

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

**Subject: THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL OF STOCKPORT
(WOODLANDS DRIVE, ILFRACOMBE ROAD & ELDER CLOSE OFFERTON)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2020**

Report to: (a) Central Stockport Area Committee

Date: Thursday, 17 December 2020

Report of: (b) Joint report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration and the Head of Legal, Democratic Governance

Key Decision: (c) **NO / ~~YES~~** *(Please circle)*

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency *(Tick box)*

Summary: To consider an objection received to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order at Woodlands Drive, Ilfracombe Road and Elder Close Offerton.

Recommendation: That the Order be made as advertised.

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

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'Urgent Business': (f) **YES / NO** (please circle)

**THE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL OF STOCKPORT (WOODLANDS DRIVE,
ILFRACOMBE ROAD & ELDER CLOSE OFFERTON) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING)
ORDER 2020**

Joint report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration and
the Head of Legal, Democratic Governance

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to advise committee members of an objection received to a proposed introduction of Prohibition of Waiting at the junction of Woodlands Road with Elder Close.
- 1.2 To ensure that objections to the permanent Traffic Regulation Order are appropriately and efficiently considered.

2. INFORMATION AND ADVICE

- 2.1. In considering the objection the Area Committee should be mindful that unless otherwise authorised, the only right the general public has over the highway is a right of passage along it. The Authority has both a duty of care to ensure the safety of the travelling public and a duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to secure and facilitate the expeditious movement of traffic.

3. OBJECTIONS AND COMMENTS

- 3.1 The legal advertising process has resulted in a formal objection from an occupant on Woodlands Road who does not support the provision of parking restrictions at the junction of Woodlands Road with Elder Close.

- 3.2 The basis for the objection is as follows:

- As a resident for many years, I have never witnessed a refuse wagon or other vehicle struggling to gain access to Elder Close due to on-street parking.
- Restrictions at this junction may displace parking onto Woodlands Road (which is much busier) and this in turn will cause related issues for through-traffic (especially at peak periods).

3.3 RESPONSE

- 3.4 As it is the occupants on Elder Close (cul-de-sac) who use the junction on a daily basis for essential access, it is their interests which must take precedence; and it is noted that none of the residents have objected to the order. Moreover, the Highway Code advises that drivers should avoid parking within 10 metres of a road junction for road safety and traffic management purposes.
- 3.5 Nobody has an automatic right to park on the Public Highway (unless in a designated parking space) and the onus is on the driver of the vehicle to park responsibly in such a way as to avoid causing an unnecessary obstruction or

hazard for other road users. In situations where on-street parking is seriously hindering the safe movement of through-traffic, the Council as the local Highway Authority has the powers to implement a Traffic Regulation Order to address the situation.

- 3.6 In view of the above, the Corporate Director recommends the order be made as advertised.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. The Council has a statutory duty to ensure that its highways operate safely for the safe passage of all traffic including pedestrians and powers to regulate and restrict traffic to assist in that duty.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1. To comply with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders, Regulations 1996 the Authority must consider all objections submitted during the consultation period of at least 21 days before 'Making' a Traffic Regulation Order.
- 6.2. The Committee should make a decision in respect of the objection received.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1. It is recommended that the Order be made as advertised.
- 7.2. The Area Committee note all Traffic Regulation Orders where objections have been considered by officers.
- 7.3. That the objectors are informed of the decision.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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