PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

DATE 12th February 2024

REPORT OF Councillor Stewart Swinburn, Portfolio Holder

Environment & Transport.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER Carolina Borgstrom – Director for

Environment, Economy and Infrastructure

SUBJECT Traffic Regulation Order 23-15: Schools

Safety Project – Various Streets

STATUS Open

FORWARD PLAN REF NO. PHET 02/24/03

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

The recommendations of this report will contribute to the Council's 'Health and Wellbeing' objective by creating and maintaining a safer, environment for all road users in the vicinity of the school sites identified during the peak morning drop off and afternoon pick up times.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In order to ensure the safety of children, parents and other road users, it is proposed to remake selected Traffic Regulation Orders to support the potential introduction of fixed cameras to enforce the 'School Keep Clear' restrictions.

It is also proposed to introduce new or extended stopping restrictions at certain school sites in the Borough in order to address reported road safety concerns.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- a) Subject to a formal consultation and no material objections being received, approval is granted for the making of a 'No Stopping 8.00 9.00am and 3.00 4.00pm Monday to Friday on entrance markings during school term time only' Traffic Regulation Order as shown indicatively on drawings to Appendix 1.
- b) Subject to a formal consultation and no material objections being received, approval is granted for the making of a 'No Stopping 8.00 9.30am and 3.00 4.00pm Monday to Friday on entrance markings during school term time only' Traffic Regulation Order as shown indicatively on drawing TR-23-15-008 to Appendix 2.
- c) Subject to a formal consultation and no material objections being received, approval is granted for the making of a 'No Waiting 8am 7pm' Traffic Regulation Order as shown indicatively on the drawing TR-23-15-011-A to Appendix 3.
- d) Subject to a formal consultation and no material objections being received, approval is granted for the making of a 'No Waiting 8.00 9.30am and 3.00 -

- 4.00pm Monday to Friday' Traffic Regulation Order as shown indicatively on the drawing TR-23-15-010-A to Appendix 4.
- e) In the event there are unresolved material objections to the Order, these are referred back to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport for determination and a decision as to whether or not the Order be confirmed and executed.

REASONS FOR DECISION

To improve visibility and reduce the potential for vehicle and pedestrian conflict around local schools, creating a safer environment for all road users.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 Congestion and inappropriate parking around schools are issues that face Traffic Authorities across the country.
- 1.2 Macaulay Academy, Reynolds Academy, New Waltham Academy, Wybers Academy, Willows Academy and Great Coates Academy, have all been identified as potential sites selected to take part in a pilot scheme to install cameras to enforce the School Keep Clear restrictions.
- 1.3 The pilot scheme was introduced in 2022, however following a review of the Consolidation Order, a potential anomaly was identified that could affect the effectiveness of enforcement of the restrictions.
- 1.4 Whilst this is only a potential anomaly at this time and is subject to ongoing further legal advice, in order to avoid any delays with the introduction of the cameras, it is proposed to make a stand-alone Traffic Regulation Order, which will revoke any previous Orders to ensure enforcement of the existing restrictions can be undertaken.
- 1.5 In addition, Thrunscoe Primary & Nursery Academy and St Mary's Catholic Primary School have had their sites reviewed and require new School Keep Clear restrictions as a result of reported road safety concerns at school pick up and drop off times.
- 1.6 Springfield Academy has requested a change to the timings of their School Keep Clear restrictions to better cover when parents and carers begin to arrive on site in order to control parking at school pick up and drop off times.
- 1.7 Laceby Acres Primary School and St Peters C of E Primary Academy require new or amended limited waiting (single yellow line) restrictions covering school start and end times in order to keep areas immediately in front of the school sites clear of parked vehicles.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2.1 Should this proposal be adopted, the opportunities are:
 - To maintain a safer environment for all road users in the immediate vicinity

- of the school gates at peak school arrival and leaving times.
- To enable robust enforcement of the School Keep Clear markings at each school location.
- Parents may be encouraged to park further away and walk the remaining short distance to the school gate.
- To improve visibility within proximity to pedestrian and vehicular school access points.
- To rectify the potential historic anomalies with the existing restrictions at this location
- 2.2 Should these proposals be adopted, the risks are:
 - Parking may be displaced into surrounding residential streets during school arrival and leaving peak times. However, as most of these restrictions are already in place, this risk is anticipated to be minimal.
- 2.3 Should these proposals not be implemented, the risks are:
 - The road safety concerns, and parking issues being experienced around schools will remain unchanged at school times.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

