REPORT TO:	Executive Board
DATE:	12 March 2015
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director, Policy & Resources
PORTFOLIO:	Transportation
SUBJECT:	Partial Revocation of Existing Waiting & Loading Restrictions School Way, Widnes
WARDS:	Halton View

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report on objections that have been received following public consultation on a proposed Traffic Regulation Order which would revoke parts of both the Halton Borough Council (Various Roads, Widnes)(Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2011 and the Halton Borough Council (Various Roads, Widnes)(No Loading) Order 2011 in School Way, Widnes and to propose a course of action following this consultation.

1.2 The report was considered by the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (E&UR PPB) on 28th January 2015, which supported the recommendation.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Board approves the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order to revoke part of both the Halton Borough Council (Various Roads, Widnes) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2011 and the Halton Borough Council (Various Roads, Widnes) (No Loading) Order 2011 relating to School Way, Widnes as in Appendix 'D' and that the objectors be notified accordingly.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 At the request of residents and ward councillors and to address parking congestion and associated safety concerns adjacent to Moorfield Primary School, in 2011 this Council introduced continuous 'At Any Time' waiting and Monday to Friday, 8am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 3:30pm loading restrictions on the full length of School Way, Widnes and the area of its junction with Whalley Grove and Nursery Close. All frontage properties were consulted directly on the proposals and no objections were received.

3.2 Since the introduction of the restrictions, there have been repeated contacts with adjacent residents and their ward councillors via telephone conversations, email and site meetings requesting minor alterations to the restrictions to permit a degree of local parking. These culminated in the introduction of three experimental 'gaps' in the restrictions as shown in Drg. No 8971A in Appendix 'A'.

3.3 In order to formalise the arrangements, after considering all the public comment received up to that time, in November 2014, using delegated powers and after consultation with the ward councillors, the Executive Board member – Transportation and Cheshire Police, the Operational Director (Highways, Transportation and Logistics) issued approval to advertise the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order to revoke limited parts of both the Halton Borough Council (Various Roads, Widnes)(Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2011 and the Halton Borough Council (Various Roads, Widnes)(No

Loading) Order 2011 relating to School Way, Widnes as shown graphically in Appendix 'B'. This proposed Order would have formalised and made permanent two of the three previously experimental 'gaps', whilst closing the third, retaining the vast majority of the 2011 restriction coverage. The 'gap' intended for closure was that closest to Whalley Grove, on the north side of School Way.

3.4 The proposed modifications to provide limited areas for unrestricted waiting were intended as a compromise between the various views expressed by adjoining residents over recent years. However, in response to the November 2014 proposals and consultation, 10 objections were received. One originated from residents of 1 Whalley Grove (at the south-west corner of the School Way/Whalley Grove junction) who wanted to retain all the experimental 'gaps' near their home and it opposed the closing of the 'gap' closest to Whalley Grove, on the north side of School Way. The letter of objection is reproduced as Objection 1 in Appendix 'C'.

3.5 As shown on the drawings, 1 Whalley Grove is a property with an off-road driveway leading from School Way to a garage, and frontage parking on Whalley Grove. However, there are two core tenets in the letter of objection:

[1] There is *"..no parking space outside of our home,".* This is not strictly correct as examination of the site plan in the Appendices will show. In addition, outside of the short school opening and closing times, parking on the double yellow lines to load and unload vehicles is permitted.

[2] *"..we are yet to be given an actual reason as to why this change is happening now.".* There is a need to formally decide if the waiting and loading restrictions introduced in 2011 are to be permanently altered or retained in their original form. Whilst experiments have been conducted in providing unrestricted parking space on School Way adjacent to this property, *(" …the yellow line-free zone….",)* parking in this area is not acceptable to the majority of the objectors (see below).

3.6 The greater number of objections, reproduced as Objections 2 to 10 in Appendix 'C', cover basically similar issues stating that the presence of vehicles parking in 'gaps' on opposite sides of School Way creates a chicane effect which:

[1] Prevents the free flow of traffic especially at school opening/closing times.
[2] Leads to obstruction of driveways.
[3] Prevents larger vehicles such as refuse vehicles, coaches, fire engines and ambulances accessing properties including Moorfield Infant School.
[4] Blocks sightlines along School Way, a problem compounded by the relative narrowness of the route.
[5] Creates confrontation between highway users.

In view of these responses, it is recommended that just one 'gap' be retained and formalised, that being the one on the south side of School Way adjacent to No.1 School Way and as shown in Appendix D, Plan No. 8971B.

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3.7 Several objectors express concerns as to the lack of enforcement action on the existing waiting and loading restrictions, by Cheshire Police. It is, therefore, recommended that Cheshire Constabulary be contacted with a view to greater priority being given to this location.

3.8 Six objectors request various extensions of the coverage of the existing waiting and loading restrictions. However, such action would create further enforcement problems for

the Police, serve to displace parking into areas presently unaffected and prove an inconvenience to visitors to the area. It is not recommended that any extension of the existing restrictions is sought at this time.

3.9 One objector refers to the introduction of residents-only parking, but this is counter to existing Council policy.

4.0 CONSULTATION

4.1 No further consultation is required for the recommended action to be implemented.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The total cost of implementing the recommended alterations to the existing waiting and loading restrictions is approximately £500. This cost would be met by annual traffic management revenue allocations.

