

AGENDA ITEM

Meeting: Thursday, 31 January 2019

**The Metropolitan Borough Council of Stockport (Moss Lane & Athol Road,
Bramhall) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) (Revocation) Order 2018 -
Objection Report**

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a number of objections to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order, for the Moss Lane / Athol Road area of Bramhall.

2. OBJECTIONS

- 2.1 Five objections were received

- 2.2 All of the objectors stated:-

- We are happy for the 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines) to be extend into Athol Road to resolve safety issues.
- We do not want the 'Limited Waiting' restrictions Monday to Saturday 9.30am – 11.30am / Monday to Friday 1pm – 3pm (Single Yellow Line), as this will inconvenience the residents, who will not be able to park outside of their own home, as well as friends, trades people and carers.
- We are concerned that the introduction of the 'Limited Waiting' restrictions will simply displace any residential plus non-residential car parking further up the road and we don't understand what the restrictions are trying to achieve.

- 2.3 One of the objectors did have more to say on the proposals as follows:-

- The proposals have put us in a distressing situation because they have the greatest impact on our property as we are the only household that does not have the privilege of off road parking.
- Historically, we did have a garage at the rear of our property but this was demolished and an extension was built to the property which your local Authority approved in line with planning rules and regulations. Any existing land that was used to aid the access to the demolished garage now forms part of our private rear/side garden space for us to enjoy as our green space once landscaping has been completed.
- Had you at any point alluded to the fact that this type of proposal would be made when we submitted our planning application for our extension, we certainly would have gained off road parking rights before going ahead with our plans for an extension whether that be through a request for a driveway to the front of the house or by remodelling the layout of our plans to extend.
- The proposed parking restrictions are going to have an adverse effect generally on the residential amenity not only of ourselves because we would not be able to park outside our own property, but also upon our neighbours

as we will be FORCED to park outside their property which will not create a harmonious situation and will potentially aggravate those relations. Your proposal to extend the double yellow lines outside our property on Moss Lane is outrageous. There is no need to extend the lines all the way across the front of our house. It is questionable as to where you get the figure of 15 meters of double yellow line outside our property on Moss Lane to be deemed as the safest point? How has this or any other statistic been put together to justify safety and prevention of incident? In simple terms, if we cannot get parking space at the front of our house on Moss Lane or at the side of our house on Athol Road then we will most certainly be forced to park outside our neighbours homes.

3. COMMENTS OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR

- 3.1 Traffic Services have received a request from the Highways Ward Spokesperson for Bramhall South & Woodford Ward to investigate parking issues on the stretch of Athol Road from its junction with Moss Lane, as it is reported that vehicles are parking up causing safety issues, certainly around the junction and making it difficult for drivers to enter / exit the junction.
- 3.2 Allegedly it is reported that the drivers parking on Athol Road are either business owners who work in Bramhall a short walk away or shoppers parking for free, to avoid paying to use the carparks
- 3.3 At present there are already parking restrictions 'No Waiting at Any Time' around the junction of Moss Lane / Athol Road which are for the minimum distance as set out in the Highway Code (10 metres).
However, due to the tightness of the junction and the alignment of the road, vehicles turning into Athol Road have extreme difficulty doing so if vehicles are parked up, as it forces drivers exiting to be over the centre line which potentially lead to head on confrontation.
- 3.4 Due to the concerns raised it is proposed to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order to extend the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions, in order to keep a larger area around the junction free from vehicles, in order that vehicles can manoeuvre more safely, as well as introducing 'Limited Waiting' restrictions to prevent vehicles from using Athol Road as a free car park. The proposals are shown on **Drawing No NM8-5048-01**. Please note that due to some measures being within 15m of a Strategic Highway Cabinet Member approval will be needed for this report.
- 3.5 In light of the number of objections a site meeting was arranged with Councillors of the Bramhall South & Woodford Ward, and the residents who objected, and after discussions it was agreed that only the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions would be extended into Athol Road, and along Moss Lane, and that the 'Limited Waiting' restrictions would be omitted in its entirety.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the amendments to the original Order as shown in **Appendix A and B** and shown on **Drawing No NM8-5048-02** be made

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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Appendix A

Revocation of existing (TRO) Schedule

No Waiting at Any Time

Moss Lane, Bramhall

South Side – From a point 8.4 metres west of the intersection of the western kerb line of Athol Road, to a point 10 metres east of the intersection of the eastern kerb line of Athol Road.

Athol Road, Bramhall

Both Sides – From the intersections of the southern kerb line of Moss Lane, for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction.

Appendix B

Proposed (TRO) Schedule

No Waiting at Any Time

Moss Lane, Bramhall

South Side – From a point 8.4 metres west of the intersection of the western kerb line of Athol Road, to a point 12.5 metres east of the intersection of the eastern kerb line of Athol Road.

Athol Road, Bramhall

Both Sides – From the intersections of the southern kerb line of Moss Lane, for a distance of 15 metres in a southerly direction.