3.1 Do nothing – This is not recommended as the road safety and parking concerns around the school sites at peak times will not be addressed.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 It is not anticipated that there will be any significant negative reputational implications resulting from the decision. The road markings are currently in place and enabling robust camera enforcement to be undertaken will significantly improve the current situation and minimise congestion and frustration for those residents living within the immediate vicinity of the school gates.
- 4.2 If approval is given to this proposal, the Order will be formally advertised in accordance with the statutory Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. Public notices will be published in the local press to advise of the Council's intention to make the Order. This provides a formal opportunity for anyone to object to the making of the order.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 The recommendation does not require any capital expenditure. Any standard lining, signing and public notices required are covered through the Council's Regeneration Partnership arrangement with Equans.

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The measures proposed are intended to improve road and pedestrian safety for children and young people on their journey to and from school. By having robust

School Keep Clear restrictions in place, this will enable effective enforcement to be undertaken, to prevent dangerous and inconsiderate parking within the immediate vicinity of the school gates at peak arrival and leaving times.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There is not perceived to be any significant climate change implications as a result of the scheme however, by undertaking camera enforcement of the restrictions on a daily basis, congestion in the immediate vicinity of all 3 sites will be minimised, as drivers will be required to park further away and as a result air quality should improve.

8. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

8.1 There has been no consultation with Scrutiny in relation to this matter.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 As indicated in section 5, there are no direct financial implications to the Council as a result of this report.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Under Section 1 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 traffic authorities are empowered to make Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for (inter alia) the reasons set out at the beginning of this report. Section 2 specifies what TROs may require and the recommended order is within those powers.
- 10.2 The procedure for making TROs is set out in Schedule 9 Part III of the 1984 Act and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and provides for advertisement and consideration of any objections before making a final decision on the proposed TRO.
- 10.3 Regulation 8 makes provision for objections and regulation 14 allows the Council to modify a TRO before it is made.
- 10.4 If it is decided to make the TRO, notwithstanding any objections made, it can only be challenged by Judicial Review in the Administrative Court.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct HR implications.

12. WARD IMPLICATIONS

12.1 The proposals relate to school sites within West Marsh, Sidney Sussex, Humberston & New Waltham, Freshney, Croft Baker, East Marsh, Scartho and Yarborough wards.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

<u>Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales)</u> <u>Regulations 1996</u>