6.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct policy, social inclusion, sustainability, value for money, legal or crime and disorder implications resulting from this report.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

7.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**
There are no direct implications on the Council's 'Children and Young People in Halton' priority.

7.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**
There are no direct implications on the Council's 'Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton' priority.

7.3 **A Healthy Halton**
There are no direct implications on the Council's 'A Healthy Halton' priority.

7.4 **A Safer Halton**
There are no direct implications on the Council's "A Safer Halton" priority.

7.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**
There are no direct implications on the Council's 'Urban Renewal' priority.

8.0 RISK ANALYSIS

8.1 It is not believed that the recommended alterations to the existing waiting and loading restrictions will introduce any additional risk to highway users.

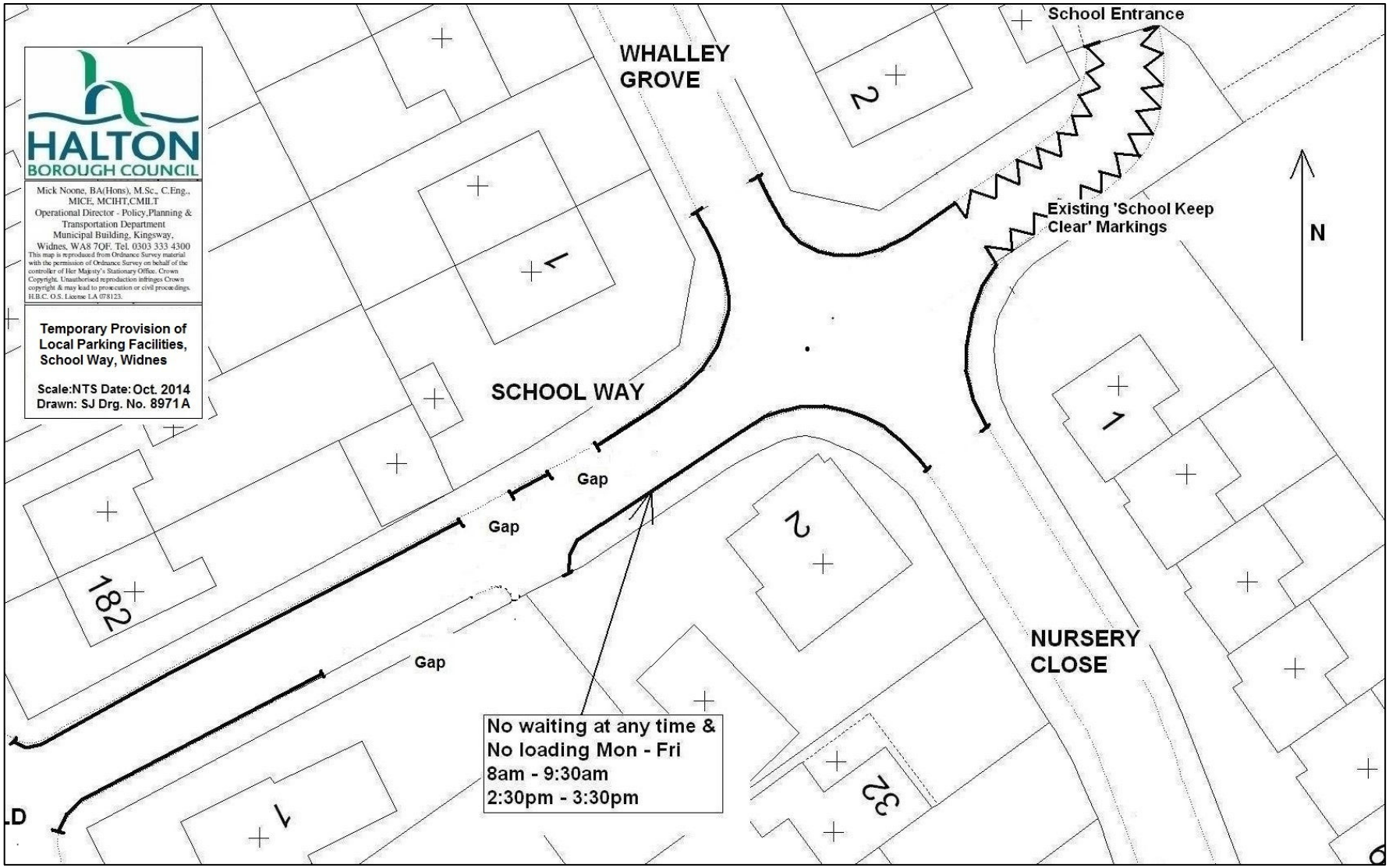
9.0 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ISSUES.

