

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject:

1. Stockport Road West, Bredbury - Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 'No Waiting At Any Time'.
2. Elm Tree Road - Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 'No Waiting At Any Time'
3. Elm Tree Road & Surrounding Streets - Proposed Moving Traffic Regulation Order '20mph Speed Limit Order'

Report to: (a) Werneth Area Committee
November 2021

Date: Monday, 29

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 3 consultation exercises and to seek approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 'No Waiting At Any Time' and Moving Traffic Regulation Order '20mph Speed Limit Order'.

Recommendation(s):

The Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive requests that the Werneth Area Committee consider and comment upon the following proposals, and recommend that the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order(s) (TRO) & Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) 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.
Werneth Area Committee Meeting: Monday, 29 November 2021

Stockport Road West, Bredbury
Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 'No Waiting At Any Time'.

Elm Tree Road, Bredbury
Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 'No Waiting At Any Time'.

Elm Tree Road & Surrounding Streets
Proposed Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) '20mph Speed Limit Order'

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report the findings of 3 separate consultation exercises and to seek approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) as shown in **Appendix A**.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Traffic Services received a request from the Highway Ward Spokesperson for the Bredbury & Woodley ward to investigate safety concerns raised by residents due to parked vehicles causing an obstruction and reducing visibility for motorists when they are attempting to access Stockport Road West from an area of unadopted highway.
- 2.2. Traffic Services received a request from the Highway Ward Spokesperson for the Bredbury & Woodley ward to investigate safety concerns raised due to parked vehicles causing an obstruction and reducing visibility for other motorists and pedestrians on a section of Elm Tree Road where the carriageway bends before the road changes to that of Sandringham Road.
- 2.3. Local ward councillors have liaised with residents and raised concerns of motor vehicles speeding on Elm Tree Road and surrounding streets. Following which, Traffic Services were asked to carry out a consultation exercise with residents for a 20mph speed limit.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. In order to address the safety concerns on Stockport Road West due to parked vehicles, it is proposed to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – ‘No Waiting At Any Time’. These proposals are outlined in **Drawing No. NM8-5170-001**. It is anticipated by doing this, visibility and safety of both motorist and pedestrians can be greatly improved. Additionally, these proposals will complement The Highway Code Rule 243, which states: DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 meters of a junction.
- 3.2. In order to address the safety concerns due to vehicles parking on the ‘bend’ on Elm Tree Road where it changes to Sandringham Road, Traffic Services propose to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – ‘No Waiting At Any Time’. These proposals are outlined in **Drawing No. NM8-5164-01**. It is anticipated by doing this, visibility and the safety of both motorists and pedestrians can be greatly improved.

Additionally, these proposals will complement The Highway Code Rule 243, which states: DO NOT stop or park on a bend.

- 3.3. To address the safety concerns due to speeding vehicles on Elm Tree Road and the surrounding streets of Sandringham Road, Belvedere Drive and Windsor Drive, Traffic Services proposed to introduce a 20mph Speed Limit Moving Traffic Regulation Order. These proposals are outlined in **Drawing No. NM8-5163-01**.
- 3.4. To keep legal costs at a minimum, we have combined these three separate schemes into one report.

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 and no adverse comments were received.
- 6.2. Greater Manchester Police have no objection in relation to the implementation of the 'No Waiting At Any Time' Traffic Regulation Orders. However, in relation to the implementation of a 20mph speed limit have responded with the following statement:

'GMP have no objection to the principle as the setting of 20mph limits are required to be self-enforcing whilst enhancing the safety of all road users. I note that this scheme will only be governed by the introduction of new 20mph repeater speed limit signs along the residential streets. Should evidence suggest that vehicles speeds are exceeded in the future, then GMP would expect SMBC to consider the introduction of physical engineered solutions to attenuate vehicle speeds to achieve a satisfactory compliance rate for this new speed limit.'

6.3 Stockport Road West – Proposed TRO 'No Waiting At Any Time'

From a total number of 12 No. letters sent to residents we have received a response from 9 No. residents (75%); 5 No. residents (56%) agree with the proposals and 4 No. residents (44%) disagree with the proposals.

Comments from supporting residents included the following:

- Double yellow lines are needed here.

- It would make sense to relocate the bus stop to the other side of Osbourne Street.
- There have been numerous accidents here, the most recent in July 2021.

Traffic Services response to these comments:

- The relocation of the bus stop is not within the scope of this scheme.
- There are no recorded accidents from 31/03/2018 to 31/03/2021 (latest data available) at this location.

Comments from those residents not in support the proposals:

- Vital parking spaces will be lost.
- Most residents have more than one vehicle.
- Why are Traffic Services getting involved with access for a private road?
- This will move the parking to Elm Tree Road where there is already an overspill of vehicles.

Traffic Services response to these comments:

- No one has a right to park on the highway, the only right a member of the public has is that of safe passage.
- The safety concerns highlighted are a result of vehicles parking on adopted highway and reducing visibility of on-coming vehicles.
- The proposed restrictions complement The Highway Code rule 243 which states: DO NOT stop or park within 10 meters of a junction.