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

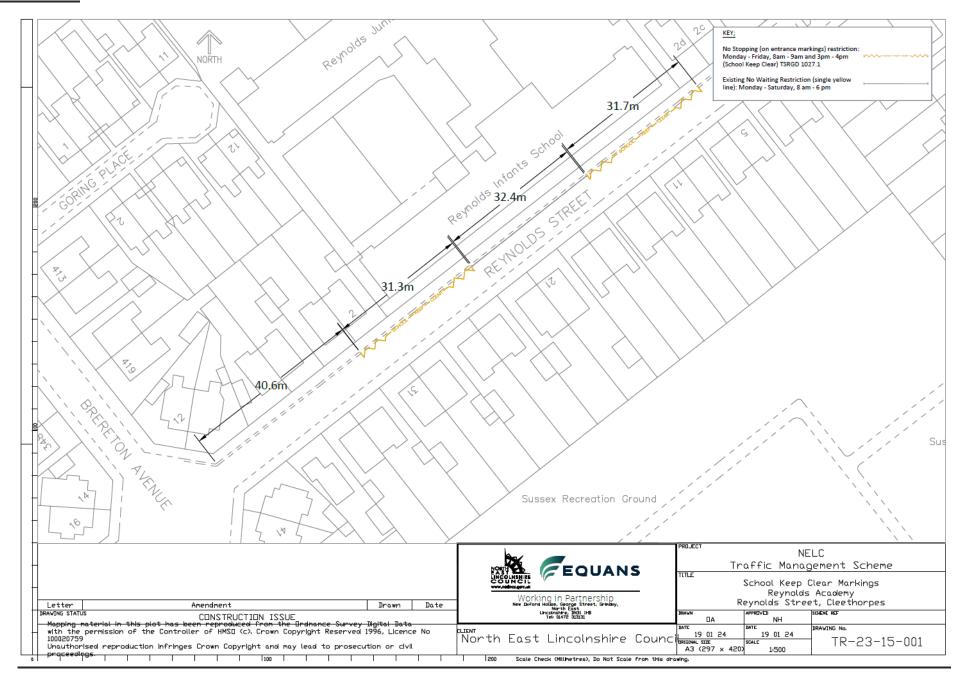
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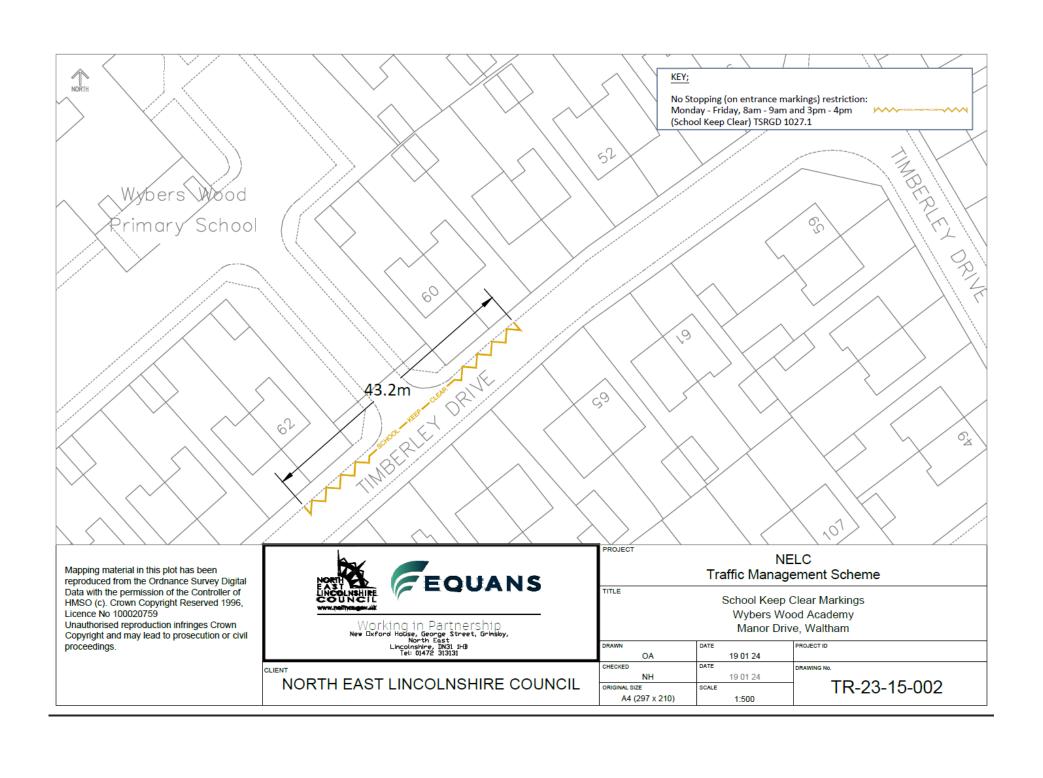
