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Agenda Item 9

Review of Parking Within Schools

Falkirk Council

Title: Review of Parking Within Schools
Meeting: Falkirk Council
Date: 5 December 2018
Submitted By: Director of Children's Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report summaries the findings of a desk top review undertaken by Children's Services of parking within schools.

2. Recommendations

2.1. Falkirk Council is asked to:-

(1)...note the findings from the review and the content of this report;

(2)...agree that Children's Services consider and address any shortfall in parking spaces as opportunities arise through school improvement or expansion projects, which would be undertaken as part of the School Estate Management Plans or the early years expansion programme.

3. Background

- 3.1 At Falkirk Council on 7 March 2018, it was agreed that "a review is carried out of the entire school estate, taking cognisance of the expansion of early years provision and the Corporate Plan, regarding parking issues at each school, with a report to be submitted to a future meeting of the Council. This report should include an assessment of which schools require works as a matter of highest priority with proposals to address these issues".

This followed concerns being raised over a lack of parking spaces in some schools which resulted in cars being parked inconsiderately and causing obstruction.

Statutory Requirements

- 3.2 There is no reference to car parking requirements or standards contained in "The School Premises (General Regulations and Standards) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 1973".

National Guidance

- 3.3 For the purpose of this review and given the absence of any other baseline guidance the National Roads Development Guide (NRDG) has been used.

The NRDG indicates that, as a guide, parking spaces should be provided on the basis of 1 space per 15 pupils for both primary and secondary schools.

The NRDG guidance is also used by the Planning Team for the purpose of assessing requirements for school extensions and new build projects.

Parking Enforcement

- 3.4 Headteachers are responsible as Premises Managers for ensuring that vehicular access, movement and parking within school grounds are conducted in a safe manner.

Outside of school grounds it remains a matter for the Police to enforce illegal parking and deal with incidents of hazard or obstruction.

- 3.5 Schools regularly, in consultation with their Parent Councils, write to parents to remind them to be considerate and mindful of the law and local residents when collecting or dropping children at school. This matter does however regularly present a challenge for schools and can often lead to local resident complaints.

Remit of Review

- 3.6 In undertaking this review it was felt appropriate that a baseline comparison should be made to the NRDG recommendations for both school rolls and school capacity figures.

This review also covers the primary, secondary and special school sectors within the overall school estate.

- 3.7 At local school level the aim was to assess information in relation to:

- current no of parking spaces within school grounds;
- scope (if applicable) to increase the number of parking spaces within school grounds;
- availability of additional parking spaces nearby schools.

Timeframes

- 3.8 The review was undertaken between August – October 2018.

4. Considerations

Summary of Findings

- 4.1 Based on the NRDG baseline information for primary, secondary and special schools **91%** of our schools meet the recommended guidance based on school rolls and **79%** meet it when capacity figures are used. This positively reflects on the investment Falkirk has made in the school estate. The following tables summarise the actual findings:

(i) Based on School Rolls – Table 1

	No of Establishments	Schools Meeting the Guidance				Shortfall of Parking Spaces
		Yes		No		
Primary Schools	50	45	90%	5	11%	27
Secondary Schools	8	8	100%	0	0%	N/A
Special Sector Schools	4	4	100%	0	0%	N/A
	62	57	91%	5	9%	27

Appendix 1 provides the detailed information on this assessment

(ii) Based on School Capacities– Table 2

	No of Establishments	Schools Meeting the Guidance				Shortfall of Parking Spaces
		Yes		No		
Primary Schools	50	37	74%	13	26%	75
Secondary Schools	8	8	100%	0	0%	N/A
Special Sector Schools	4	4	100%	0	0%	N/A
	62	49	79%	13	21%	75

Appendix 2 – provides the detailed information on this assessment.

Limiting Factors Associated with Creating Additional Car Parking Spaces in School Grounds

- 4.2 As demographic pressures have increased significantly within Falkirk over the last decade, Children's Services planned capital investment has focussed on:
- Providing increased capacity;
 - Upgrading the fabric of buildings;
 - Undertaking major electrical/heating re-fits;
 - Undertaking statutory requirement work; and
 - Health and safety improvement work.

Investment and expansion of school parking has therefore been limited to new build or extension work where this is a planning requirement or where other opportunities have arisen i.e. installation of modular classrooms.

