

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders TCAP 402 Knightsbridge, Great Portwood Street, Warren Street, Corporation Street - Moving, Waiting/ Loading Orders

Report to: (a) Central Stockport Area Committee
2021

Date: Thursday, 4 February

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 seek comments regarding the Moving and Waiting/Loading Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the Town Centre Access Plan (TCAP) Scheme 402 in the vicinity of the Knightsbridge / Great Portwood Street junction.

Recommendation(s):

The Corporate Director Place requests that the Central Stockport Area Committee comments on this report and recommends that the Cabinet Member (Communities & Housing) approves the legal advertising of the traffic regulation orders contained in Appendix B and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date the orders 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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background papers and discussing the report

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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.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders TCAP 402 Knightsbridge, Great Portwood Street, Warren Street, Corporation Street - Moving, Waiting/ Loading Orders

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To seek comments from the Central Area Committee and approval from the Cabinet Member for (Communities & Housing) for the introduction of Moving, Waiting and Loading/Unloading Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) required as part of the Town Centre Access Plan scheme "TCAP 402" in the vicinity of the Knightsbridge /Great Portwood Street junction in Stockport town centre.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Members will be aware that the TCAP package is a £73.2M scheme which has been prioritised within the Greater Manchester Growth Plan for delivery between 2015 and 2020. The package provides a multi modal plan to improve access to and around Stockport town centre including the routes to the M60 junctions.
- 2.2. An item has previously been through Area Committee receiving recommendation for approval by Cabinet Member on 9th August 2018 for the static Traffic regulation Orders (Waiting and Loading/unloading restrictions). This approval is necessary to seek approval in order that the Traffic Regulation Orders for moving orders can be legally advertised and implemented.
- 2.3. The TCAP scheme has been developed to bring forward the following transport benefits:
- Improve access to key regeneration and development sites in the town centre;
 - Improve access to/from the M60 motorway through congestion relief to key routes such as St Mary's Way/ Hempshaw Lane and around M60 Junction 1;
 - Reduce the volume of traffic on the A6 through the town centre, with improved accessibility to Town Centre destinations;
 - Enhance the environment along the A6 through the town centre to assist in creating a positive sense of arrival for this linear gateway;
 - Improve linkages between the town centre and the bus and train stations;
 - Lessen the impact of the A6 as a barrier between the east and west of the town centre for pedestrians, and similarly the M60 as a barrier between the north and south of the town centre for pedestrians and cyclists;
 - Build on the existing cycle routes into the town centre from the east and west, and south-east;
 - Provide bus reliability improvements on east/west routes into the town centre;
 - Provide a more resilient highway network better able to respond to incidents and accidents in general and reduce the risk of rail bridge strikes on George's Road in particular;
 - Improve access and road safety for pedestrians and cyclists between the town centre and surrounding areas; and provide better wayfinding through an improved signing strategy.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. Changes in traffic orders in the vicinity of Knightsbridge / Great Portwood Street junction are required to facilitate the highway alterations proposed as part of TCAP scheme 402. The proposals are for the Traffic Regulation Orders to facilitate the measures which are in place. No changes to the existing physical measures in place on site are proposed.
- 3.2. The proposed Moving Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) to be advertised as part of the TCAP402 are detailed in this report and are as follows:
- Revocation of all existing Moving, Waiting and Loading/Unloading Traffic Regulation Orders on Knightsbridge and on parts of Warren Street, Great Portwood Street and Corporation Street (Detailed in Appendix A).
 - One way traffic on Warren Street in an easterly direction between its junctions with Bridge Street and the access road to Sainsbury's car park. (Detailed in Appendix B).
 - Prohibition Of Entry for vehicles in a westerly direction except for cycles on Warren St west of the access road to Sainsburys car park as indicated by signing on site. (Detailed in Appendix B).
 - Prohibition of Entry except buses and cycles and for loading by goods vehicles between 4pm and 10:30am on Warren Street between its junctions with Bridge Street and King Street East as indicated by signing on site. (Detailed in Appendix B).
 - Shared route (cycle track) facilities in place on Knightsbridge, Warren Street, Corporation Street and Howard Street.
- 3.3. Before new Traffic Regulation Orders can be introduced, existing Orders need to be revoked. A schedule of the orders to be revoked is included in Appendix A.

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 alternatives were considered.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been consulted previously and no adverse comments were received.

6.2. Central Stockport Area Committee previously approved these proposals on 9th August 2018.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. The costs associated with making the proposed traffic regulation orders will be met by funding received for the Town Centre Access Plan (TCAP).

8. TIMESCALES

8.1. It is anticipated that once approval has been granted to advertise the TROs that they will be legally advertised at the earliest opportunity and following the 21 day consultation period, providing no objections are received that the orders be sealed.

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 Central Stockport Area Committee comments on this report and recommends that the Cabinet Member (Communities & Housing) approves the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Orders contained in Appendix A&B and, subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date the orders can be made.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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