

## Statement of Reasons

### **School Streets: Oasis Academy, Marksbury Road Primary School – Filwood ward – Proposed prohibition of driving / Proposed prohibition and restriction of waiting**

Bristol City Council (BCC) is delivering a 'School Streets' project which aims to tackle the issues caused by school traffic at peak times (the start/end of the school day). This traffic causes congestion which compromises air quality outside schools and presents a problem in terms of road safety, as well as obstructing access for residents and the emergency services.

Removing non-essential vehicular traffic from roads in the vicinity of school entrances will help to make children's journeys to school safer and aims to make active travel (walking, cycling, scooting and wheeling) to and from school more appealing. With a number of School Streets currently operating across the city, BCC is now looking to extend this to more schools in 2026. Schools have been selected based on a range of criteria, including the school's proactive engagement with existing schemes aimed at improving their pupils travel arrangements.

#### **Prohibition of Driving**

It is proposed that vehicular traffic on Oakhill Drive should be regulated by means of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

The prohibition of driving between the junction of Marksbury Road and the school car park entrance on Oakhill Drive would be in effect at all times.

The prohibition of driving between the school car park entrance on Oakhill Drive and the junction with Timsbury Road would be in effect between **08:20 – 08:45** in the morning and again between **15:10 – 15:40** in the afternoon, from Monday to Friday during term-time only.

There will be exceptions to the prohibition of driving during the times restrictions for access for permit holders and Blue Badge holders. The Council will determine the number and nature of permits to be issued, which may change from time to time. There will also be exemptions for various bodies such as emergency services, statutory undertakers, highway maintenance vehicles and wedding and funeral vehicles.

During the scheme's prohibition of driving times, motorists already parked within the zone will be permitted to exit the roads but only emergency service vehicles, Blue Badge holders and permit holders will be allowed to freely enter the road.

#### **Waiting Restrictions**

This proposal is to introduce waiting restrictions, and a mandatory School Keep Clear around Oakfield Drive area.

The effect of the proposals would be to carry forward existing measures within the current TROs and propose the following modifications:

- Install a new length of “SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR” road marking and associated No Stopping restriction in the vicinity of Oasis Academy Marksbury Road School. This is necessary to enhance the safety of children by preventing motorists from stopping or parking near the school entrances.
- Install double yellow lines at either end of Oakfield Drive to deter motorists parking in locations where vehicles could give rise to road safety concerns, or interfere with pedestrians and cycles.

It appears to the Council that it is expedient to make the order –

- for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising:
- for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians);
- For assessment and 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).