9.1 There are no direct equality and diversity issues associated with this report.

10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

10.1 Report to Environment & Urban Renewal Policy & Performance Board, 28th January

2015 (Item 7B, Minute EUR 36) - Objections to Partial Revocation of Existing Waiting & Loading Restrictions School Way, Widnes.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Temporary Provision of Local Parking Facilities, School Way, Widnes
Scale:NTS Date: Oct. 2014
Drawn: SJ Drg. No. 8971 A
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School Entrance
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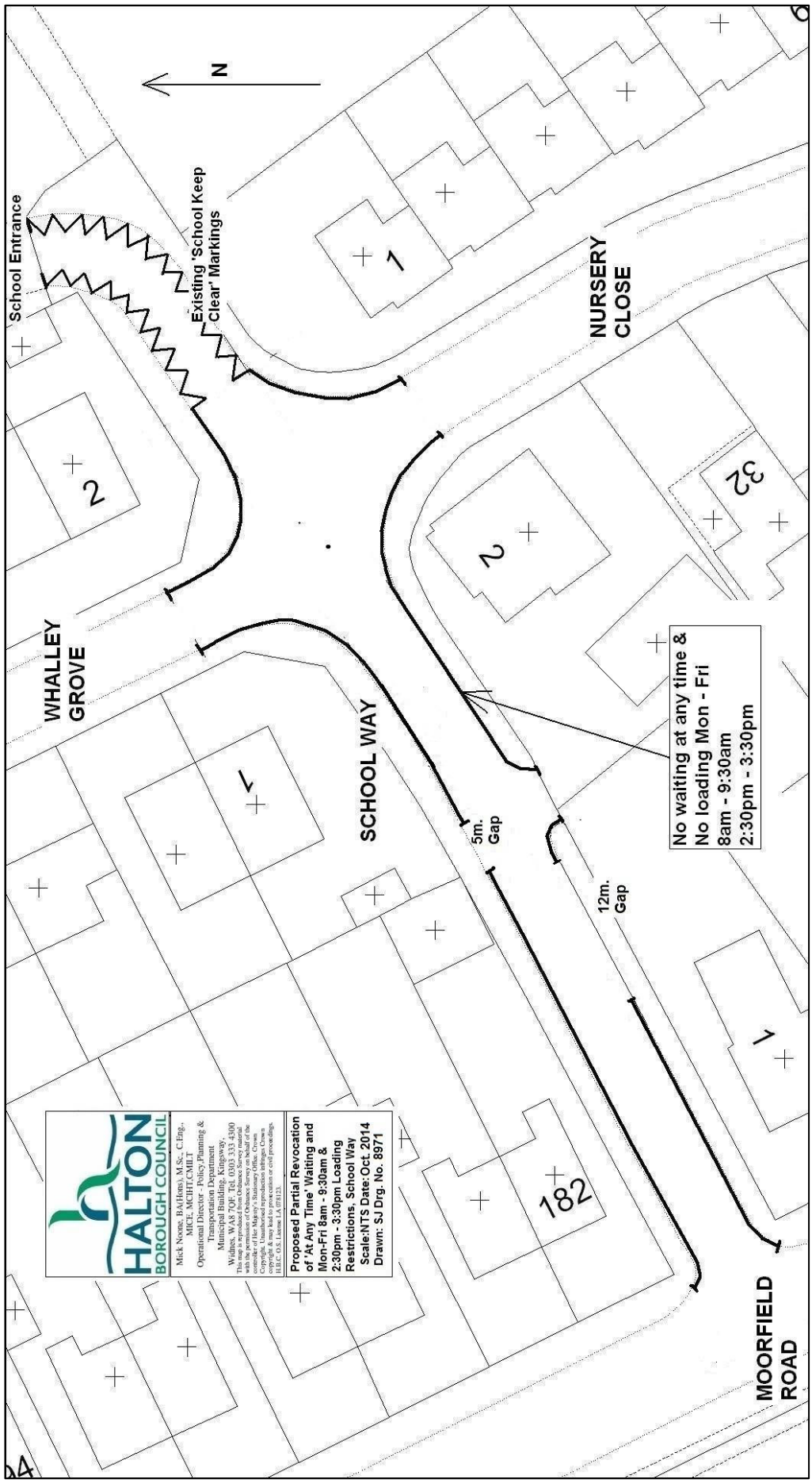
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Appendix 'A'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Proposed Partial Revocation of 'At Any Time' Waiting and Mon-Fri 8am - 9:30am & 2:30pm - 3:30pm Loading Restrictions, School Way
Scale:NTS Date:Oct. 2014
Drawn: SJ Drg. No. 8971

OBJECTION 1:

AUTHOR'S NAME WITHHELD

1 Whalley Grove
Widnes
Cheshire
WA8 3HH

28-11-14

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you regarding the proposal for changing the location of the yellow lines on School Way.

We strongly oppose this move as it will leave us with no parking space for outside of our home, the same home that we are paying council tax for and have been for around 50 years and so far, we are yet to be given an actual reason as to why this change is happening now.

When Mr Steve Johnson and Councillor McInerney came to view the situation, they proposed moving the yellow line-free zone further forward toward the school which we would have been able to accept, however this now appears to have changed with no consideration or notification to ourselves – the most affected property. We would ask that this be given further deliberation as there is nothing apparently wrong with the current situation, so we cannot understand why, as a council, you would like to add further cost to yourselves and us as tax payers.

I would also like to point out that there has been no change to the school parking situation as cars are still parking on the yellow lines, double parking, etc. but we have not complained about this as it is for a short time in the mornings/afternoons and so, whilst inconvenient, it can be dealt with.

During school holidays, it is only ourselves that will suffer, due to having nowhere to park. We would like to suggest that, should you decide to go ahead with this scheme regardless of our protests, you at least provide us permits to park our cars there and we think that taking this in to consideration is the least that you could do.

Yours faithfully

OBJECTION 2:

From Headteacher, Moorfield Primary School:

Dear David,

The Halton Borough Council (Partial Revocation of Waiting and Loading Restrictions) Order 2014

I am writing in response to a letter dated 19 November 2014 that was sent to local residents in School Way, Whalley Grove and Nursery Close.

I wish to place on record the school's point of view on the proposed order.