6.4 Elm Tree Road – Proposed TRO ‘No Waiting At Any Time’

Letters were sent to those residents whose property frontages would be affected by the implementation of ‘No Waiting At Any Time’ restrictions.

From a total number of 2 No. letters sent to residents we have received a response from 1 No. resident (50%); 1 No. resident (100%) agree with the proposals.

No additional comments were provided by the resident.

6.5 Elm Tree Road – Proposed Moving TRO ‘20mph Speed Limit Order’

As these proposals affect all the residents of Elm Tree Road, Sandringham Road, Belvedere Drive and Windsor Drive, letters were sent to all residents.

From a total number of 225 No. letters sent to residents we have received a response from 73 No. residents (33.5%); 68 No. residents (93%) agree with the proposals and 5 No. residents (7%) disagree with the proposals.

Comments from supporting residents included the following:

- Will there be additional measures put into place such as speed cushions? This question was repeated numerous times.
- Will 'Slow Down' signs be installed on both side of the 'hill'?
- How will the speed limit be enforced and by who?
- Residents highlighted speeding vehicles make it difficult to reverse off their driveways.
- Concerns raised over a new 37 house development is going to impact massively on Elm Tree & Sandringham Road residents.
- Vehicles park on both sides of the road on Elm Tree Road at its entrance. Turning right onto Stockport Road West is problematic due to parked vehicles.

Traffic Services response to these comments:

- There are no plans to install physical traffic calming measures such as speed cushions.
- No additional signage is planned as part of this scheme.
- The enforcement of speed currently sits with Greater Manchester Police. Therefore, any contravention of the speed limit should be reported directly to the Police.
- The Highway Code advises against reversing off a driveway; Rule 177 refers.
- The Planning Department have confirmed that currently no planning applications have been submitted for such a development, nor have any previously been approved in the past.
- There are already double yellow lines in place on Elm Tree Road at its junction with Stockport Road West and vice versa. Residents can request parking enforcement when they see vehicles parked in contravention.

Comments from residents not in support of the proposals included the following:

- Agree, but only for signage on Elm Tree Road & Sandringham Road. Belvedere Drive is a cul-de-sac and the speed limit should be a lot lower. 20mph signage will contradict with 'SLOW DOWN' signage which is already in place on Belvedere Drive.
- What we need is for the pedestrian crossing near the farm and post office on Stockport Road West to be relocated to near the junction of Elm Tree Road as parked vehicles obscure my view meaning I cannot see oncoming vehicles.
- This will be a total waste of money – waste collection and maintenance are poorly maintained as it is. Costs for manufacture and installation will be huge, it will also need maintaining which is another cost. The money would be better spent elsewhere.

- Speeders are occasional not regular. The money would be better spent on improving safety on the bend, and access from Stockport Road West as vehicles park on both sides of the road making the entrance narrow and obscure visibility.

Traffic Services response to these comments:

- 20mph is the minimum speed limit Traffic Services set. The location is predominantly residential and therefore, would expect all residents & their visitors to drive in accordance with their surroundings. The 'SLOW DOWN' signage currently in place on Belvedere Drive is not official SMBC signage, nor has authorisation been provided for it to be attached to the Lighting Column. This signage will be removed in due course.
- There is a 'No Waiting At Any Time' Traffic Regulation Order (double yellow lines) in place on Stockport Road West at its junction with Elm Tree Road. Parking enforcement can be requested as and when vehicles are seen parked in contravention. The relocation of the pedestrian crossing is not within the scope of this scheme.
- Local ward councillors are allocated a budget to spend on traffic improvements within their respective wards. All costs associated with the implementation of this scheme will be funded from the Bredbury & Woodley delegated ward budget.
- A separate scheme is progressing in relation to implementing double yellow lines on the bend of Elm Tree Road. Double yellow lines are already in place on the entrance to Elm Tree Road from Stockport Road West.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. Cost:

The total estimated combined cost for approval required from the Bredbury & Woodley delegated ward budget is £3,500.00.

The above estimated costs take into account all the 3 schemes detailed within this report and includes, legal advertising, supply and installation of all signage, poles, all lining works including Traffic Management requirements.

8. TIMESCALES

- 8.1. Assuming there are no objections received, works should be completed by January 2022.

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 (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive requests that the Werneth Area Committee consider and comment upon the following proposals, and recommend that the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order(s) (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.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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APPENDIX A

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Schedule

'No Waiting At Any Time'

Stockport Road West, Bredbury

South Side: from a point, 10 meters south west of the intersection of the western kerb line of the Unadopted Road Between Properties No. 475-477 Stockport Road West, to a point 10 meters north east of the intersection of the eastern kerb line of the Unadopted Road Between Properties No. 47-477 Stockport Road West.

Elm Tree Road

East Side from a point, 35 meters north of the intersection of the northern kerb line of Stockport Road West for a distance of 28 meters in a north easterly direction.

Proposed Moving Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) '20mph Speed Limit Order'

<u>Location</u>	<u>Measurement</u>
Elm Tree Road, Bredbury	For its entire length
Sandringham Road, Bredbury	For its entire length
Belvedere Drive, Bredbury	For its entire length
Windsor Drive, Bredbury	For its entire length