

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Dorset Avenue, Bramhall - Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

Report to: (a) Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee
Thursday, 22 April 2021

Date:

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 Management & Regeneration requests that the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee consider and comment upon the following proposals and approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) set out in **Appendix A** 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.

Contact person for accessing
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.

Dorset Avenue, Bramhall - Proposed 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 have received a request from the Highway Ward Spokesperson for the Bramhall North Ward to investigate concerns raised regarding parking on Dorset Avenue. Concerns are that motorists are parking their vehicles along the east side of Dorset Avenue, sometimes in an erratic manner which is causing access issues for other motorists, including residents, as the carriageway is relatively narrow. It has also been reported that vehicles are sometimes parked on the bend, on junctions and opposite junctions reducing visibility, and causing safety concerns.
- 2.2. During the progression of this scheme it has been noted that there are discrepancies with our mapping system QGIS, and a 'historical' restriction currently on site. Currently, 3.5 meters of a 'No Waiting At Any Time' Traffic Regulation Order is in place on the south west side of Winton Close and therefore, we aim to address administration error this within this report.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. Due to the nature of the concerns raised, Traffic Services propose to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – 'No Waiting At Any Time' on Dorset Avenue, together with the junctions of Winton Close, Poole Close and Longham Close at their junction with Dorset Avenue.
- 3.2. The proposals outlined support The Highway Code – Rule 243 which states 'DO NOT stop or park: on a bend. It further states: 'DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 meters (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space. However, an extension to 10 meters may sometimes be required due to the road layout and/or radius of the kerblines, as is the case on Winton Close and Longham Close.
- 3.3. It is anticipated that by doing this, that the visibility and safety of both motorists and pedestrians can be greatly improved.
- 3.4. The proposals outlined above, and on which we consulted with residents, are shown in **Drawing No. NM8-5141-02**.

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. Whilst no other alternatives to a 'No Waiting At Any Time' Traffic Regulation Order were considered following the consultation, residents made a number of amendment requests. Considering as many of these requests as practically possible, the proposals have been 'slightly' amended, and we feel that these amendments will satisfy a majority of the residents. The amended proposals, which have been discussed with the Local Highway Ward Spokesperson, are shown on **Drawing No. NM8-5141-03 Rev A**.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been consulted and no adverse comments were received.
- 6.2. Greater Manchester Police have been consulted and no adverse comments were received.
- 6.3. From a total of 16 No. letters sent to residents, we have received the following responses:

No. Letters Sent	16	%
No. Responses	14	88%
Dorset Avenue - No. Agree	9	64%
Winton Close - No. Agree	8	57%
Longham Close - No. Agree	8	57%
Poole Close - No. Agree	8	57%
Dorset Avenue - No. Disagree	4	29%
Winton Close - No. Disagree	3	21.5%
Longham Close - No. Disagree	2	14%
Poole Close - No. Disagree	3	21.5%
Dorset Avenue - Not Indication	1	7%
Winton Close - No Indication	3	21.5%
Longham Close - No Indication	4	29%
Poole Close - No Indication	3	21.5%

- 6.4. As the above information shows, most residents agree with the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.
- 6.5. During the consultation, several similar comments were received. These are detailed below:

Comment	Traffic Services Response
Vehicles parking on Bramhall Park Road in the section with no restrictions hinders view when exiting Dorset Avenue. Sometime vehicles on Bramhall Park Road must reverse back to allow an on-coming vehicle to pass the parked vehicles.	Bramhall Park Road is not within the scope of this scheme, however, feel it is important to address the comment. When the Bramhall Park Road Scheme was implemented, Traffic Services did not want to remove all parking capacity therefore, this area remained 'unrestricted'.
A long-term solution would be to address the lack of parking within the park'. 'If the lack of car parking in the park is addressed then there would be no need for the proposed DYL's.	Traffic Services have no current proposals to provide additional parking within the park but have been asked to look at possible options.
Feels Covid-19 is causing some of the issues as more people are visiting the park & therefore, seeking parking. Would like to see proposals 'shelved' for 6-9months and re-assessed once normality resumes.	Traffic Services had been asked to investigate the parking on Dorset Avenue prior to Covid-19. As and when we do come out of Covid-19 measures we can monitor parking, and highway usage, and carry out further reviews at that time if required.
Restrictions will not resolve the issues, merely push them to the 'west' side of Dorset which, will in fact, worsen the issues. May result in residents being unable to access/exit driveways. There is a curve in road near Longham Close which prevents drivers being able to see oncoming vehicles. If problems are pushed to 'west' side this could potentially result in two vehicles travelling in opposite directions with neither driver having anywhere to go. Need to consider extending from here to the bottom of the Avenue to protect the turning head' & resolve the blind spot due to the curve in the road.	<p>We have since reviewed the proposals and have made some changes. It is further proposed to extend the DYL's to include the turning head at the bottom of Dorset Avenue, the bend/curve in the road near to Longham Close, and extend a section of the DYL on the west side of Dorset Avenue. These amendments can be seen on Drawing No. NM8-5141-03 Rev A.</p> <p>Additionally, to address residents' concerns re accessing/exiting their driveways due to Dorset Avenue being so narrow, we will offer to install Access Protection Markings for these residents as part of this scheme. A separate letter will be sent to affected residents in due course.</p>
Location(s) should be 'Resident Only Parking'	<p>Resident Parking is not within the scope of this scheme. Should residents wish to pursue such a scheme they are welcome to do so. They will need to check the criteria of the new Resident Parking Policy, and in the event, they meet the criteria, pursue their request following the relevant procedure/guidelines. More information can be found on the official SMBC website via the following link:</p> <p>https://www.stockport.gov.uk/parking-permits/request-a-new-resident-parking-scheme</p>
Double Yellow Lines should be put on both sides of Dorset Avenue.	<p>If restrictions were to be placed on all of Dorset Avenue, this would impact on the residents and their visitors.</p> <p>We have since reviewed the proposals and made some changes. We further propose to extend the DYL's to include the turning head at the bottom of Dorset Avenue, the bend/curve in the road near to Longham Close and extend a section of the DYL on the west side of Dorset Avenue. These changes can be seen on Drawing No. NM8-5141-03 Rev A.</p>
Concerned will have nowhere to park 2 nd vehicle	No body has an automatic right to park on the adopted highway. Safety concerns must be prioritised over and above the parking of a vehicle within 10 meters of a junction.
Concerned the restrictions will lead to problems when reversing out of the driveway/garage	The Highway Code advises against reversing off a driveway. The Highway Code Rule 201 states: 'reverse in if you can and drive out'

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

Legal	£800
Road Markings incl. Access Protection Markings	£600
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£1,400</u>

8. TIMESCALES

8.1. Assuming no objections, works should be completed by June/July 2021.

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 South & Cheadle Area Committee consider 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**.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

Anyone wishing further information please contact Nicola Ryan on telephone number 0161 4747 4409 or by email on nicola.ryan@stockport.gov.uk

APPENDIX A

Proposed TRO 'No Waiting At Any Time'

Dorset Avenue, Bramhall

East Side:

From a point, 15 meters north of the intersection of the eastern kerb line of Bramhall Park Road, to its northern extent, and then for a distance of 12.5 meters in a north westerly direction.

Dorset Avenue, Bramhall

West Side:

From the intersection of the north west kerb line of Winton Close, for a distance of 10 meters in a northerly direction.

Dorset Avenue, Bramhall

West Side:

From a point, 20 meters north of the intersection of the south west kerb line of Poole Close, to a point 40 meters north of the intersection of the north west kerb line of Longham Close.

Dorset Avenue, Bramhall

West Side:

From a point, 10 meters north of the intersection of the south west kerb line of Longham Close, to a point 10 meters north of the intersection of the north west kerb line of Poole Close

Winton Close, Bramhall

Both Sides:

From the intersection of the western kerb line of Dorset Avenue, for a distance of 12 meters in a westerly direction.

Longham Close, Bramhall

Both Sides:

From the intersection of the western kerb line of Dorset Avenue, for a distance of 11 meters in a westerly direction.

Poole Close, Bramhall

Both Sides:

From the intersection of the western kerb line of Dorset Avenue, for a distance of 10 meters in a westerly direction.

Revoke TRO 'No Waiting At Any Time'

Winton Close, Bramhall

South West Side:

From the intersection of the western kerb line of Dorset Avenue, for a distance of 3.5 meters in a westerly direction.