As you will know, there are continued concerns regarding both the access of residential housing and the school and overall safety along School Way. In my opinion the current existing order still falls short of the requirements in this case. For example, the availability of parking on School Way causes regularly access problems for deliveries trying to attend the school, including the refuse collection, but most often access for buses taking the children to and from visits. The first of those is a general inconvenience, the second requires our children to board / alight the bus transfers quite often from Moorfield Road, thus increasing the hazards and risks posed to their individual safety.

My second concern around parking on School Way surrounds the access for emergency vehicles attending on site. Whilst we have not had any access problems to this point, nevertheless we did have cause for an ambulance call out in the month of October; fortunately on that occasion the ambulance gained access with no problems. However, should there be a need for a Fire Engine, then we may encounter some difficulties and that does not bare thinking about.

My final concern around parking surrounds pupil safety. With the system as it exists there is heightened danger of a near miss or an actual accident. Parents continue to try and cram into very limited parking spaces; several continue to ignore the present markings and rules with no checks being made, despite the fact we advertise the use of Moorfield Sport and Social Club and Dykin Road.

For the reasons outlined above, it is my wish that the Council consider the most stringent of parking restrictions possible along School Way, and in order to protect the good will of our neighbours, also into Whalley Grove and Nursery Close, as we do have parents that continue to block both of these roads and park across driveways.

Yours sincerely.

Mr A Williams, Headteacher

OBJECTION 3:

RESIDENT FROM 2 SCHOOL WAY

Sent: 24 November 2014 13:48
To: David Parr
Cc: Tom McInerney; Rob Polhill;
Subject: URGENT - PUBLIC ORDER NOTICE URN00049ORES

Dear David

RE: SCHOOL WAY, WIDNES (PARTIAL REVOCATION OF WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 19 NOV 2014

Please explain. This revocation order does not make sense. What are you "revoking"?. Order URN 00049ORES dated 14 Nov 2011 has already been revoked by the removal of the yellow lines in School Way for parking bays. This removal took place without a "revocation order" being notified to the public. The recent notification of changes cannot be applied as a "revocation order" as you are not revoking the original public order.

You are yet again making changes without going through the process of revoking the original public order notice which should have been applied before any work was carried out. A public order asking for objectives/agreements to the "removal of the yellow lines" has not yet been put into place and you are only asking for objectives/agreements to work you have already undertaken without public notification. All yellow lines would need to be reinstated and then a revocation order could be issued accordingly. There has not yet been any agreement to the removal of yellow lines in School Way.

I await your reply

2 School Way, Widnes

Sent: 07 December 2014 13:37
To: John Tully **Cc:** David Parr
Subject: OBJECTION - PROPOSED ORDER DATED 19 NOV 2014 FOR SCHOOL WAY

Dear David/John

I refer to the recent notice, re the above, which I received dated 19 Nov 14 from yourselves.

I OBJECT to the proposed order and the previous removal of yellow lines in School Way on the grounds of health and safety and the overturning of Traffic Regulation Order "URN 00049ORES" which was passed in 2011 putting down yellow lines on both sides of School Way for the full adopted length. This order was passed by yourselves after following the correct procedure by notifying residents and the public, who were able to have their say, due to notification within the correct timescales by the media and in writing. School Way became much safer for residents and the public, especially the school children having much clearer views when accessing School Way, Whalley Grove and Nursery Close. This order was overturned without any revocation orders been issued. The removal of yellow lines in School Way has since caused health and safety issues due to a chicane in School Way, caused by parking bays, which are also obstructing the entrance to my driveway. This chicane is also a concern for emergency vehicles accessing these roads and the school.

I therefore propose that "all yellow lines are reinstated" and the removal of the parking bays, which were put down without any consultation to the residents, ensuring clearer visibility/safety for the residents/public who require access to School Way, Nursery Close, Whalley Grove and the School. All of those residents/public should have had a say in the original order being revoked. This would remove the chicane in School Way ensuring safer access especially for emergency vehicles who at the moment have to negotiate a chicane and illegal parking. Unless there was unlawful parking there would be fewer health and safety issues and no necessity for police patrols.

The police have also agreed that the introduction of yellow lines have helped immensely with traffic problems. Since the removal of yellow lines it has been necessary to involve the police to regularly patrol this area. There was never a need for police presence when School Way had yellow lines both sides for full adopted length.

I also do not feel the "Statement of Reasons" given by the council are not justifiable.

Many thanks

2 School Way, Widnes

Sent: 11 December 2014 10:17
To: John Tully
Subject: ADDENDUM TO PREVIOUS E-MAIL DATED 8 DEC 14

Dear Mr Tully

Would you please include the following addendum to my previous e-mail i.e OBJECTION TO:- PROPOSED ORDER DATED 19 NOV 2014 FOR SCHOOL WAY

MY STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MY OBJECTION TO THE ABOVE PROPOSAL

Parked and stopped vehicles block sightlines for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians with the problem being compounded by the relative " narrowness of School Way" especially when entering/exiting School Way and on the approach to the entrance of Moorfield Primary School, Whalley Grove and Nursery Close. The effect of the "Prohibition of Waiting Order 2011"served to protect sightlines for drivers and pedestrians, which has prevented congestion and has also reduced the incidence of confrontation between drivers and guarantees access for emergency and refuse vehicles. This I feel is why it is of the utmost importance that parking is not allowed in School Way.
Many thanks

2 School Way, Widnes

OBJECTION 4:

RESIDENT FROM 15 NURSERY CLOSE

Hallo all

I have put below my response to the consultation on parking at Moorfield Road Junior School. I am including Derek Twigg as he was involved at the start of this saga, that has now been running for years.

