

Cabinet Member for City Services

1st July 2026

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Interim Director of Economic Growth

Ward(s) affected:

Whoberley

Title:

Petition E30/25-26 – Abercorn Road - Urgent Action on Parking and Speeding Issues

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

This report relates to a petition containing 145 signatures titled “*Abercorn Road urgent action on speeding and parking issues*”, requesting action on concerns regarding vehicle speeds and parking behaviour, particularly in the vicinity of All Souls Primary School.

The issues highlighted were investigated and a determination letter was issued on 23 April 2026 setting out the Council’s initial response.

Following the issue of the determination letter, the petition organisers indicated that they did not accept the outcome and requested that the matter be considered by the Cabinet Member for City Services.

Speed surveys undertaken as part of the investigation and showed that the overall 85thtile speed in both directions is 24mph which is in the expected region for roads of this function. Higher speeds of up to 32.6mph were recorded around midnight; however, this is based on a very low flow of traffic within that hour period.

There have been no recorded personal injury collisions on Abercorn Road in the last three years. However, the road will continue to be monitored as part of the citywide annual review of personal injury collisions.

Multiple site visits to observe speeds and parking behaviours confirmed that a proportionate, phased approach is appropriate, focusing on improving parking, visibility, and safety in the vicinity of the school.

As a first step, in response to the parking concerns raised, School Keep Clear (SKC) markings have been advertised in May 2026. Objection period ended 11th June, and no objections were received on the proposals.

To complement the SKC markings and signs, while 'School' warning signs are already present in the immediate vicinity of the school, additional advance road markings (TSRGD 545) will be considered at appropriate upstream locations to provide earlier awareness to drivers approaching the site. This will allow drivers to adjust speed and behaviour in advance of reaching the school environment, supporting improved safety during peak periods. The precise location of road markings will be determined through site assessment to ensure optimal visibility and effectiveness.

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for City Services is recommended to:

- 1) Note the petitioners' concerns.
- 2) Approve the phased approach to addressing parking and safety concerns as set out in this report.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix 1 – Plan showing School Keep Clear Marking and Signs
Appendix B - Determination Letter

Background Papers:

None

Other useful documents:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title:

Petition - Abercorn Road, Urgent Action on Parking and Speeding Issues

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 A petition with 145 signatures was received requesting action on concerns regarding vehicle speeds and parking behaviour, particularly in the vicinity of All Souls Primary School.
- 1.2 The petition sets out concerns regarding several issues on Abercorn Road, particularly in the vicinity of All Souls Primary School. These include concerns of vehicles exceeding the speed limit, unsafe and inconsiderate parking (including parking on pavements, near junctions, and across driveways), and reduced visibility for pedestrians.

The petition also highlights concerns about the safety of children travelling to and from the school, particularly during drop-off and pick-up periods, and the potential risk of collisions or near misses.

Petitioners have requested a range of actions, including the investigation of vehicle speeds, introduction of traffic calming measures, improved parking controls and enforcement, and engagement with residents and the school to develop longer-term safety solutions.

- 1.3 The petition was investigated and a determination letter was issued in April 2026. The petition organisers subsequently requested that the matter be escalated for formal consideration by the Cabinet Member for City Services.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 *Evidence Summary*

Speed surveys have been undertaken on Abercorn Road to assess vehicle behaviour.

The recorded 85th percentile speed in both directions is 24mph, which is below the 30mph speed limit. Analysis of hourly data shows that speeds remain within acceptable limits throughout the day, with exceedance recorded during late night periods when traffic volumes are very low. During school drop-off and pick-up periods, speeds are typically recorded between 21mph and 25mph. Taking this into account, the data does not indicate a current speeding issue on Abercorn Road.

Observations from site visits undertaken with Ward Members and officers support this conclusion and indicate that the primary concern relates to parking behaviour, particularly during school peak times.

2.2 *Options Considered – Phased approach to parking and safety improvements*

A phased approach has been developed and discussed during site visits, including the visit undertaken on 25 February 2026.

Phase 1 – School Keep Clear Improvements

Implementation of School Keep Clear markings and associated signage outside All Souls Primary School, in accordance with the proposed layout drawing (Appendix 1). These measures aim to improve visibility and reduce obstructive parking at the school entrance and improve behaviours.

