

THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF CALDERDALE
(WAINSTALLS SCHOOL) (WAINSTALLS ROAD) EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC
REGULATION ORDER 2023
STATEMENT OF REASONS

Background

The Borough Council of Calderdale proposes to make The Borough Council of Calderdale (Wainstalls School) (Wainstalls Road) Experimental Traffic Regulation Order 2023 to promote a project which aims to tackle some of the issues caused by school traffic at peak times (the start/end of the school day), but also aims to create a better environment around schools.

High traffic levels outside of schools creates congestion, presents a problem in terms of road safety, compromises air quality, as well as obstructing access for residents and the emergency services.

Reducing the time vehicular traffic remains in the vicinity of school entrances at busy times will help to make children's access to school safer.

The primary aim of the scheme is to make an improvement to road safety from the perspective of pedestrians.

Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO)

The proposed experimental measures include turning the majority of Tree Lane into a full time "one-way" road (east to west travel) to remove some traffic from the road and prevent most drivers from using the difficult right turn into Cold Edge Road (where there is very limited visibility). The "one way" restrictions will start beyond the properties at each end of Tree Lane to ensure that they remain fully accessible to the residents. In addition, we are proposing additional timed parking restrictions along Wainstalls Road to reduce parking during busy school times (operating at 8.15am to 9.15am and 2.30pm to 4.00 (Mon – Fri)).

Subject to confirmation of funding, it is proposed to have a second phase to add a speed table outside of the school entrance to provide a speed reducing feature and provide a focal point for crossing to the school.

The proposed scheme is to be introduced under an ETRO. Relevant signing will be placed in the highway to ensure that the scheme is achieved as intended.

The Council considers an experimental order to be appropriate because the implications for the surrounding road network are uncertain at this stage. As such, the impact of the experiment will be regularly reviewed, monitored, and assessed whilst the order is in operation; the ETRO will allow the Council to react more quickly if circumstances require the measures to be modified or removed.

The ETRO will last for a maximum of 18 months. During the first six months of the experiment, there will be an opportunity for people to contribute their views and anyone who is opposed to the restrictions continuing on a permanent basis to submit an objection.

Such representations will be considered carefully – they may lead to the revisions to the scheme to achieve improved results – and will help to determine whether permanent orders should be made, either modified or in like terms to the ETRO.

Following the closure of the consultation period and before the end of the ETRO period a decision will then be made on whether to introduce the scheme on the road permanently

Reasons

The Council considers it expedient to make the Order: -

- i. For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads or any other roads or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising,
- ii. For facilitating the passage on the roads of any class of traffic (including pedestrians); and
- iii. For management of the quality of air pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (c) of sub section (1) of Section 87 of the Environmental Act 1995 (air quality).