

Newark Road, Reddish

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report on the revocation of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on parts of Newark Road in Reddish.

2. BACKGROUND

Members will be aware that No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) have recently been introduced on parts of Newark Road in Reddish.

The original scheme as consulted on had double yellow lines on both arms of the junction at Handforth Road to these extents: 10 metres on the westerly arm and 12 metres on the easterly arm to protect the driveway on that side (i.e. finishing yellow lines halfway across a driveway would not be good procedure).

In response to the consultation, Network Management did receive representation from the occupant on the easterly side about the extent of the restrictions; however due to the way in the letter was worded it was assumed the resident had misunderstood the proposals.

When the measures were advertised by Legal Services, we did receive a formal objection from the said resident who did not want yellow lines across the driveway for matters of personal convenience.

To reduce the extent of the lines as requested would not represent a significant change as there would still be ample protection on this arm of the junction. Therefore, for the sake of expediency, a decision was made to amend the extent of the restrictions and then revise the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) retrospectively.

When the yellow lines were being implemented on site, we received representation from the resident in the first property on the westerly side objecting to the extent of the restrictions. Previously, the resident had not made direct contact with Network Management at the consultation stage and did not make formal representation at the advertising stage. Under direction from the Ward Spokesperson, the yellow lines on site were implemented to an agreed extent.

The current situation on this side of the junction is not ideal as the yellow lines do not fully cover the radius on the arm of the junction (the opposite side is protected for 7 metres). As a further comment, the first property on this (westerly) side does have provision for off-street parking.

Network Management received instruction from the Ward Spokesperson to formalise the current extent of the restrictions on site.

3. PROPOSALS

Please see the revocations delineated on the attached sketch drawing number: **NM8-5108-001B**. The Corporate Director would state that any motorist(s) who chooses to park within 10 metres of a junction (contrary to advice in the Highway Code) does so of their own volition and not with the endorsement of the SMBC as the local Highway Authority.

4. LEGAL POSITION/IMPLICATIONS

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. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To negate the advertising costs, the order can be co-advertised with another TRO in the South Reddish Ward.

6. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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".

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.

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee decides whether to approve the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Orders; in which case subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date the following orders would be made:

Revoke No Waiting at Any Time:

Newark Road

North side from a point 7 metres East of the Easterly kerb line of Handforth Road for a distance of 5 metres in an Easterly direction.

West side from a point 5 metres West of the Westerly kerb line of Handforth Road for a distance of 5 metres in a Westerly direction.

Background Papers

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