4.3 In some of our schools, extending school car parking spaces may not be possible due to a range of factors:

- older school buildings
- there is no space on site
- encroachment into playground space
- safety concerns for pupils over vehicular movements
- availability of finance

Options to Progress Shortfall in Parking Spaces

4.4 Option 1 Do nothing (not a statutory requirement)

Option 2 Progress improvements as opportunities arise for school estate investment via the current school estate management plan (SEMP)

This would allow Children's Services and Development Services staff to consider parking improvements at the same time as other work was being planned. This would be both pragmatic and would benefit from economies of scale.

5. Consultation

5.1. None undertaken in completing this review.

6. Implications

Financial/Resources

6.1 It is difficult to accurately estimate the finance needed to address the shortfalls in those schools where it is possible to do so. This is due to varying local circumstances relating to:-

- ground levels and conditions
- drainage provision
- locality of services
- kerbing and footpath location
- planning matters

Looking at previous costs, and using as a guide estimate of £2,250 per space then it would cost c.£169,000 to remedy this, if it were possible to do so in all schools.

Unless additional financial resources were provided for this, the costs associated with this would have to be met from Children's Services capital funded 'School Improvement Fund'.

Legal

- 6.2 None as car parking is non-statutory.

Risk

- 6.3 Any work required to be undertaken will ensure that full cognisance is given to the safety of school pupils and staff.

Equalities

- 6.5 N/A

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

- 6.6 If any work is undertaken within schools it will be carried out in a manner that minimises any impact on the school ground environment.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 It is reassuring that a very high proportion of our schools meet or exceed the thresholds set out in the NRDG. Whilst it is recognised that school parking is not a statutory requirement it is important that we take steps to address matters in a pragmatic manner in those schools that fall below the NRDG, as and when resources allow, or when opportunities arise as a result of other improvement work that is planned through our School Estate Management Plans.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Comparison to Guidelines – based on school roll

Appendix 2 – Comparison to Guidelines – based on school capacity

List of Background Papers:

- None

COMPARISON TO GUIDELINES (BASED ON SCHOOL ROLL)

Appendix 1 - CURRENT ROLL

					Scope to increase parking provision in school grounds		
Primary Schools	Current Roll including ELC	Spaces required based on NRDG	Spaces available in each school	Shortfall of parking spaces	Space available within school grounds	Access to nearby / alternative parking	Notes:
Airth Primary School	184	12	12				
Antonine Primary School	263	18	36				
Avonbridge Primary School	60	4	14				
Bainsford Primary School	217	14	10	4	No	15	Parking spaces in adjacent day centre
Bankier Primary School	225	15	20				
Bantaskin Primary School	332	22	33				
Beancross Primary School	451	30	28	2	Yes	-	-
Blackness Primary School	24	2	5				
Bo'ness Public Primary School	289	19	30				
Bonnybridge Primary School	409	27	31	4	Yes	15	Parking spaces outside main gate
Bothkennar Primary School	4	0	10				
Bowhouse Primary School	334	22	36				
California Primary School	106	7	17				
Carmuir Primary School	180	12	31				
Carron Primary School	419	28	43				
Carronshore Primary School	353	24	35				
Comely Park Primary School	440	29	40				
Deanburn Primary School	303	20	30				
Denny Primary School	367	24	41				
Drumbowie Primary School	21	1	7				
Dunipace Primary School	198	13	28				
Easter Carmuir Primary	221	15	40				
Grange Primary School	251	17	31				
Hallglen Primary School	411	27	33				
Head Of Muir Primary School	335	22	33				
Kinnaird Primary School	716	48	72				
Kinneil Primary School	332	22	27				
Ladeside Primary School	318	21	45				
Langlees Primary School	316	21	38				
Larbert Village Primary School	364	24	26				
Laurieston Primary School	236	16	33				
Limerigg Primary School	5	0	7				
Maddiston Primary School	577	38	77				
Moray Primary School	342	23	48				
Nethermains Primary School	246	16	30				
Sacred Heart RC Primary School	212	14	24				
Shieldhill Primary School	233	16	29				
Slamannan Primary School	181	12	24				
St Andrew's RC Primary School	404	27	46				
St Bernadettes RC Primary School	254	17	105				
St Francis Xavier's RC Primary School	457	30	35				
St Joseph's RC Primary School	173	12	40				
St Margaret's Primary School	449	30	36				
St Mary's RC Primary School	189	13	19				
St Patrick's RC Primary School	349	23	20	3	No	-	-
Stenhousemuir Primary School	419	28	42				
Victoria Primary School	365	24	40				
Wallacestone Primary School	524	35	65				
Westquarter Primary School	397	26	12	14	No	20	Public car park
Whitecross Primary School	82	5	16				
Special Schools							
Carrongrange School	171	11	94				
Windsor Park School	20	1	1				
Mariner Support	18	1	19				
Oxgang School and Support Service	12	1	12				
Secondary Schools							
Bo'ness Academy	699	47	100				
Braes High School	980	65	100				
Denny High School	1298	87	212				
Falkirk High School	1093	73	207				
Graeme High School	1073	72	120				
Grangemouth High School	747	50	149				
Larbert High School	1780	119	214				
St Mungo's RC High School	1177	78	169				
					Total Shortfall = 27 (5 schools)		