To complement the SKC markings and signs, while ‘School’ warning signs are already present in the immediate vicinity of the school, additional advance road markings (TSRGD 545) will be considered at appropriate upstream locations to provide earlier awareness to drivers approaching the site. This will allow drivers to adjust speed and behaviour in advance of reaching the school environment, supporting improved safety during peak periods. The precise location of road markings will be determined through site assessment to ensure optimal visibility and effectiveness.

Phase 2 – Junction Protection Measures

Consideration of junction protection markings to prevent parking close to junctions and improve visibility and safety.

Phase 3 – Review of Highway Geometry

Assessment of potential minor geometric improvements, such as splitter islands or carriageway adjustments, to support better traffic flow and reduce conflict points. This approach ensures that measures are proportionate, targeted, and deliverable.

In addition, the Council is currently reviewing its 20mph speed limit policy, with work expected to be completed by summer 2026. This review will consider a range of locations across the city, including areas in the vicinity of schools, community facilities, and locations with high pedestrian and cyclist activity.

On this basis, Abercorn Road and the area surrounding All Souls Primary School will be considered as part of this wider review to determine whether a 20mph speed limit would be appropriate and prioritised for implementation.

This approach ensures that measures are proportionate, evidence-led, and aligned with emerging policy and delivered as part of a coordinated citywide programme.

All Souls Primary School remains on the Council’s long list of sites for potential future consideration for a School Streets restriction. School Streets introduce camera-enforced restrictions that prevent school-related traffic from entering designated roads for a short period at the start and end of the school day.

Although the location has been assessed previously, early observations and learning from implemented schemes indicate that School Streets interventions are most effective in cul-de-sac environments and in areas where there is readily available alternative parking for vehicles displaced by the restriction. Given these factors, All Souls Primary School is unlikely to be prioritised in the short term for the introduction of a School Streets scheme.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

3.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

Subject to approval:

- Phase 1 measures will be programmed as part of the next available lining and signing programme. The SKC markings have already been advertised. Sign installation in Summer 2026.
- Phase 2 and Phase 3 measures will be subject to further assessment, design feasibility and funding availability
- Consideration of a 20mph speed limit will form part of the wider policy review expected to conclude by summer 2026.

5. Comments from the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law and Governance and Safer Communities

5.1 Financial implications

The cost of improvements to this location to the will be funded from the Local Network Improvement Programme from the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS). Phase 1 improvements have been budgeted within the allocation for FY 2026/27.

5.2 Legal implications

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allows the Council to make a Traffic Regulation Order, including an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, on various grounds e.g. improving safety, improving traffic flow and preserving or improving the amenities of an area provided it has given due consideration to the effect of such an order.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to the One Coventry Plan?

(<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategies-plans-policies/one-coventry-plan>)

N/A

6.2 How is risk being managed?

N/A

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4 Equalities / EIA?

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment?

