AGENDA ITEM

STOCKPORT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Hillcrest Road, Bramhall - Traffic Regul	ation Order		
Report to: (a) Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee Thursday, 18 July 2019			
Report of: (b) Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration			
Key Decision: (c) NO / YES (Please circle)			
Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)			
Summary: To report the findings of a consultation exercise and to seek approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).			
Recommendation(s): The Corporate Director for Place & Regeneration recommendation Area Committee approves the legal and Regulation Order (TRO) set out in Appendix A and received within 21 days from the advertisement date	vertising of the following Tra subject to no objections being	affic	
Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (d) Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee			
Background Papers (if report for publication): (e)			
There are none.			
Contact person for accessing background papers and discussing the report	Officer: Nicola Ryan Tel: 0161 474 4348		
'Urgent Business': (f) YES / NO (please circle)			
Certification (if applicable)			
This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):			
The written consent of Councillor and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.			

Hillcrest Road, Bramhall - Traffic Regulation Order

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report the findings of a consultation exercise and to seek approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) as shown in **Appendix A**.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Traffic Services received a request from the Highway Ward Spokesperson for the Bramhall North Ward to investigate traffic issues on Hillcrest Road, Bramhall at the junction with Bridge Lane, as it has been reported that vehicles are regularly parking on both sides of road on Hillcrest Road close to its junction with Bridge Lane and as such, this manner of parking is said to be causing an obstruction together with visibility issues for drivers negotiating the junction safely.
- 2.2. It is reported that the issue mainly occurs in an evening and at weekends.
- 2.3. Hillcrest Road is rather narrow and whilst out on site vehicles were observed struggling to turn into Hillcrest Road due to the parked vehicles.
- 2.4. The Highway Code Rule 243, stipulates "Do not stop or park or stop within 10 metres of a junction". However due to the road layout and radius of the kerbline, an extension to this is sometimes required to protect the junction and give safe passage for vehicles entering/exiting Hillcrest Road.
- 2.5. The Council has a duty of care for the general public and thus, if nothing is done to alleviate any potential difficulties in accessing roads, there is the possibility that, should an emergency arise, there is a chance that the response time could be considerably longer.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. Due to the nature of the concerns raised, Traffic Services propose to extend the existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction. It is anticipated by doing this, that both safety and visibility can be greatly improved for vehicles entering Hillcrest Road from Bridge Lane and vice versa.
- 3.2. In order to implement the new parking restrictions, Traffic Services propose to revoke the existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions and introduce a new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions. The proposals are shown on **Drawing No. NM8-5098-01**

4. LEGAL POSITION/IMPLICATIONS

4.1. The Traffic Management Orders would be made under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Council is required by the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 to give notice of its intention to make a Traffic Order (by publishing a draft traffic order). These regulations also require the Council to consider any representations received as a result of publishing the draft Order.

5. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

5.1. No other solutions were considered as part of this scheme.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. From a total number of 9 No. letters delivered, 5 (56%) replies were received, 3 No. (60%) were in favour and 2 No. (40%) disagreed with the proposals.
- 6.2. Following the consultation exercise one of the residents disagreeing with the proposals stated that the only access point to their driveway is on Hillcrest Road. They raised concerns that extending the double yellow lines would prevent easy access to and from their driveway. In order to address this concern, we propose to place an 'Access Protection Marking' in front of the dropped kerb.
- 6.3. Further concerns were raised by those disagreeing with the proposals in that an extension to the existing double yellow lines would mean their family & friends will have nowhere to park when visiting. However, a majority of the houses nearby have off road parking facilities and even with the extension to the double yellow lines this will still leave a substantial amount of unrestricted parking available and therefore, it is anticipated that any impact on family and friends visiting will be minimal.
- 6.4. Following the consultation exercise one of the residents agreeing with the proposals expressed concerns that if the double yellow lines are extended this may impact on them accessing and exiting their driveway as it may 'push' vehicles to park outside their property and as such, have requested that we extend the double yellow lines opposite their property (number 2) to just past their driveway. This request has been supported by the Highway Ward Spokesperson. The proposals are shown on **Drawing No NM8-5098-02**
- 6.5. Greater Manchester Police have been consulted and no adverse comments were received.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. The estimated cost of the scheme is as follows:-

Legal	£560
Road Markings	£250
Access Protection Marking	£155
TOTAL	£965

To be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget Bramhall North Ward allocation.

8. TIMESCALES

8.1. Nine to twelve months.

9. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1. Equal Opportunities

 To provide a suitable and safer environment for pedestrians and other road users. The scheme contributes to the Council's vision statement "Promote equal life outcomes for all by tackling known inequalities across the borough of Stockport".

9.2. Sustainable Environment

 To develop and sustain a healthy, safe and attractive local environment which contributes to Stockport. Stockport Council understands the responsibility it has to lead by example and help the broader community make a positive contribution to the local environment.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1. The Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration requests that the Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and subject to no objections being made received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the order can be made as shown in **Appendix A & Appendix B.**

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

Bridge Lane, Bramhall

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

Hillcrest Road, Bramhall

<u>West Side</u> – From the intersection of the northern kerb line of Bridge Lane, for a distance of 15 metres in a northerly direction.

<u>East Side</u> – From the intersection of the northern kerb line of Bridge Lane, for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction.

Appendix B

Proposed (TRO) Schedule

No Waiting at Any Time

Bridge Lane, Bramhall

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

Hillcrest Road, Bramhall

West Side – From the intersection of the northern kerb line of Bridge Lane, for a distance of 24 metres in a northerly direction.

West Side – From a point 29 metres north of the intersection of the northern kerb line of Bridge Lane for a distance of 18 metres in a northerly direction.

<u>East Side</u> – From the intersection of the northern kerb line of Bridge Lane, for a distance of 37 metres in a northerly direction