I have sent the letter today to the Chief Executive of Halton Council, Mr Parr.

Best wishes

Chris Lewis

Reference: School Way Parking

Hallo Mr Parr

I am writing in response to the consultation on the partial revocation of waiting and loading restrictions in School Way, Widnes.

Summary of Response

The consultation was sent to only a minority of those that are affected and as such there is a great danger that the outcome of the consultation will not be accepted by the majority of all those affected. The suggestions put forward do not reduce the safety hazards to the public including schoolchildren, nor for emergency access, to an acceptable level. It also does not cover the dangerous parking in the entrance to Nursery Close. However, if the Councillors and its servants progress the plans as put forward then they must take the responsibility for any future incidents, to the public or property, caused by the inadequate measures resulting. The police must also take responsibility if any incident results from its failure to enforce the law in this area.

This whole matter requires a permanent solution that is acceptable to the majority of the area served by School Way and then implemented correctly to have legal enforcement. More unacceptable (and costly) changes that do not satisfy these criteria are not the way forward.

Background

Several years ago I was instrumental, with the local police, the Council and Derek Twigg MP to have the double yellow lines/zigzags applied to the corners of Nursery Close/School Way/Whalley Grove. However, the Council decided it wanted to extend the double yellow lines throughout Nursery Close and School Way (and perhaps Whalley Grove). Residents complained and only the corners and throughout School Way were applied. This showed the residents of Nursery Close and Whalley Grove how safe School Way could be made particularly for children. I understand the lines had been put down incorrectly so had to be amended. In addition two residents in School Way then said they wanted parking places in the road, not an unreasonable request. Another change was then made, without general consultation, by creating a long parking length on the south side and a short length on the north side. Questions on the costs of all these changes have not been answered.

Current Position

Unfortunately vehicles parking on these lengths of road where the double yellow lines have been removed, without full consultation, create a hazard in two ways. First of all it creates a single carriageway and so prevents the free flow of traffic to enter and leave through School Way. In particular at school start/finishing times queues of cars back up into Nursery Close and Whalley Grove where children and adults have to cross the roads. This situation is as bad as when cars were able to park/wait on the corners. Second, the parking limits allow parking on both sides of School Way close to each other so that it results in a chicane. It would not be possible sometimes for wider emergency vehicles to enter Whalley Grove/School Way or the School.

The Consultation
I was led to believe two things from Councillor Tom McInerney firstly that the consultation would be sent to all residents concerned. I took this to mean School Way, Nursery Close, Whalley Grove and the School. All these have a valid interest in the parking in School Way. This has not happened and is unsatisfactory. (Most people from Nursery Close for example will drive through School Way and not see the notices.) I was also led to believe that the parking spots in School Way would be separated. From the very limited dimensions on the plan there is only a two metre separation of the parking lengths so the chicane remains.

I can understand that some residents in School Way want a parking length in the road. (However, the parking length on the south side is usually occupied by workers to the school.) This must compromise the safety for the reasons above. However, if the Council agree with this, and accept the safety implications, then the two lengths should be as short as possible, that is one car length, and separated as much as possible. That is not the case in the proposal.

Other Point

Cars are parking at the entrance to Nursery Close on both sides of the Close. This happens both at school times and frequently at other times. Cars leaving Nursery Close have to take a middle of the road course. Some vehicles coming into Nursery Close (particularly large ones) wrongly cut off the corner. Recently a collision was just averted. Parking should be banned at all times along the west side of Nursery Close up until the first house entrance. This will remove this hazard.

The Police

All the above assumes people, especially those taking children to/from the School, obey the rules. A persistent minority do not. The police accept this is happening when they are not there but refuse to do anything about it. In particular they will not appear after the majority of parents arrive to apprehend this minority and prevent this most dangerous parking/waiting happening. No fixed penalty tickets have been issued so there is no deterrent and they will continue to park illegally. This seems part of a police policy (including PCSOs) in Widnes to ignore illegal parking and is shown by observing in the town centre, and the extremely low level of parking tickets issued. I understand that the Council only have limited powers, if any, to tackle this problem.
Some of the police officers say there are few complaints from the residents in Nursery Close, etc. This is because most residents have stopped complaining because the police take no action.

Conclusions

Without some serious effective actions by the Council and the Police then this area will continue to be a danger to road users and the public. I am very willing to meet with whoever and wherever both to put my views and listen to the reasons why the Council will not make this area as safe as possible.

Circulation
I am circulating a hard copy of this to Mr. Parr, but am also emailing copies to local Councillors, Halton Planning Office, Derek Twigg MP, the Police and the Chair of the Residents' Committee.

Author's Name Withheld

15, Nursery Close, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 3HB

OBJECTION 5:

To:

David Parr
Chief Executive
Municipal Building
Kingsway
Widnes WA8 7QF

RE: THE HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL (SCHOOL WAY, WIDNES) (PARTIAL REVOCATION OF WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2014

I OBJECT to the above on the following grounds:-

The chicane in School Way due to parked vehicles is blocking sightlines for drivers and is compounded by the relative "narrowness of School Way" obstructing the free flow of traffic in and out of School Way , especially for emergency vehicles. Our objections are on the grounds that the effect of yellow lines on both sides of School Way prevented a chicane and prevented incidence of confrontation between drivers and guarantees access for emergency and refuge vehicles as well as every day traffic especially residents and the school.

