

Motion 3 - PRIORITISING SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

Proposed by Councillor Stuart Kelly
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Council notes the current Parking Enforcement Policy adopted by Cabinet 15 March 2012.

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/Parking,%20roads%20and%20travel/parking/Wirral%20Council%20parking%20enforcement%20policy.pdf>

Council considers that enhanced priority to safety around schools should be included within the Policy. Council, therefore, requests that the Cabinet Member for Community Services reviews the Policy and suggests that she adopts the following suggested amendments to prioritise illegal parking enforcement around schools.

Amendment 1

To section 2.9.1 (Parking Enforcement is therefore undertaken to assist in), *add additional bullet point:*

- Allowing pedestrians and cyclists on route to work, school or leisure safe travel unimpeded by illegally parked vehicles.

Amendment 2

To section 2.9.3 (outline enforcement regime), amend 9th bullet point.

Currently reads:

- School Keep Clear markings throughout the Borough will be enforced with a rolling programme and in response to specific demands.

Amend to read:

- School Keep Clear markings, yellow lines and dropped kerbs around schools throughout the Borough will be enforced daily during term time.

Amendment 3

To section 2.9.4 (frequency and times of patrols), amend paragraph.

Currently reads:

To ensure an efficient and effective operation the exact frequency and times of patrols are left to the Director of Technical Services and his appointed contractor to determine. These frequencies and times will be reviewed regularly.

Amend to read:

To ensure an efficient and effective operation the exact *location*, frequency and times of patrols are left to the Director of Technical Services and his appointed contractor to determine. Except that safety around schools shall be given daily priority during term time and at morning and afternoon peaks. These frequencies and times will be reviewed regularly.

Informative - Existing text of Parking Enforcement Policy

2.9 PARKING ENFORCEMENT POLICY

2.9.1 Parking Enforcement is therefore undertaken to assist in:

- Delivery of an efficient and accessible transport system for all,

- Management of parking, traffic levels and congestion through effective parking controls to make making Wirral a safer place to live, work in and enjoy.
- Supporting and improving the effectiveness of measures introduced to prevent or reduce accidents.
- Improving public transport accessibility and reliability,
- Meeting the needs of disabled people by improving access to and availability of dedicated parking space.
- Reducing unnecessary parking and traffic in residential and other environmentally sensitive areas.
- The economic sustainability of shops and businesses by encouraging a turnover of use of parking space, and hence maximising the available use of existing parking space.
- Ensuring that designated areas are kept clear for specific road users, i.e. loading, blue badge holders, goods vehicles, taxis etc.
- Ensuring that access for emergency vehicles, delivery and service vehicles is maintained.

2.9.2 The procedures and policies contained in this document will be regularly reviewed to ensure:

- a) Changes in legislation, statutory and non guidance, national and local policy are properly considered.
- b) That the service continues to support corporate and departmental aims and objectives.
- c) That the service continues to support and meets the needs of Wirral businesses, residents and partner agencies.

2.9.3 It is not practical or feasible to enforce all types and areas of restrictions in all parts of the Borough, all of the time. Therefore, an outline enforcement regime as indicated below was adopted by the Council in 2008 and remains supportive to the service aims and objectives outlined above:

- Waiting, parking and loading restrictions on principal or primary routes, will be enforced daily.
- Waiting, parking and loading restrictions within the Birkenhead Controlled Parking Zone, will be enforced daily.
- Waiting, parking and loading restrictions centred around outer Birkenhead, Liscard, Heswall and West Kirby shopping centres, will be enforced on a regular basis, no less than 3 times per week.
- Waiting, parking and loading restrictions centred around the secondary shopping centres including Bromborough, Bebington, Upton, Hoylake, etc will be enforced on a regular basis, no less than once per week.
- Waiting, parking and loading restrictions in and adjacent to public service and amenity facilities, industrial and business areas, will be enforced on a regular basis, and subject to demand.
- Residents parking zones in Liscard and Birkenhead, will be enforced daily
- Residents parking zones in other areas will be enforced on a regular basis, no less than once per week.
- Residents parking zones in Tranmere will be enforced on all match days
- School Keep Clear markings throughout the Borough will be enforced with a rolling programme and in response to specific demands.
- Waiting, parking and loading restrictions within other environmentally sensitive areas, will be enforced subject to demand.

- Waiting, parking and loading restrictions in areas of seasonal demand will be enforced subject to demand.
- Waiting, parking and loading restrictions in areas not covered in any of the above, will be enforced in response to identified problems and requests
- Temporary or permanent restrictions for special events will be enforced as necessary.

2.9.4 To ensure an efficient and effective operation the exact frequency and times of patrols are left to the Director of Technical Services and his appointed contractor to determine. These frequencies and times will be reviewed regularly.