



## **Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund, Heatons Active Neighbourhood Update**

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

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

- 1.1 This report is to update the Committee on the development of the Heatons Active Neighbourhood scheme and to seek approval to retain some of the Heatons Active Neighbourhood measures on a temporary basis whilst further consultation and approval processes are undertaken.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 This report follows on from the previous report '*Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund, Heatons Active Neighbourhood Update*' submitted to Heatons & Reddish Area Committee on Monday, 2 August 2021, which recommended that the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration) approve the commencement of a trial of an Active Neighbourhood in the Heaton Chapel area as described in the previous report.
- 2.2 An Active Neighbourhood aims to enable short trips on foot, by cycle and by public transport in preference to car travel by making physical changes to an area.

#### **3. ENGAGEMENT EXERCISE**

- 3.1. Details of the earlier engagement exercise were included in the previous Area Committee report, which advised of further engagement one month after the measures were installed.
- 3.2. In-person and online workshops took place over a number of days, during the week of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021, to invite feedback on the trial.
- 3.3. The workshops provided a mixture of views on the various following measures that have been implemented as part of the Heatons Active Neighbourhood scheme: -
- Temporary road closures for motorised traffic on Bollington Road, Halesden Road, Carnforth Road, Downham Road, Briarfield Road and Broadstone Hall Road North.
  - A mini roundabout and speed cushions at the junction of Carnforth Road and Marbury Road.
  - Extension of the 20pmh speed limit to cover the whole trial area (excluding Manchester Road and Broadstone Road).

- A temporary 'pocket park' on Broadstone Hall Road North at the junction of Carnforth Road to include benches, a mini community library, table tennis table.
- Review of the access barriers/ chicanes that preclude disability access and their making wheelchair accessible where possible.
- A temporary signalised pedestrian crossing on Manchester Road.
- The installation of a one-way traffic flow in the northbound direction on Ash Grove

3.4. Following the mixture of views on the various aforementioned measures, and representations from adjacent residents, it was agreed with Local Members to remove the 'pocket park' on Broadstone Hall Road North and replace with a temporary road closure for motorised traffic. Similarly, a 15m northward extension of the existing double-yellow line traffic restriction at the Halesden Road/Manchester Road junction was installed after the commencement of the trial following feedback from residents and the agreement of Local Members.

#### **4. NEXT STEPS**

- 4.1. The trial will finish at the end of November. It is proposed that all filter points, associated signage and temporary waiting restrictions (excepting the below) will be removed from site in early December, as indicated in the attached plan. It is proposed that the one-way on Ash Grove, the 20mph signage, the mini roundabout & speed cushions at the junction of Carnforth Road and Marbury Road and the extension of the existing double yellow line restriction on Halesden Road at its junction with Manchester Road will remain on site on a temporary basis. They will be retained whilst a consultation is carried out on the trial and the result of that consultation reported to Committee. Please note that these measures can remain under a TTRO for a period of up to 18 months, if at that point they have not been subject to an order to make them permanent they must be removed. The access control barriers will also be retained to ensure they comply with current legislation.
- 4.2. It has been agreed with Local Members following discussions with a Council officer held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 to retain these features on a temporary basis following positive feedback during the trials. Further consultation and approval processes will be undertaken as detailed in paragraphs 4.4 to 4.7 below.
- 4.3. The temporary crossing will also need to be removed as equipment for this is on hire and budget constraints will not allow it to be retained for a longer period.
- 4.4. Following the completion of the trials a consultation on them will take place in early 2022.
- 4.5. Based on the outcomes of the trial consultation, development of permanent scheme proposals and associated consultation is planned to be undertaken in 2022. This may include making permanent the retained temporary measures as described in 4.1.
- 4.6. Subject to approval by the Area Committee and / or the Cabinet Member, TRO's for the permanent scheme proposals would then be advertised for objection and any

objections considered by the Area Committee and / or the Cabinet Member. A business case for the permanent scheme could then be submitted to TfGM for MCF funding.

- 4.7. Subject to approvals and funding, the Council would then seek to deliver the permanent scheme towards the end of the 2022/23 financial year.

## **5. MORE INFORMATION**

- 5.1. As above, more information about the developing scheme and the responses to the engagement exercise can be viewed at <https://heatons.commonplace.is/>.
- 5.2. More information about the Heaton Chapel Active Neighbourhood Trial can be found viewed at <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/current-proposals/active-neighbourhoods>
- 5.3. In addition, further information about cycling and walking in Stockport, including improvements as part of MCF is available at [www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/cycling-and-walking-in-stockport](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/cycling-and-walking-in-stockport).
- 5.4. Anyone requiring further information about the Active Neighbourhood trial in Heaton Chapel should contact [activeheatons@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:activeheatons@stockport.gov.uk)

## **6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1. The Committee is requested to recommend that the Cabinet Member (Economy and Regeneration) approves the recommendation to retain some of the Heaton Active Neighbourhood measures on a temporary basis whilst further consultation, scheme design and approval processes are undertaken.

## **Background Papers**

There are no background papers to this report.

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