I therefore request the yellow lines in School Way to be reinstated as per the original Prohibiliton of Waiting Order 2011".

NAME: Residents: **Author's Name Withheld**

ADDRESS: 2 Whalley Grove
Widnes
Cheshire

SIGNATURE: .....

DATE: 16th May

OBJECTION 6:

To:

David Parr
Chief Executive
Municipal Building
Kingsway
Widnes WA8 7QF

RE: THE HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL (SCHOOL WAY, WIDNES) (PARTIAL REVOCATION OF WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2014

I OBJECT to the above on the following grounds:-

I object to the above proposal on the grounds that School Way is too "narrow" to allow any parking whatsoever. Parked vehicles in School Way are obstructing the free flow of traffic and are causing visibility and health and safety issues on a very busy and well used road. The same problems are also occurring at the entrance to Nursery Close.

I therefore request that the yellow lines in School Way are reinstated, as per the original public order, also that yellow lines are extended on both or one side of the entrance to Nursery Close as vehicles parking opposite one another are causing the same problem as in School Way impeding access to these roads, especially for emergency vehicles.

An incident has already occurred when an ambulance was impeded by parked traffic which could have resulted in dire consequences.

NAME: **Author's Name Withheld**

ADDRESS: 4 Nursery Close
Widnes
Cheshire

SIGNATURE: .....

DATE: 16-12-2016

OBJECTION 7:

To:

David Parr
Chief Executive
Municipal Building
Kingsway
Widnes WA8 7QF

RE: THE HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL (SCHOOL WAY, WIDNES) (PARTIAL REVOCATION OF WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2014

I OBJECT to the above on the following grounds:-

I object to any parking whatsoever in School Way. My reasons are the parking in School Way is causing a chicane which is obstructing safe access for vehicles entering and exiting School Way and are blocking sightlines. School Way is far too narrow for vehicles to park and I wish the yellow lines to be put back down as per the initial public order . I also feel that the yellow lines on the corners of Whalley Grove/Nursery Close should be extended as parking in these roads, including School Way, are impeding access for traffic, especially emergency vehicles.

NAME:

ADDRESS: 9 Whalley Grove
Widnes
WA8 3HH

SIGNATURE: **Author's Name Withheld**

DATE: 12.12.14.

OBJECTION 8:

F.A.O David Parr, Chief Executive

Committee Services

Rec. 17/12 - 17.58

From: _____
Date: 16/12/2014 16:51:10
To: _____
Subject: double yellow lines

Dear sir,

I would like to bring to your attention the double yellow lines in School Way, as it stands there are gaps in the yellow lines on both sides of the road , This is causing a bottle neck when cars park there, and causing traffic to meet head on.
As i live in Nursery Close and have to use School Way, to get back and to, to my property
i think there is an accident waiting to happen.
Thank you

10 Nursery Close ,
Widnes,
Cheshire,
WA83HB,

Author's Name Withheld

OBJECTION 9:

(commited Services

To:
David Parr
Chief Executive
Municipal Building
Kingsway
Widnes, WA8 7QF

Re: The Halton Borough Council (School Way, Widnes) (Partial Revocation of Waiting and loading Restrictions) Order 2014

I object to the above on the following grounds:

There seems to have been an immense amount of messing around with road markings in the almost ten years I've lived here. None of the restrictions are ever enforced and as a consequence the waiting parents pay no attention what so ever. The turn from Moorfield Road into School Way is, if not concealed, then it is "difficult", made even worse by the slalom course created by parked cars on the already too narrow road.

Apparently Moorfield Social Club allows its parking area to be used. This isn't close enough for little Johnny. The real problem continues around the corner into Nursery Close and Whalley Grove. Narrow roads continually blocked by parked cars. Some parents are there for up to two hours at lunchtime. A fire engine struggled to get through to a fire towards the end of Nursery Close. An elderly neighbour who's wife was long-term ill struggled with access for ambulances. My own 80 year-old mother, after my father's car was denied access to my drive by a car parked right across, got out and politely asked him to move and was given "a mouthfull". In the same situation I've got out and knocked on the window as the driver continued to ignore me and was told "I'll only be a couple of minutes".

You should take some measure to address the real problem. Parents assume that they have the right to park where they want for however long they want. The residents continue to have to put up with any behaviour the parents see fit to dole out. I ask one simple question: the catchment area for a primary school is how big? Surely walking distance is the catchment area. Why does this havoc have to be created three times a day? Fortunately I'm working, it's the retired who put up with this every day.

No amount of changing the stripes on the road, zig-zag, single, double, white or yellow is going to make any difference. The parents need to be informed that they can't use any of the three roads due to the havoc they've collectively created for years.

Using a scan of your own map I'd like to demonstrate my favourite anecdote of parking mothers. Parked in the middle of the crossroad, got out fiddled with the bags and coats of the two children, walked with them to the school gates, walked back and drove away. Oblivious to the other cars around her, parked or otherwise. If that doesn't demonstrate parents self-obsession then I don't know what will.

If I might make a suggestion, this sort of sign might be required at the entrance to School Way.

It would of course need to be enforced!

Author's Name Withheld

Name:.....

