

REPORT TO: Cabinet

MEETING DATE: 13 November 2012

BY: Executive Director (Services for Communities)

SUBJECT: Neilson Park Road and Victoria Road, Haddington –
Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order –
Prohibition of Vehicular Traffic (During School Travel
Periods)

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Cabinet of the proposal to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order at two locations near to schools in Haddington. The purpose of the Order will be to prohibit vehicular traffic at the critical school travel times.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Cabinet approve the initiation of the consultation process and Traffic Regulation Order statutory procedures in connection with the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit vehicular traffic in Neilson Park Road and Victoria Road in Haddington, during specified school traffic time periods.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Two locations near schools in Haddington

- Victoria Road – Haddington Infant & St Mary's RC Primary School
- Neilson Park Road – Kings Meadow Primary School

are experiencing ongoing significant pedestrian road safety issues caused by drivers bringing their vehicles too close to the school gates. The behaviour of these drivers, who make dangerous turning and reversing manoeuvres and contribute to congestion, cause difficulties for the majority of the pupils and parents who walk or cycle to and from school.

- 3.2 Following representations from the Parent Councils of the three schools it was agreed to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting vehicular traffic on these streets during specified school travel time periods. It is intended that this Order will come into force on Monday 8th April 2013 and would continue to 30th June 2014
- 3.3 The proposed locations are shown on the plans in Appendix A.
- 3.4 Two draft sign variations are shown on the drawings in Appendix B. It should be noted that the use of these signs is currently permitted in The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002. Vehicular access for residents and blue badge holders will still be permitted during the restricted periods.
- 3.5 An enquiry into practice and use of a prohibition of this type was carried out with all local authorities in Scotland but no other Councils said they had implemented a prohibition of this nature. An query lodged on the Road Safety GB, Road Safety Knowledge Centre website forum was also unable to establish use of these in the UK, so this may well be the first use of these signs for this purpose.
- 3.6 Support and a commitment to enforce these proposals will be sought from Lothian and Borders Police.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 These proposals can contribute towards The East Lothian Council Plan 2012-17 and Our Objectives - Growing Our Communities
- 4.2 These proposals can contribute towards East Lothian's Single Outcome Agreement Outcome 9 - East Lothian's roads and homes are safer.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial - all costs involved in the design, processing, staff time and implementation associated with these proposals can be accommodated within the current Transportation – Road Network revenue budget.
- 6.2 Personnel - None
- 6.3 Other – None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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Appendix A


Neilson Park Road, Haddington






Appendix A

Victoria Road, Haddington



<p>PEDESTRIAN ZONE</p> 	<p>except residents and blue badge holders</p>	<p>Mon - Thurs 8.30 - 9.30 am 3.00 - 4.00 pm Fri 8.30 - 9.30 am 11.45 - 12.45 pm during School Term</p>
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