COMPARISON TO GUIDELINES (BASED ON SCHOOL CAPACITY)

Appendix 2 - CAPACITY

Primary Schools
Airth Primary School
Antonine Primary School
Avonbridge Primary School
Bainsford Primary School
Bankier Primary School
Bantaskin Primary School
Beancross Primary School
Blackness Primary School
Bo'ness Public Primary School
Bonnybridge Primary School
Bothkennar Primary School
Bowhouse Primary School
California Primary School
Carmuir Primary School
Carron Primary School
Carronshore Primary School
Comely Park Primary School
Deanburn Primary School
Denny Primary School
Drumbowie Primary School
Dunipace Primary School
Easter Carmuir Primary
Grange Primary School
Hallglen Primary School
Head Of Muir Primary School
Kinnaird Primary School
Kinneil Primary School
Ladeside Primary School
Langlees Primary School
Larbert Village Primary School
Laurieston Primary School
Limerigg Primary School
Maddiston Primary School
Moray Primary School
Nethermain Primary School
Sacred Heart RC Primary School
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St Margaret's Primary School
St Mary's RC Primary School
St Patrick's RC Primary School
Stenhousemuir Primary School
Victoria Primary School
Wallacestone Primary School
Westquarter Primary School
Whitecross Primary School

Current Capacity including ELC	Spaces required based on NRDG	Spaces available in each school	Shortfall of parking spaces
254	17	12	5
367	24	36	
123	8	14	
292	19	10	9
314	21	20	1
483	32	33	
494	33	28	5
50	3	5	
347	23	30	
583	39	31	8
50	3	10	
463	31	36	
130	9	17	
251	17	31	
464	31	43	
494	33	35	
474	32	40	
479	32	30	2
382	25	41	
50	3	7	
247	16	28	
289	19	40	
292	19	31	
474	32	33	
468	31	33	
721	48	72	
431	29	27	2
386	26	45	
357	24	38	
470	31	26	5
292	19	33	
50	3	7	
574	38	77	
526	35	48	
299	20	30	
412	27	24	3
372	25	29	
262	17	24	
492	33	46	
257	17	105	
519	35	35	
247	16	40	
583	39	36	3
357	24	19	5
469	31	20	11
492	33	42	
504	34	40	
731	49	65	
427	28	12	16
120	8	16	

Scope to increase parking provision in school grounds		
Space available within school grounds	Access to nearby / alternative parking	Notes:
No	-	-
No	-	-
No	-	-
Yes	-	-
Yes	15	Parking spaces outside main gate
Yes	-	Possible space opposite playgroup
Yes	-	Utilisation of front playground
No	-	Site very restricted
Yes	20	Nearby Community Hall
No	12	Parking spaces adjacent to sports field
Yes	-	Area adjacent to access road
No	-	-
No	20	Public car park

Special Schools

Carrongrange School
Windsor Park School
Mariner Support
Oxgang School and Support Service

190	13	94	
14	1	1	
30	2	19	
30	2	12	

Total Shortfall = 75 (13 Schools)

Secondary Schools

Bo'ness Academy
Braes High School
Denny High School
Falkirk High School
Graeme High School
Grangemouth High School
Larbert High School
St Mungo's RC High School

1116	74	100	
1174	78	100	
1634	109	212	
1498	100	207	
1418	95	120	
1195	80	149	
2174	145	214	
1433	96	169	