Address: 1 NURSERY CLOSE, WIDNES

Signature:.....

Date: 29th November 2014

OBJECTION 10:

Committee Services

To:

David Parr
Chief Executive
Municipal Building
Kingsway
Widnes WA8 7QF

RE: THE HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL (SCHOOL WAY, WIDNES) (PARTIAL REVOCATION OF WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2014

I OBJECT/AGREE to the above on the following grounds:-

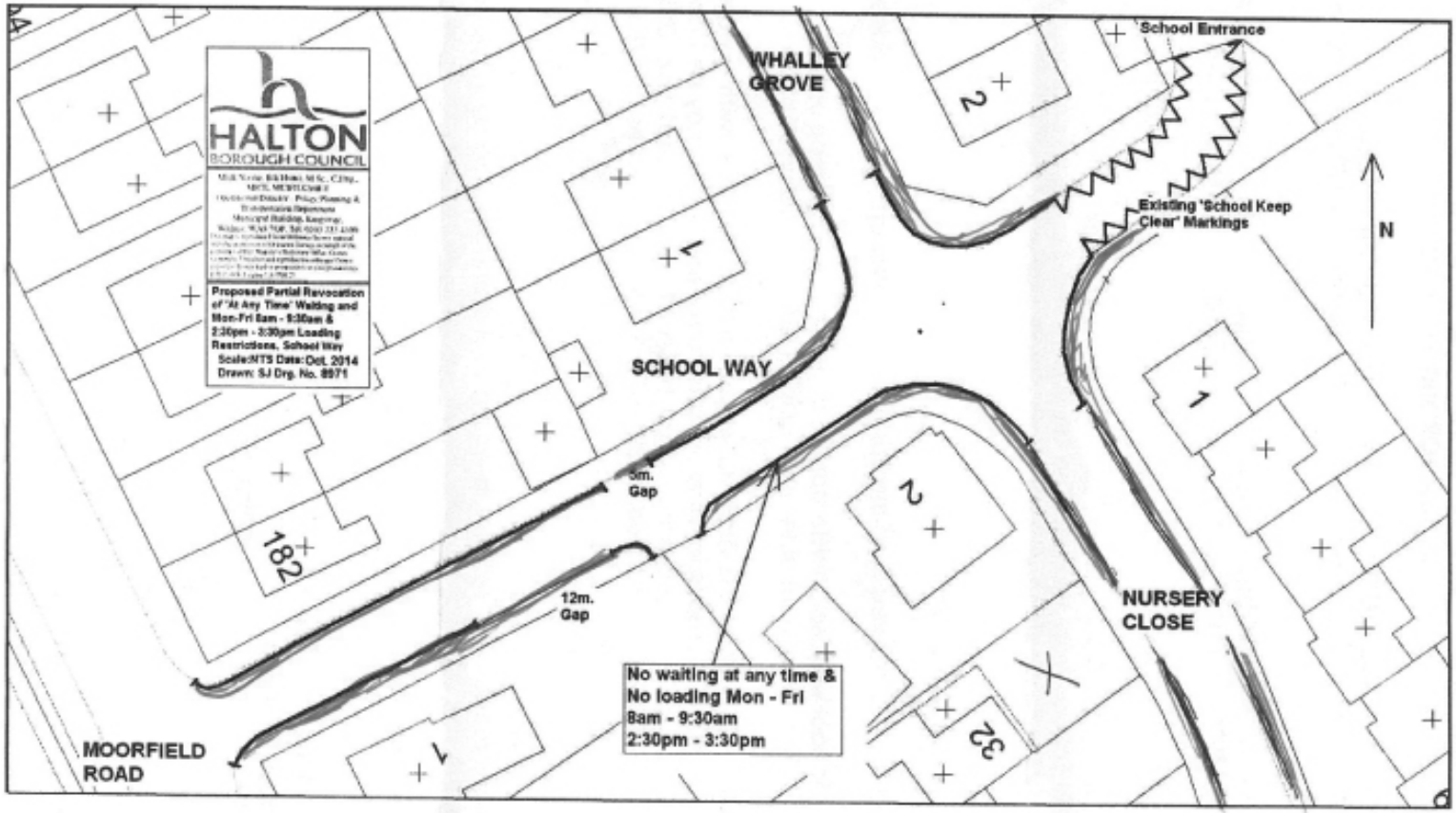
I THINK THE REVOCATION OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE ABOVE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER IS NOT WHAT I AM HOPING FOR OR WANT. I HAVE OUTLINED ON THE DIAGRAM WHERE I WANT DOUBLE YELLOW LINES INSTALLED. I LIVE AT 32 NURSERY CLOSE AND EACH DAY FROM HOURS: 9AM, LUNCH TIME, AFTERNOON SCHOOL WAY WHALLEY CLOSE, NURSERY CLOSE, HAVE TO PUT UP WITH AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC PARKED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROADS I AM UNABLE TO GET OUT OF MY DRIVEWAY AT THE TIMES MENTIONED ABOVE. I THINK FOR ALL CONCERNED WITHIN THE PARKING AREAS DOUBLE YELLOW LINES SHOULD BE REINSTATED SO THAT SCHOOLWAY WHALLEY CLOSE, NURSERY CLOSE CAN HAVE ACCESS TO AND FROM THEIR OWN DRIVEWAYS. IF THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY AT ANY TIME FIRE, AMBULANCE ETC THE SITUATION WOULD TURN OUT TO BE A DISASTER. (NO PARKING PERIOD)

NAME: Author's Name Withheld

ADDRESS: 32, NURSERY CLOSE
WIDNES
CHESHIRE

SIGNATURE: .....

