

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Hartington Road, High Lane - Prohibition to Motor Vehicles - Trial

Report to: (a) Marple Area Committee
2022

Date: Wednesday, 22 June

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 seek approval for funding for the trial of a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles along Hartington Road, High Lane.

Recommendation(s):

The Corporate Director for Place Management requests that the Marple Area Committee comment on this report and approve funding for the trial of a Prohibition of Motor Vehicles along Hartington Road.

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

Hartington Road, High Lane - Prohibition of Motor Vehicles - Trial

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. Local ward councillors had previously raised concerns, regarding the amount of traffic using Hartington Road as a rat run to avoid traffic on the A6 Buxton Road. This is believed to have increased since the opening of the A555.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the High Lane A6MARR Mitigation measures a post scheme consultation was carried out in February 2020. The feedback from residents was that they believed speeding, and rat running had increased along Hartington Road. Local Councillors have subsequently requested that a scheme be developed allowing a trial closure of this road at a suitable location to prevent traffic using it to avoid the A6 queues between Park Road and Alderdale Drive.

The usual process is to develop an outline design for the proposed scheme, agree the area which may be impacted on and an appropriate consultation process, undertake a consultation and review its results to inform a final proposed scheme, report to committee, detailed design, legal notification and construction. A consultation would normally be required prior to installation as per the agreed council policy.

However, as this proposal is to address concerns raised at previous consultations and a trial, the following is proposed:

To conduct a trial of a 'Prohibition of Motor Vehicles' on Hartington Road at the junction of Park Road.

This will involve:

- Design to identify the location of the 'Prohibition' this will be a physical obstruction in the form of water filled barriers and associated signage to advise drivers.
- Automated traffic counts at locations to determine existing level and speed of vehicles using this route.
- Consultation with Emergency Services, Cheshire East Council (as a section of Park Road is within their borough), Waste Section (for waste collection). Post office

If no adverse comments are received a report with then be submitted to Area Committee requesting approval of an Experiment Traffic Regulation Order to carry out the trial.

Before the trial commences its timing and purpose, including implementation and removal date, will need to be communicated to local residents and road users. Officers will also communicate with the local school and nursery requesting their assistance with informing parents, carers, school visitors and employees.

3. Evaluation

3.1. Consultation

The consultation will be conducted as the scheme is removed using the following:

- Letter drop to the immediate properties within the area including a reply slip and freepost envelope
- Council's Consultation website via 'Have Your Say'
- Drop in session
- Consultation signs will be installed on the A6 and main route into the estate
- Promotion via the council's media platforms
- Request inclusion in the local primary schools and nursery information to parents.
- Emergency Services, Waste, post office and Cheshire East Council

Data Collection

- Automated traffic counts will be carried out during the trial to be compared with previous counts.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The estimated cost for this trial is £6,500 and these monies will be set aside from the Marple South & High Lane ward delegated budget. As the scheme progresses firm costs and evaluation will be completed and reported to a future Area Committee. Any unused funds will also be reported and returned to the Marple South & High Lane ward delegated budget.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1. The Corporate Director for Place Management requests that the Marple Area Committee comment on this report and approve funding for the trial of a Prohibition to motor vehicles along Hartington Road.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

Anyone wishing further information please contact Eraina Smith on telephone number Tel: 0161 474 4911 or by email on eraina.smith@stockport.gov.uk