted by the Community Assembly the local highway scheme now proposed will assist local people in using pedestrian routes in their area, crossing roads or in the control of vehicles (moving or stationary) in and around their area, adding to improved community safety.

3.0 OUTCOME AND SUSTAINABILITY

- 3.1 The funding and construction of local highways schemes contributes to meeting the 'Increase mobility and provide safer routes for pedestrians' priority in the South West Community Assembly Plan. It also contributes to the Council's Corporate Plan "Standing Up for Sheffield", particularly the "Great Place to Live" and "Safe and Secure Communities" outcomes.

4.0 REPORT

- 4.1 A petition, containing 25 signatures was received by the Cabinet Highways Committee in March 2012. Subsequently the petition was referred to the South West Community Assembly.

The petition has the headed:

"We the undersigned demand that Sheffield City Council improve the safety of pedestrians on the roads surrounding Hallam Grange Primary School. We call upon the Council to provide restrictions on parking including double yellow lines around driveways and junctions to allow safe crossing."

- 4.2 Officers met with the petition organiser together with a resident of Hallam Grange Croft to clarify the details of the request. The issue is focussed around the junction between Hallam Grange Crescent and Hallam Grange Croft and stems from the risks to children on their school journey created by irresponsible parking.
- 4.3 Hallam Grange Crescent, together with Hallam Grange Croft are residential roads with narrow grass verges and highway trees. There is a sharp bend at the junction. The speed limit is 30mph and the road is not a bus route. The entrance to Hallam Primary School is off Hallam Grange Crescent, some 50m from the junction with Hallam Grange Croft. A location plan is included in Appendix A.
- 4.4 Hallam Primary School was one of the first schools in Sheffield to have a school travel plan. A number of walking and cycling

initiatives are enjoyed by the school and a cycle storage facility has been installed. Although the majority of the pupils live within walking distance there is a culture amongst some parents to drive to school.

- 4.5 There have been no recorded injury accidents in the past five years. However, at the meeting with the petition organiser a number of damage-only crashes were discussed together with a number of near misses involving school pupils. Unfortunately, such incidents are not included in Police records.
- 4.6 The petition organiser has met the residents affected by the proposed waiting restrictions and agreed the extents of the double yellow lines. These are shown on the plan in Appendix A. It follows that objections to the associated traffic regulation Order (TRO) are unlikely.
- 4.7 One area of concern is where the vehicles (about seven) that currently park around the junction would be displaced to. At present, the school “keep clear” markings are known to be observed by most parents, however, the reduced parking opportunities near the school may lead to abuse of them. It is recommended that if the waiting restrictions around the junction are approved, then the traffic regulation Order should include the “keep” clear markings around the school entrance. There would be a cost for the associated signage and any amendments needed to bring the road markings to the appropriate standard.

5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 The introduction of a one-way system on Hallam Grange Crescent has been raised before. This would lead to increased driver speeds past the school entrance and would not be recommended.
- 5.2 There may be a case to do nothing and the situation would remain as it is. However, the benefits and relatively modest costs associated with the request for waiting restrictions make it a viable solution for consideration as a small highway scheme.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 At its meeting on the 5th July 2012, the South West Community Assembly approved a process for allocating its £40,000 allocation of highways funding. It is recommended this scheme is funded from this highways allocation, including:
- Double yellow lines around the junction - £900 plus a percentage of a bundled TRO.
 - TRO on school keep clear markings - £2000 plus a percentage of a bundled TRO.
- 6.2 All the above are estimates and include a commuted sum.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Council has a statutory duty to promote road safety and to ensure that any measures it promotes and implements are reasonably safe for all road users. In reaching decisions of this nature Members must clearly take into account any road safety issues that may arise and follow the relevant legislation and guidance. Providing that it does so, it is acting lawfully, as it is doing in this case.

8.0 EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The waiting restrictions to keep the junction clear of parked vehicles would benefit vulnerable pedestrians such as the young, elderly, disabled and also carers.

