

**Report of Director of City Development**

**Report to Executive Board**

**Date: 7 September 2011**

**Subject: Response to Carr Manor Road Safety Group – Deputation to Full Council on 13 July 2011**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Moortown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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**Summary of main issues**

1. A deputation to full Council of 13 July 2011 was made by the Carr Manor Road, Road Safety Group. This raised concerns about significant road safety risks in the Carr Manor Road area. In response to the Council's proposal to build additional new primary provision on the former site of Carr Manor High School, a 500 word petition had also been submitted requesting that the Council addresses the pre-existing road safety issues and raising objections to the provision of the proposed primary school. The group are requesting that Executive Board reject the proposal for a new school in this location due to the additional traffic impact.
2. Children's Services have concluded a statutory process which will deliver additional primary provision on the former site of Carr Manor High School, as part of a 4-18 years through school from 2012. This proposal was approved by Executive Board at their meeting of 27 July 2011. In order to deliver the project, planning permission must separately be sought. If this cannot be addressed, the decision to change Carr Manor High School would need to be formally revoked.

3. Road safety analysis has been provided which relates to the areas of concern and makes a comparison between the road safety situation before and after the high school was re-built. This concludes that the re-location of Carr Manor High School has had a neutral impact on road safety in the Carr Manor Road area. The road safety team advise that the scheme for additional primary school provision should be developed by the applicant with careful consideration to highways issues so that it can be considered through the statutory planning process.

## **Recommendations**

To acknowledge and recognise the concerns of local residents.

To note that the approval of the proposal for additional primary provision does not presuppose the outcome of the planning application.

That as part of any planning application submission for new primary provision road safety issues of concern are addressed in the transport statement.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

1.1 To respond to the deputation to full Council of 13<sup>th</sup> July by Carr Manor Road, Road Safety Group

1.2 To analyse the road safety issues in the Carr Manor Road area.

## **2 Background information**

2.1 Carr Manor High School was re-built under a PFI project in 2005/2006 on a site to the east of the previous site off Carr Manor Road, Moortown. The new high school opened in September 2006.

2.2 As part of the high school planning application a package of off-site highway measures was implemented to support the re-location of the school. The measures involved:

- The signalisation of the Stainbeck Lane / Stainbeck Road crossroads junction, including pedestrian crossing phases.
- The widening of the Carr Manor Road footway fronting the school to 3.0m to allow for better pedestrian access to the high school, leaving a minimum carriageway width of 7.0m (apart from at 2 existing "give-way" road narrowings).
- Amendment to on-street parking controls by means of School Keep Clear zig-zag markings.
- Minor amendments to the existing traffic calming scheme on Carr Manor Road.

- Additional pedestrian crossing points provided by means of dropped kerbs and tactile paving.

2.3 The specific highway issues which have been raised within the deputation are as follows:

- The road is a busy major bus route
- The road has been narrowed as a traffic calming measure and as a consequence there is less available space for on-street parking for parents and visitors to the school.
- Buses have to squeeze past parked cars.
- There is a cycle route on the pavement
- High school pupils waiting at a bus stop have caused damage to properties (this is not a highway safety issue – needs to be reported to the police / school.)
- Carr Manor Primary School Governors are proposing a road and community safety project but the Council should be proactively ensuring that safety is ensured for all.
- The absence of parking facilities on Carr Manor Road leads to parents parking illegally, creating hazards in the road. This would be exacerbated by provision of another school.
- Additional traffic associated with another school will impact on the environment and the health of all local residents by increasing pollution.

2.4 In addition a concerned resident raises issues that:

- On street parking provision was reduced as part of the high school scheme
- Provision of a new school would bring far too much disruption to the road system

### **3 Main issues**

3.1 Local residents are clearly very concerned about the current situation on Carr Manor Road. They are also concerned this may be exacerbated by any further primary provision.

3.2 To assess the scale of the issues, a road safety review of the area has been carried out by the Council's Road Safety Team. This is summarised below:

3.3 There has not been any worsening in the road safety record within the vicinity of the school site since the high school was re-located. In relation to the roads surrounding the school sites a comparison between the 4 year period prior to the new high school being opened in September 2006 and the 4 years since, there has been a slight reduction in injury accidents from 24 to 19. This would be considered to be a neutral to slightly positive impact on road safety in the area.

3.4 The concerns raised by residents in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 are not verified by any increase in road traffic accidents in the area.

3.5 The new primary school provision is proposed to take vehicular access from Stainbeck Lane, not from Carr Manor Road. Pedestrian access will be taken from both Stainbeck Lane and Carr Manor Road to encourage children to walk to school. While an increasing population will inevitably lead to more traffic, the proposal has been approved based on evidence of local demand for the places. This will minimise as far as possible any additional vehicular traffic on Carr Manor Road in relation to the new primary places.

3.6 The proposal to locate new primary provision on the site of the former high school was approved by Executive Board on 27 July 2011. There is now a separate process required to obtain planning permission. The two processes are independent, and the outcome of either one does not presuppose the outcome of the other.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 Children's Services have conducted a statutory consultation process required to establish additional primary provision by changing the age range of Carr Manor High School, and use the former site of the high school for the 210 place primary provision. Officers in Children's Services have reviewed and commented on the report.

4.1.2 When a planning application is submitted for this school, further statutory consultation would take place as part of the planning application process.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

4.2.1 As work progresses due regard to equality will be considered.

### **4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 The Council has a duty to provide school places to meet the City's needs.

### **4.4 Resources and Value for Money**

4.4.1 There are no financial or staff resources arising directly from this report

### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.5.1 There are no legal implications raised by this report.

### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 No implications.

## **5 Conclusions**

5.1 The issues raised in the deputation by Carr Manor Road, Road Safety Group and local residents are contained in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 of this report and in full in the deputation speech in Background Paper 7.1. Whilst acknowledging and recognising the concerns of

local residents, these are issues which can be explored in detail during the course of a planning application.

5.2 A preliminary road safety review indicates that the off-site highway works which were completed as part of the re-location of Carr Manor High School have not had a detrimental road safety impact on the roads surrounding the school. It is the considered view of the road safety team that further primary provision has the potential to be accommodated on the former site of the Carr Manor High School, subject to detailed design of the school access and resolution of wider accessibility issues.

## **6 Recommendations**

6.1 To acknowledge and recognise the concerns of local residents.

6.2 To note that the approval of the proposal for additional primary provision does not presuppose the outcome of the planning application.

6.3 That as part of any planning application submission for new primary provision road safety issues of concern are addressed in the transport statement.

## **7 Background documents**

7.1 Deputation to Council by Carr Manor Road, Road Safety Group on 13 July 2011.