

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Babbacombe Road & Oakland Road, Offerton

Report to: (a) Stepping Hill Area Committee

Date: Tuesday, 24 January 2023

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 at the junction of Babbacombe Road and Oakland Road in Offerton.

Recommendation(s): The Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Orders and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date the following orders can be made:

No Waiting at Any Time:

Babbacombe Road

Both sides from the South Eastern kerb line of Oakland Avenue for a distance of 10 metres in a South Easterly direction.

Oakland Avenue

South Eastern side from a point 10 metres South West of the South Western kerb line of Babbacombe Road in a North Easterly direction to a point 12 metres North East of the North Eastern kerb line of Babbacombe Road (to tie-in with the aforementioned).

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.

Babbacombe Road & Oakland Road, Offerton

Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve No Waiting at Any Time restrictions at the junction of Babbacombe Road and Oakland Road in Offerton.

2. BACKGROUND

A local Ward Councillor contacted Network Management to report issues with parking at the said junction which hinders visibility and safety for other road users.

3. PROPOSALS

In order to improve the situation, a proposal was drafted for the provision of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) to reflect the guidance in the Highway code which states that vehicles should avoid parking within 10 metres of a road junction.

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

In agreement with the Ward Spokesperson, a local consultation was delivered on the above basis which resulted in the feedback summarised below:

Babbacombe Road:

- Supports the proposal.
- Supports the proposal; but requests that the restrictions are extended on Babbacombe to prevent commercial vans parking on the road (the vans reportedly belong to occupants on Oakland).
- Requests the proposed restrictions are extended to consolidate visibility when exiting driveway.
- Suggests the restrictions are extended to deter vehicles (presumably the vans mentioned above) being 'dumped' on the road.

Oakland Avenue:

- Supports the proposal; but also mentions that the carriageway surface of Oakland Avenue is in poor condition and needs repairs.
- Concerned that the proposal will displace parking causing visibility issues when exiting the driveway.

Network Management (General Comments):

The Members may want to note the comment about the surface condition of Oakland Road.

The brief for this consultation was to protect the junction; although the restrictions have been extended slightly on the eastern arm of Oakland as it would not be good procedure for the yellow lines to finish halfway across a driveway entry.

To extend the restrictions any further simply for the purposes of driveway protection could not be justified (and would only displace parking further along).

The commercial vans may be deemed a nuisance and look unsightly; but (as with any vehicle that does not require an operator's licence) they can be parked on the Highway subject to not causing a serious hazard or obstruction for other road users.

It was agreed with the Ward Spokesperson that the scheme that went to consultation should be reported to Area Committee.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal and Advertising	£560
Road Lining	£200
Total	£760

To be funded from the delegated Ward Budget.

7. TIMESCALES

If approved, the order is expected to become operative in 2023.

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

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Background Papers

Anyone wishing further information please contact Max Townsend on telephone number Tel: 0161 474 4861 or by email on max.townsend@stockport.gov.uk