9.0 HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 No significant implications are identified.

10.0 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

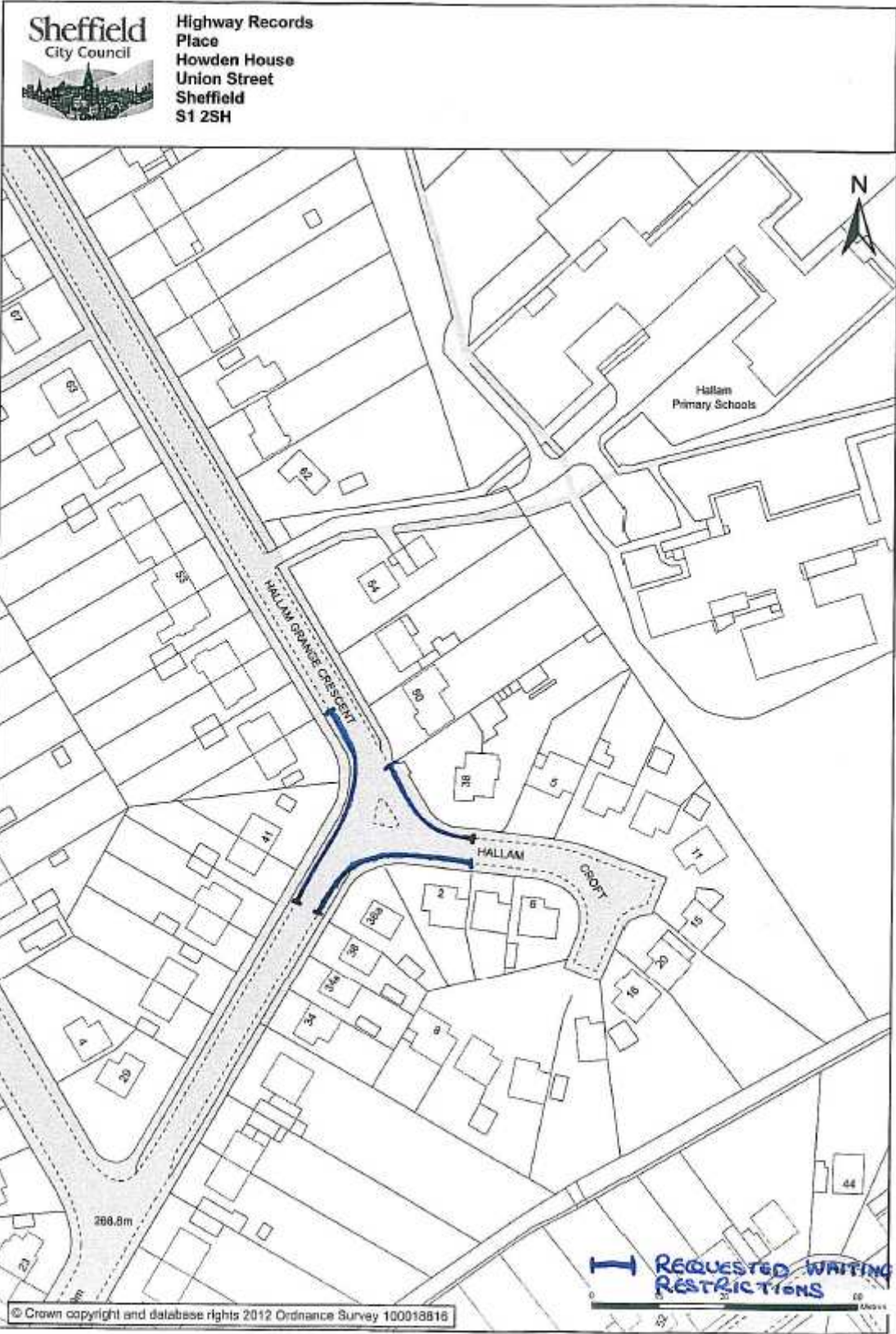
- 10.1 Implementation of waiting restrictions would have only a very minimal detrimental visual effect at this residential location. The cost of the signs and lines would include a commuted sum to cover the maintenance of them for the 25 year life of the Highways Maintenance PFI project.

11.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 The provision of waiting restrictions around the junction between Hallam Grange Crescent and Hallam Grange Croft would improve safety for pupils on their school journey.
- 11.2 The introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order on the school keep clear markings on Hallam Grange Crescent around the entrance to Hallam Primary School would keep them clear of any displaced vehicles resulting from the provision of waiting restrictions around the junction between Hallam Grange Crescent and Hallam Grange Croft.

12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 That the petitioners are thanked for bringing their concerns to the attention of the Council.
- 12.2 That members approve the scheme for waiting restriction around the junction of Hallam Grange Croft
- 12.3 That the South West Community Assembly recommends that a Traffic Regulation Order is introduced on the school keep clear markings on Hallam Grange Crescent around the entrance to Hallam Primary School.



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