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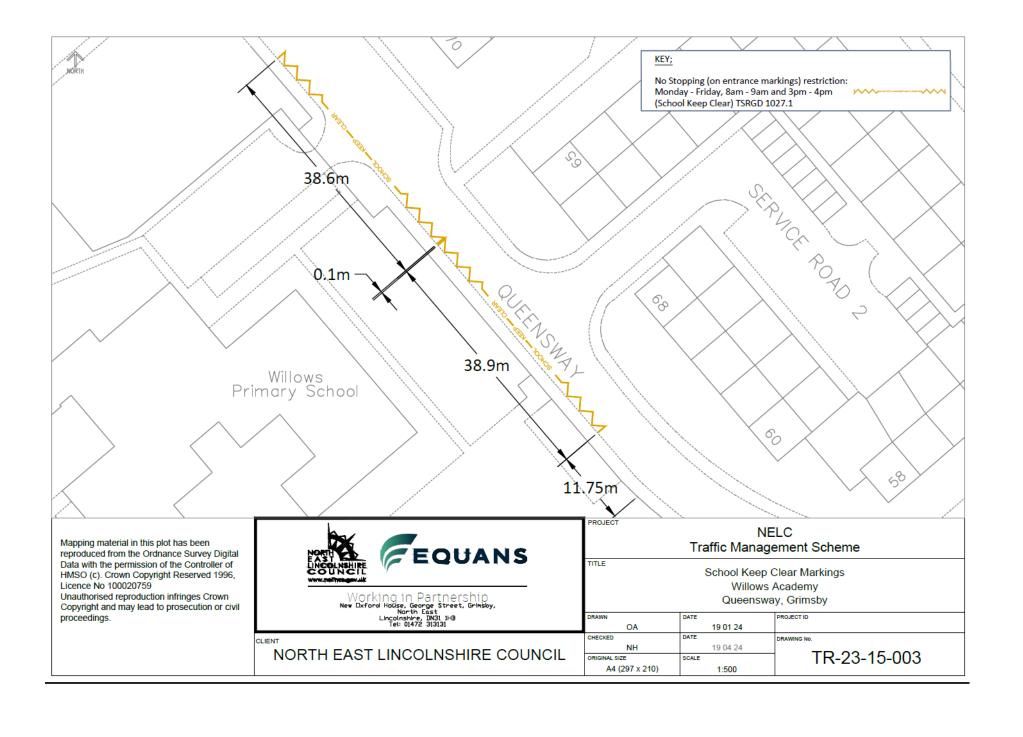
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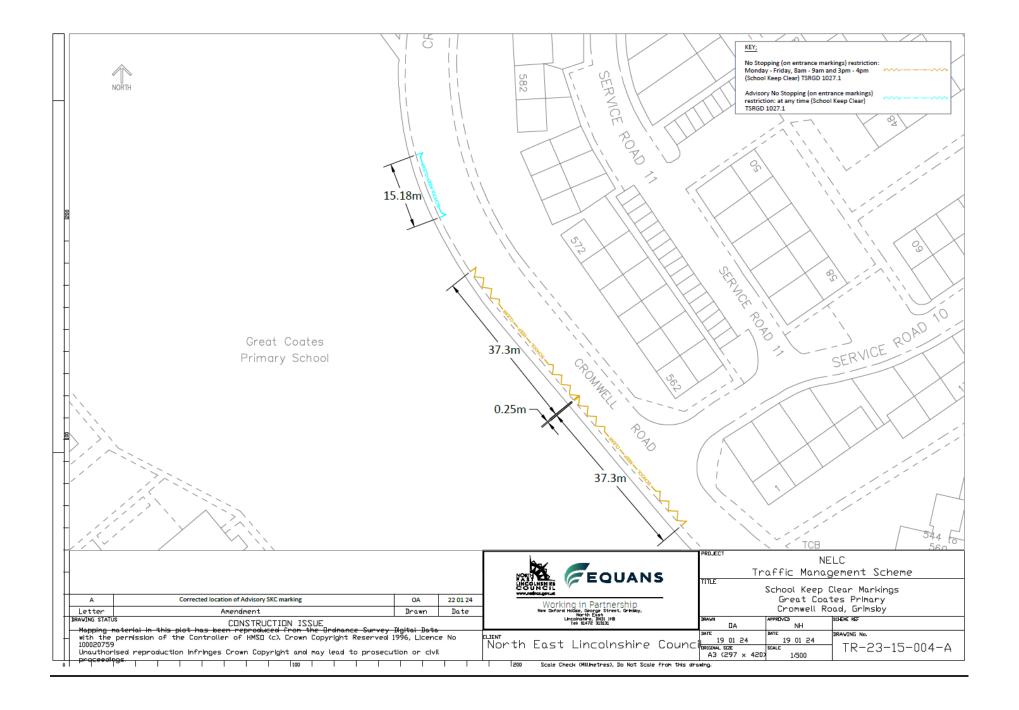