DATE: 25. 11. 2014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Proposed Partial Revocation of 'At Any Time' Waiting and Mon-Fri 8am - 9:30am & 2:30pm - 3:30pm Loading Restrictions, School Way
Scale:NTS Date: Oct. 2014
Drawn: SJ Drg. No. 8971
WHALLEY GROVE
School Entrance
Existing 'School Keep Clear' Markings
N
SCHOOL WAY
5m. Gap
12m. Gap
NURSERY CLOSE
No waiting at any time &
No loading Mon - Fri
8am - 9:30am
2:30pm - 3:30pm
MOORFIELD ROAD
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Details of Proposed Order:

[a] Partial revocation of parts of both the Halton Borough Council (Various Roads, Widnes)(Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2011 and the Halton Borough Council (Various Roads, Widnes)(No Loading) Order 2011 in School Way, Widnes.

[b] Details: Revocation of the following section of the above traffic regulation Orders: School Way, south side starting from 24m. for a distance of 12m., measured from the east kerb line of Moorfield Road, Widnes.

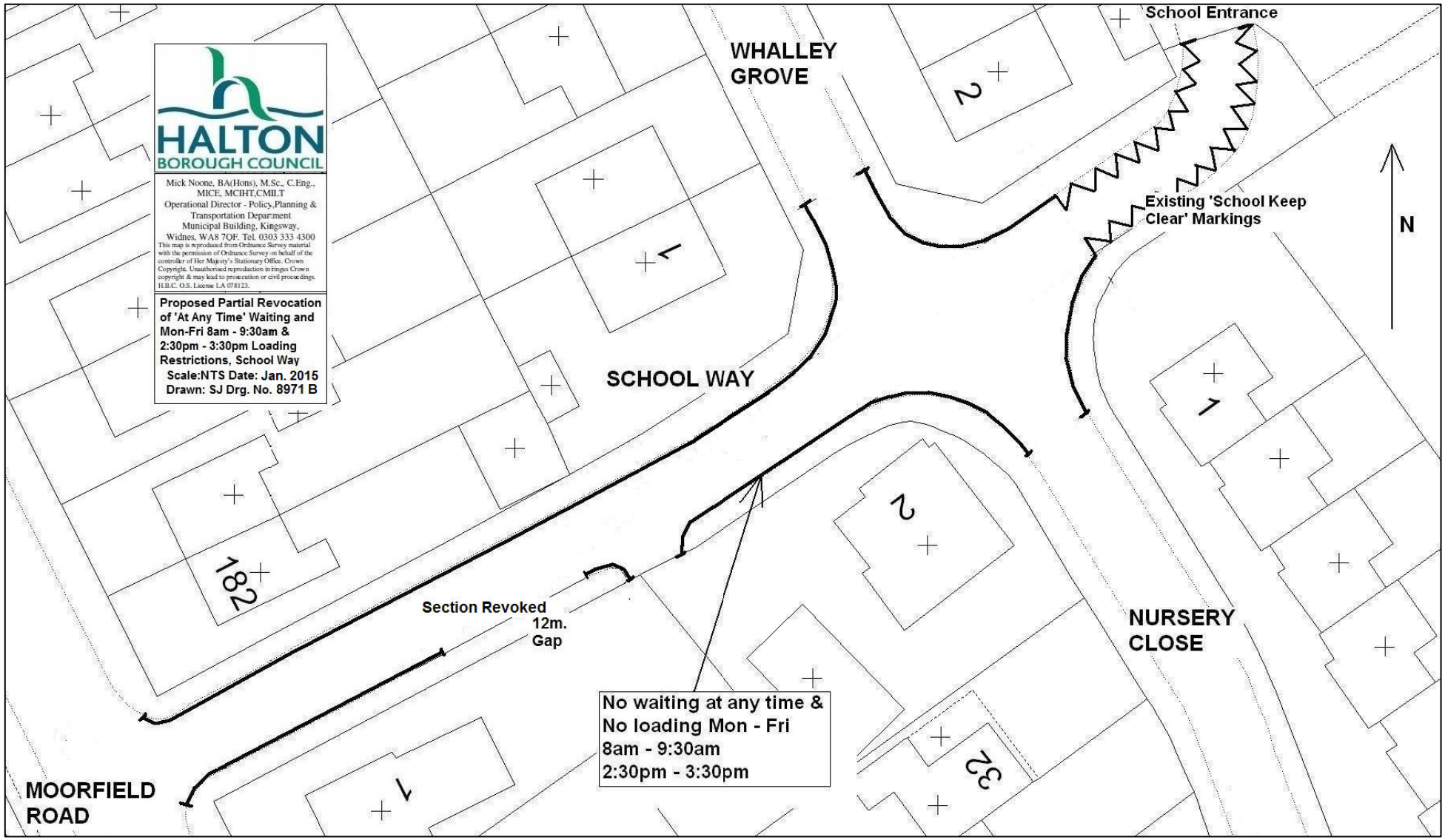
[c] Plans: Drg. No. 8971B for deposit only (below)

[d] Exemptions: Standard

[e] Date to be advertised: ASAP

[f] Date to be effected: ASAP

[g] Advertising code: 2050 1625 W041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