None identified

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None identified

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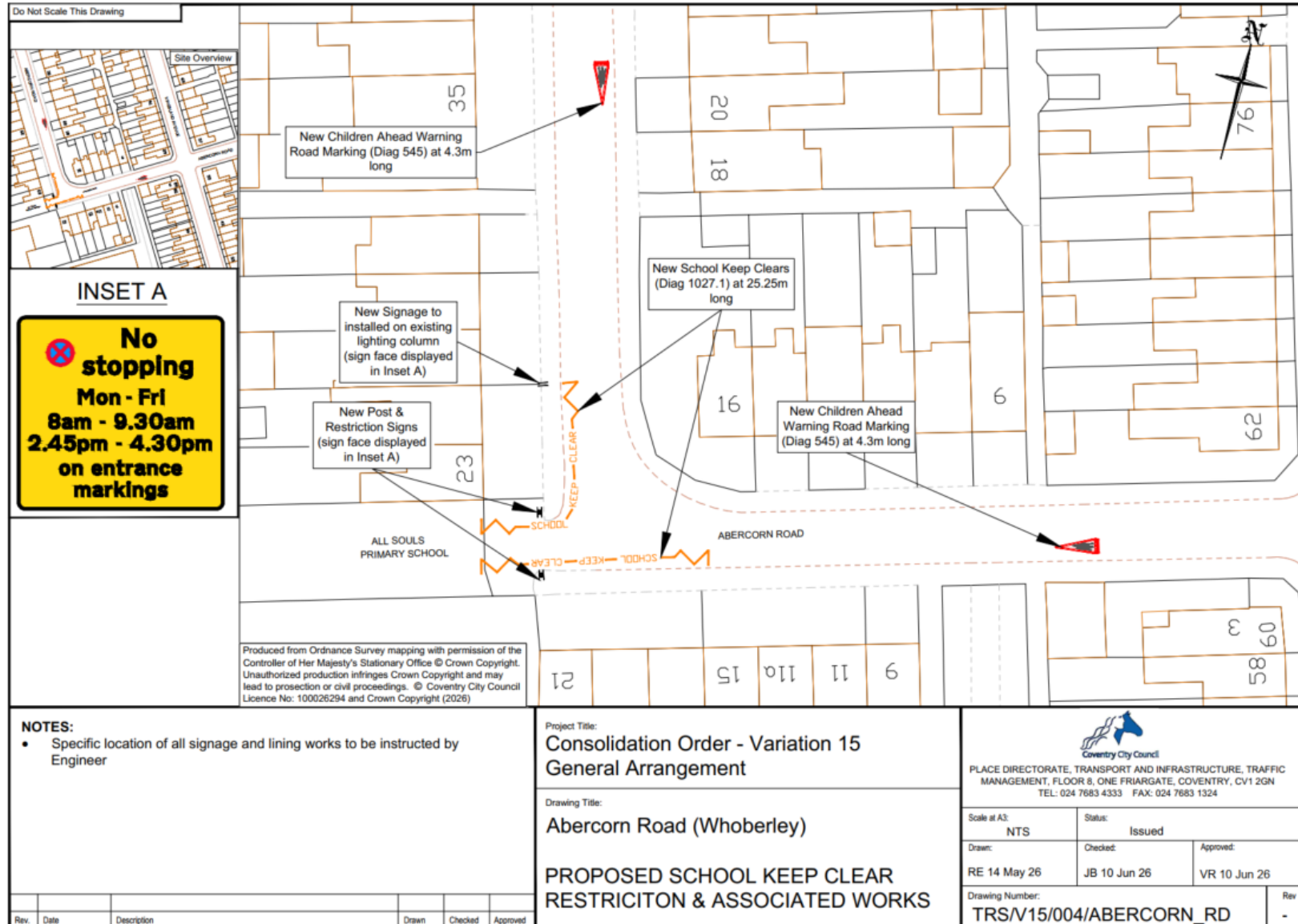
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Appendix A – Draft Plan of Proposed Road Safety Engineering Improvements



NOTES:

- Specific location of all signage and lining works to be instructed by Engineer

Project Title:
**Consolidation Order - Variation 15
 General Arrangement**

Drawing Title:
Abercorn Road (Whoberley)

**PROPOSED SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR
 RESTRICTON & ASSOCIATED WORKS**


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Appendix B – Text of Determination Letter

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for measures to address speeding and parking issues on Abercorn Road. The matter was discussed with Councillor Hetherington, Cabinet Member for City Services, who has requested that this be dealt with by way of letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a future meeting, so that it can be dealt with more quickly.

The issues highlighted have been investigated and speed surveys have been undertaken. These showed that average speeds were less than 20mph. There have been no recorded personal injury collisions on Abercorn Road in the last three years. However, Abercorn Road will continue to be monitored as part of the citywide annual review of personal injury collisions.

In response to the parking issues raised, School Keep Clear markings will be advertised as part of the next waiting restriction Order in May. The Police can take action against dangerous and inconsiderate parking. They can be contacted on the non-emergency number 101. To report vehicles blocking dropped kerbs, please call the Council's Parking Enforcement Team on 024 7683 4367.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm in writing, either by email or letter, that you agree that the petition be progressed by way of this letter. If you do not agree, a report responding to your petition will be prepared for consideration at a future Cabinet Member meeting. You will be invited to attend this meeting where you will have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners. If no response is received within four weeks of the date of this letter, we will record this as your acceptance of the determination letter and the petition will be closed.