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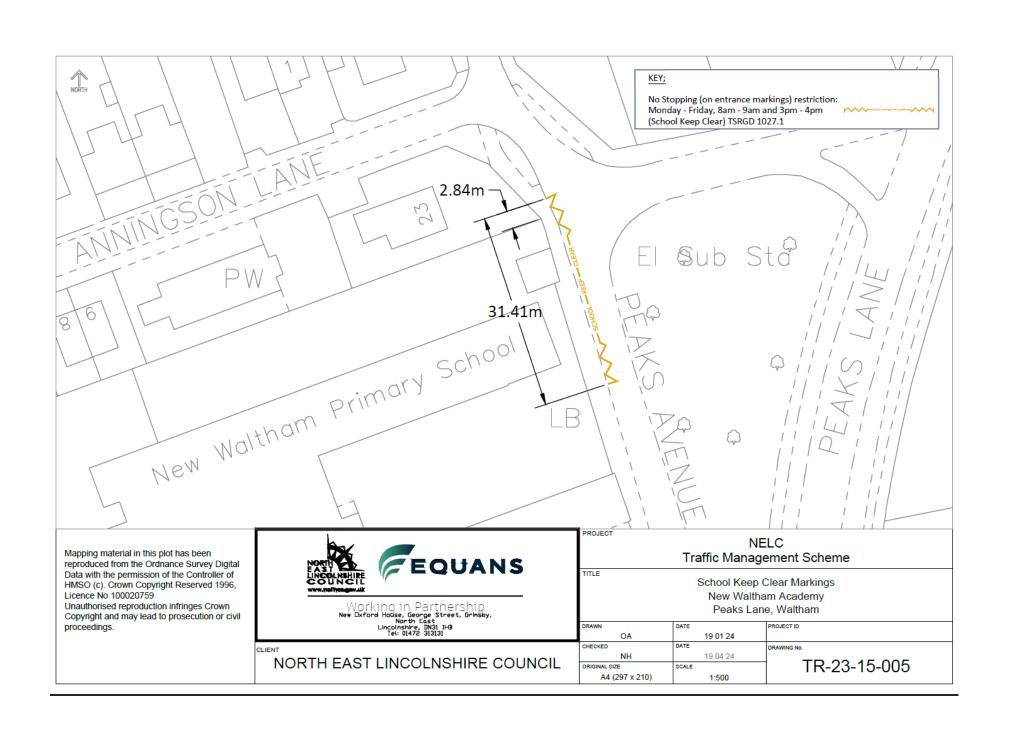
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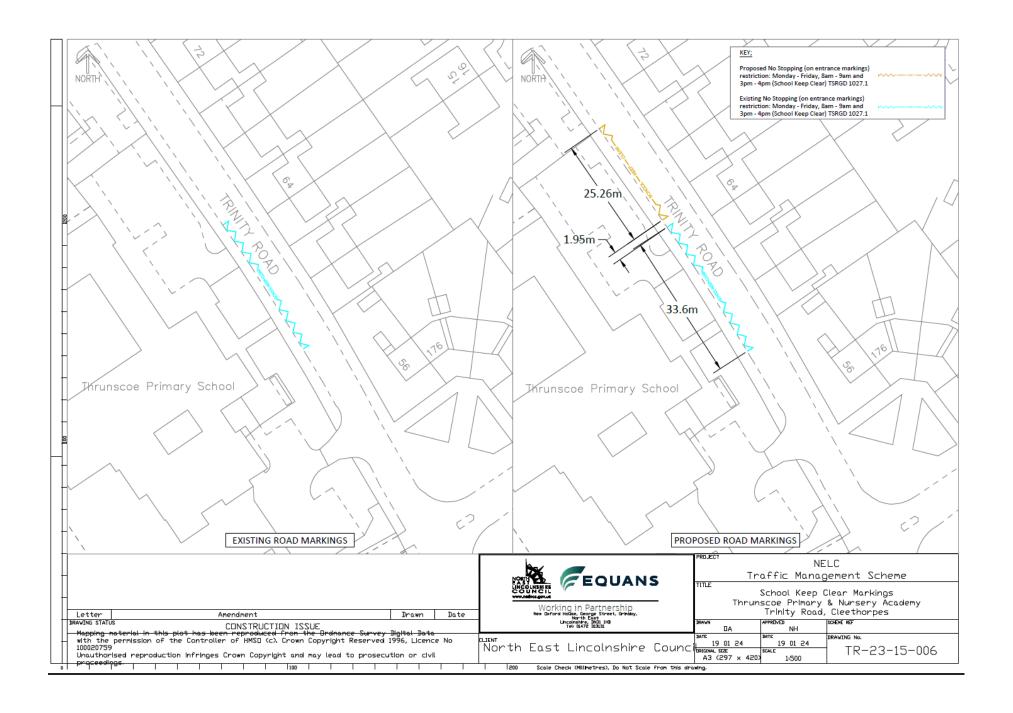


