

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject: Buxton Road, Hazel Grove**

**Report to: (a)** Stepping Hill Area Committee

**Date:** Tuesday, 10 November 2020

**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 approve No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on part of Buxton Road in Hazel Grove.

**Recommendation(s):** The Area Committee recommends that the Cabinet Member (Sustainable Stockport) approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date the following order can be made:

**No Waiting at Any Time:**

**Buxton Road**

North Easterly side from a point 6 metres South East of the projected boundary line between No's 91 & 93 for a distance of 23.5 metres in a North Westerly direction.

**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.

AGENDA ITEM

## **Buxton Road, Hazel Grove**

### **Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To approve No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on part of Buxton Road in Hazel Grove.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

Network Management received representation from a local Ward Councillor concerning a situation on Buxton Road.

With the construction of the Airport Bypass, some drivers of heavy freight vehicles are using the westerly part of the 'old' Buxton Road as a rest-stop. This is causing a particular problem for occupants in the first property on the north easterly side as wagons are pulling-up adjacent to the driveway and seriously hindering visibility of on-coming traffic.

#### **3. PROPOSALS**

In agreement with the Ward Spokesperson, a proposal was drafted for the provision of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) across the lowered-kerb access of the said and adjacent property and extending for a distance of 15 metres to protect visibility on that side. Please see the attached drawing number: **NM8-4114-001**.

#### **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. CONSULTATION**

The consultation (August 2020) resulted in responses from two other households. The content of the feedback can be summarised as follows:

- Parking restrictions are only likely to serve to displace the problem further along causing the same problem for other householders.

- Wagons parking on the south westerly side of the road (i.e. adjacent to the grass verge which divides the main carriageway with the access road) can be a nuisance. Sometimes wagons are parked overnight and can be an eyesore in a residential area. Therefore, this side of the road should also be subject to parking restrictions.
- General traffic is not respecting the 20mph speed limit on the road.

### **Network Management – General Comments:**

To allay the concerns about displaced parking, the extent of the double yellow lines has been reduced by 5 metres. Please see attached drawing number: **NM8-4114-001A**. This will leave 20 metres of unrestricted space for a larger wagon to park in the 'gap' between the bus clearway and the entry to the first property - whilst still providing 10 metres of protection for that property. The officer in charge has been in contact with the occupant who is willing (albeit reluctantly) to proceed on this basis.

Parking restrictions along the south westerly side of the road are likely to displace the wagons on to the opposite side - directly in front of the residential properties; obviously this would not be a desirable outcome for the householders.

It may be feasible to introduce a weight limit order along the full extent of the old Buxton Road. However, such an order would have an exemption for access, and wagon drivers needing a rest could use this as a legitimate defence for entering the weight limit zone.

An order to create a no HGV parking zone can only be made in exceptional circumstances and may require special authorisation from the Dept. for Transport.

Heavy freight vehicles over 3.5T parked overnight on residential streets (in contravention of the operators licence) can be reported to the Traffic Commissioner in Leeds.

Speed reduction was not part of the brief for this consultation and would have to be treated as an entirely separate investigation. Enforcement of the current speed limit would be a matter for GM Police as a moving traffic offence.

### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Legal and Advertising	£560
Road Marking	£100
<b>Total</b>	<b>£660</b>

To be funded from the delegated Ward Budget

### **7. TIMESCALES**

If approved the order is expected to become operative in the earlier part of 2021.

## 8. 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.

## 9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee recommends that the Cabinet Member (Sustainable Stockport) approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date the following order can be made:

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## **Background Papers**

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