

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Hillcrest Road, Bramhall - Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

Report to: (a) Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee

Date: Thursday, 30 January 2020

Cabinet Member (Sustainable Stockport)

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 further investigations following a consultation exercise and to seek approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

Recommendation(s):

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

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (d)

Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): (e)

There are none.

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‘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 (TRO)

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

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 the road on Hillcrest Road close to its junction with Bridge Lane. These parked vehicles are 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 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.
- 2.5. A report was submitted to the Area Committee on 18th July 2019, where at which time the proposals received some objection from a resident. Further to this, further investigations together with an on-site meeting with a resident was requested.
- 2.6. A site visit was undertaken, this included two officers from the Council together with the Highway Ward Spokesperson and a resident.
- 2.7. Whilst on site, a compromise was made by the Council in that the No Waiting Time Restriction could possibly be reduced on the east side from the proposed 37 meters to initial 24 meters, as detailed in the consultation however, this did not satisfy the resident fully.
- 2.8. Further investigations were carried out at 'peak times' both morning and evening.
- 2.9. At its worst, there were 8 vehicles parked on Hillcrest Road along one side of the carriageway. Vehicles were observed 'hanging over' the junction causing an obstruction on Bridge Lane – this occurred when multiple vehicles were trying to turn

into Hillcrest Road at the same time multiple vehicles were trying to turn onto Bridge Lane from Hillcrest Road.

- 2.10. A number of delivery vehicles were seen to struggle negotiating the junction due to the parked vehicles. One of the delivery vehicles once on Hillcrest Road, started to reverse back towards Bridge Lane.
- 2.11. Taking into account the results of further observations and that a dropped kerb on the east side of Hillcrest Road is not used for the purpose of accessing off road parking, it is not appropriate to install an 'Access Protection Marking' as stated within the previous report. At the point this ceased being used for accessing off road parking the resident should have contacted Network Management in order to advise it was no longer required.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. Due to the nature of the concerns raised and following the additional investigations, Traffic Services propose to extend the existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction and introduce a 'No Waiting Monday-Friday 7am-9.30am & 4pm-6.30pm' 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' and 'No Waiting Monday-Friday 7am-9.30am and 4pm-6.30pm' parking restrictions. The proposals are shown on **Drawing No. NM8-5098-03**.
- 3.3. It is anticipated that these proposed restrictions will ensure the junction is kept clear during peak times and maintain the free flow of traffic at the junction.

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. The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' was considered however, this was met with some objection from a resident and therefore, this alternative, as shown on **Drawing No. NM8-5098-03** is proposed.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. It was not necessary to carry out a further consultation following the further investigations.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

Legal	£560
Road Markings	£200
Poles & Signage	£250
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£1,010</u>

To be funded from the Area Committee's Delegated Budget, Cheadle Hulme South delegated ward budget.

8. TIMESCALES

- 8.1. Five months subject to objections.

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 recommends that the Cabinet Member (Sustainable Stockport) 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

Hillcrest Road, Bramhall – Traffic Regulation Order: Report submitted to Bramhall & Cheadle South Area Committee on Thursday, 18th July 2019.

Drawing No. NM8-5098-01

Drawing No. NM8-5098-02

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HISTORIC REPORT

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

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

East Side – 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

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

No Waiting Monday – Friday 7am-9.30am & 4pm-6.30pm

Hillcrest Road, Bramhall

West Side – From a point 24 meters north of the intersection of the northern kerb line of Bridge Lane, for a distance of 13 meters in a northerly direction.