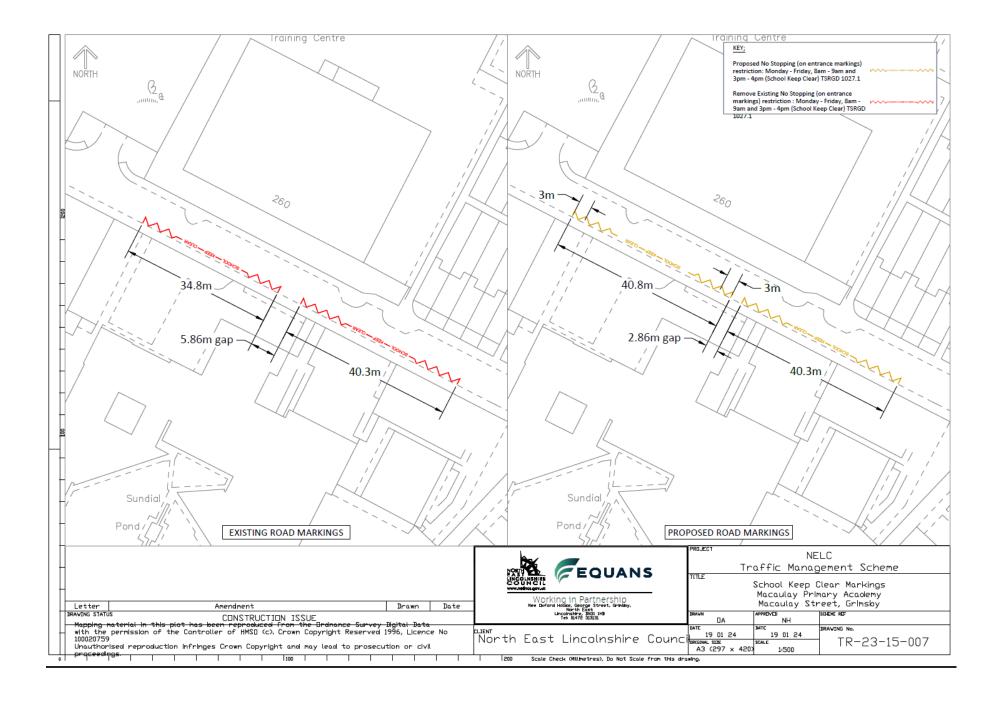


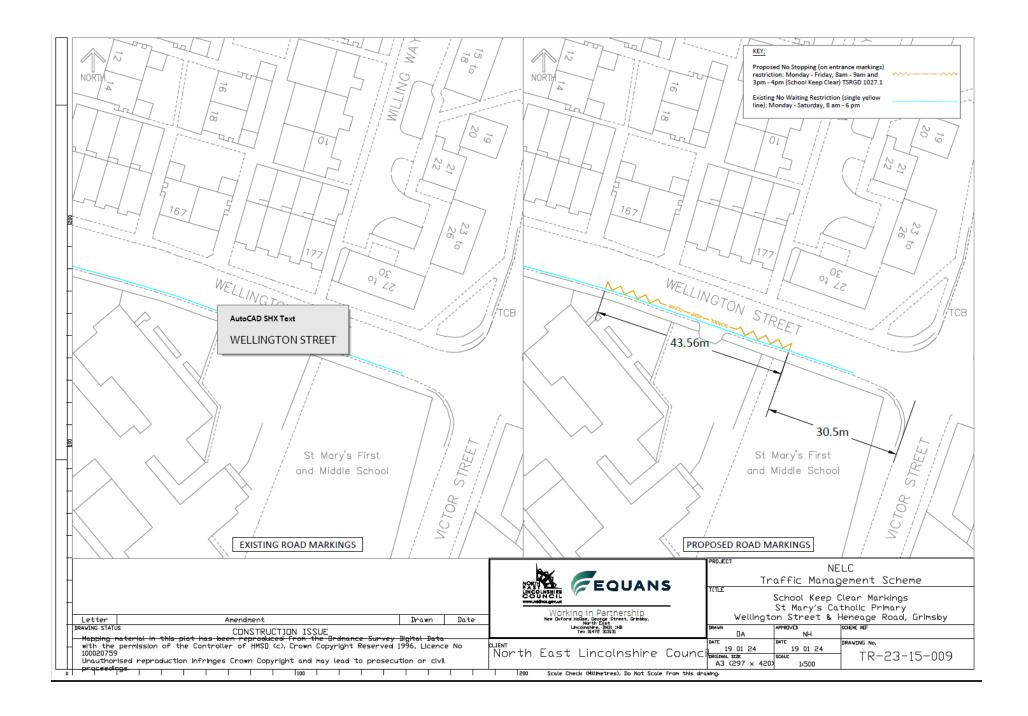




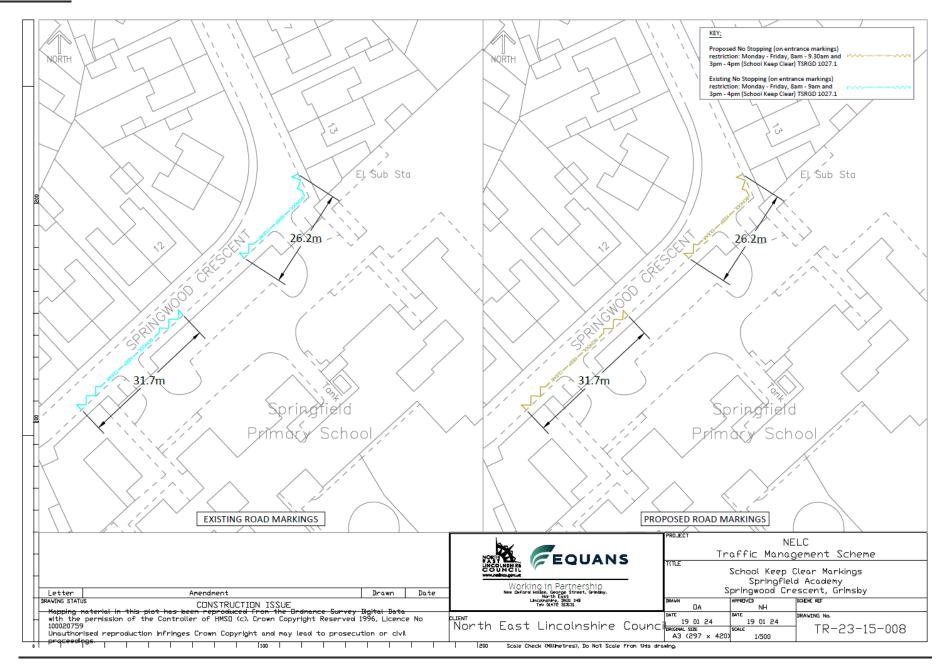




