

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Bramley Road, Bramhall - Objection Report re Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

Report to: (a) Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee
Thursday, 16 September 2021

Date:

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

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

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)

Summary:

To report the Objections made in relation to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order on Bramley Road and to seek approval for the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order as originally advertised.

Recommendation(s):

The Traffic Regulation 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)

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.

Bramley Road, Bramhall - Objection Report re Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

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

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to advise committee members of objections received to a proposed introduction of 'No Waiting At Any Time' and 'No Waiting Monday to Friday 8am-9.30am and 4.30pm-6.30pm' parking restrictions on Bramley Road, Darwin Grove and Adelaide Road, Bramhall.
- 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 objections, 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 specific objections and points contained within each letter have been analysed and detailed below together with the response.

(i) Objection 1 reason:

Objector was dismayed to receive the Proposed Parking Restrictions. Stated that they had previously emailed regarding how dangerous Bramley Road has become because of the parking and obstruction issues, especially notable outside their property.

Objector finds it unbelievable that the double yellow lines which are proposed, stop from house numbers 18-28. States this the most dangerous part of the road because of the bend in the road. States they have witnessed on many occasions, cars travelling too fast around this corner, indeed straight into the path of oncoming traffic. In addition, the parked cars hinder a clear view.

States has previously mentioned, personally feels it is very dangerous driving in and out of their own drive due to the cars parked on either side of their driveway, sometimes encroaching onto it. States this leads to a restricted view of traffic, often coming at speed around the corner and overtaking parked cars. States the proposed parking restrictions will make the dangerous situation even worse than it is presently.

Objector states because parking will still be available outside their house, there will be more cars trying to park in that space leading to a higher chance of parking over the end of the driveway and making it difficult to drive in and out of the house.

Objector had hoped that the traffic regulations would be applied uniformly thus making this road safer. States the only way that this can be achieved is to continue the existing double yellow lines on both sides of the complete length of Bramley Road.

Objector states this must be the only road in the country where parking on a bend is deemed safer than parking on the straight part of the road. I hope that we don't collectively live to regret this decision.

Response:

Network Management have consulted with residents on three separate occasions to find a resolution that all Bramley Road residents agree on. The current proposals, as shown in **Drawing No. NM8/4925/03 RevB**, reflect the support of the majority of resident's following the most recent consultation.

The 'bend' will benefit from some parking restrictions whilst at the same time allowing residents and their visitors to park outside of the parking restrictions operational times. Network Management like to see a scheme in place for 6 months before carrying out a review. Assuming this scheme is passed, Network Management will monitor the location, and if it is evidenced further restrictions are required, will carry out another consultation with the affected properties at that time.

Following discussion with the Highway Ward Spokesperson, Network Management have offered the Objector a **FREE** Access Protection Marking (i.e. a white H-Bar across the driveway). The usual cost for this facility is £150 payable by the householder. This charge may seem excessive; however, the one-off payment takes into account the future maintenance liability of maintaining the marking.

In March 2020, Network Management arranged for an Automated Traffic Count (ATC) to be installed on Bramley Road following reports of speeding vehicles. This was installed within close proximity the Objectors property and did not provide any evidence to support the speeding of vehicles. The Average Speed recorded was 22.6mph and the 85th percentile recorded was 28.1mph.

(ii) Objection 2 reason:

Objector had previously written to councillor's several times on safety outside their home due to cars parked close up to their drive, creating a safety hazard as they enter or leave the property. States, have had several near misses with cars coming too fast round the bend. States, has restricted viewing due to cars parked outside their property and that they need to take more time on their manoeuvre due to how cars are parked. States the same cars are parked on weekdays from 8am to 6pm, as they park there to commute to Manchester on the train.

Objector fears that this proposal will 'corral' all the commuters together and that they will park in front of the objector's house causing additional safety issues for them and their family.

Objector wants to see the 8am to 9.30am and 4.30pm to 6pm waiting restrictions to be included outside their home as well, which they had 'opted' for at the consultation stage in February 2020 to stop double parking and commuters parking all day. Objector does not want double yellow lines outside their property as they want their family and friends to be able to park outside.

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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/s received so that the scheme can be progressed and the 'No Waiting At Any Time' and 'No Waiting Monday to Friday, 8am-9.30am and 4.30pm-6.30pm' restrictions introduced or abandoned.

7. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

7.1. The alternative to the proposals laid out in this report is to continue with the current lack of restriction on the highway by not introducing the proposed traffic regulation orders.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1. It is recommended that:

8.2. the Area Committee note all Traffic Regulation Orders where objections have been considered by officers;

8.3. the Area Committee accept the Traffic Regulation Order be made as originally advertised.

8.4. That the objectors are informed of the decision.

Background Papers

Bramley Road, Bramhall Report – Thursday 4th February 2021.

Drawing No. NM8-4925-03

Drawing No. NM8-4925-RevA

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