

# SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

## The Metropolitan Borough of Solihull (School Streets Phase 4 – Valley Infants School and Shirley Heath Junior School) (Various Provisions) Order 2023

### Statement of Reasons

#### Location

School Streets Phase 4 - Proposed Prohibition of Driving and 20mph Speed Limit Order 2023 is applicable to 2 locations as detailed below and is shown on Plans 9347a & 9347b.

- Valley Infants School (Fallowfield Road, Meriden Rise & Mountjoy Crescent).
- Shirley Heath Junior School – (Coombe Road & Bronte Close).

#### Statement of Reasons:

Solihull Council's 'School Streets' project aims to address a number of traffic related issues at the beginning and end of each school day, by limiting traffic in the streets surrounding schools at key times, creating a predominantly car free zone. Phase 4 of the project builds on the lessons learned from our initial pilot project which commenced in 2017, and the subsequent phases implemented over the last 6 years. The aim of the project remains to create a safer, more pleasant environment for everyone around schools. The scheme will promote active travel to school by walking and cycling, which in turn, will help to reduce congestion and improve air quality in the area.

The restriction imposed by the Traffic Regulation Order is a prohibition of Motor Vehicles, applicable Monday to Friday between the hours shown below, with exemptions for permit holders. Permits will predominantly be issued to residents living on roads subject to the Order, with a limited number allocated to the school.

<b>Valley Infants School</b> Fallowfield Road (between Elmdon Park Road and Gaydon Road). The entire lengths of Meriden Rise & Mountjoy Crescent.	<b>School Streets Times</b> Mon - Thurs 8 - 8:50am & 2:35 - 3:35pm, Friday 8 - 8:50am & 1:05-2:05pm
<b>Shirley Heath Junior School</b> The entire lengths of Coombe Road and Bronte Close	<b>School Streets Times</b> Mon-Fri 8.00 - 8.40am & 2.15 - 3.15pm

The Order also introduces a 20mph Speed Limit on the 'School Streets' roads listed above, effective at all times to promote road safety for all road users, and in particular for pedestrians and cyclists. In addition, a number of amendments to on-street parking regulations in the surrounding areas of both schools are proposed, these waiting and loading restrictions are intended to compliment the schemes and discourage unsuitable displacement parking.

It is considered that the proposals will generally assist to secure the safer movement of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic and improve the amenities of the area. The Order is also expected to have a positive impact by reducing instances of obstructive and dangerous parking, improving the quality of life for residents and providing greater road safety for school children.

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