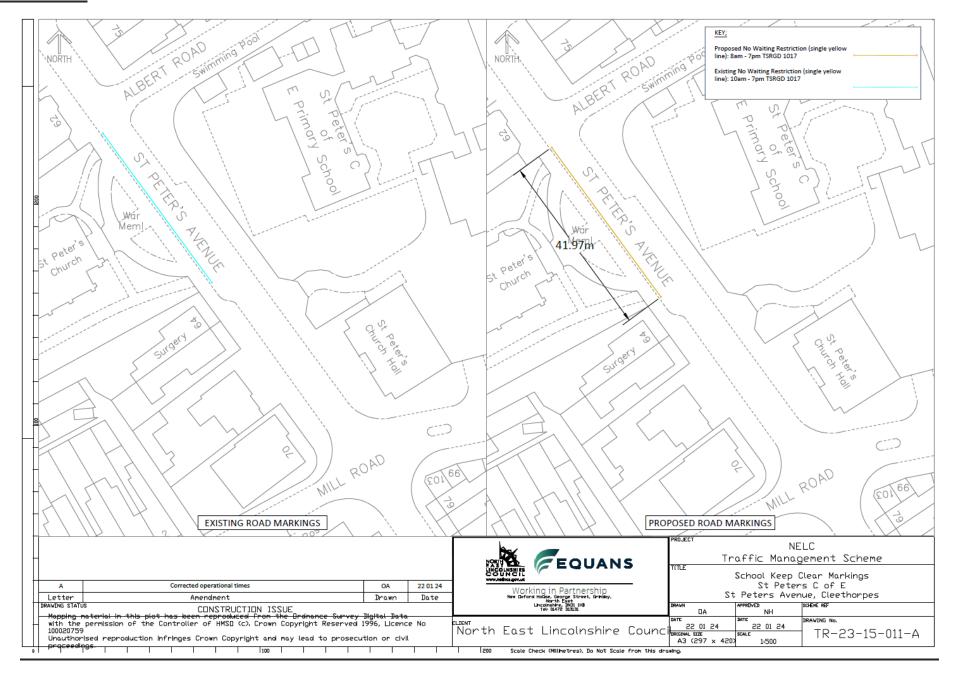




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