

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

**Subject: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order & Moving Traffic Regulation Order -
Bridle Road, Woodford**

Report to: (a) Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee
Thursday, 26 January 2023

Date:

Report of: (b) Director for Place Management

Key Decision: (c) **NO / ~~YES~~** (Please circle)

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)

Summary:

To report the findings of a consultation exercise and to seek approval for the introduction of a Moving Traffic Regulation Order '20mph Speed Limit' on Bridle Road & Bridle Way, Woodford and Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time' on the junction of Bridle Road/Chester Road, Woodford.

Recommendation(s):

The Director for Place Management requests that the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee comment on this report and recommends that the Cabinet Member for Highways, Parks & Leisure Services approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) as set out in **Appendix A** and Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) as set out in **Appendix B** and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the order(s) 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
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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.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order & Moving Traffic Regulation Order - Bridle Road, Woodford

Report of the Director for Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report the findings of a consultation exercise and to seek approval for the introduction of a Moving Traffic Regulation Order '20mph Speed Limit' on Bridle Road & Bridle Way, Woodford and a Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) on the junction of Bridle Road/Chester Road, Woodford.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. It has been reported that motorists are parking their vehicles too close to the Bridle Road/Chester Road junction. Due to this inconsiderate parking behaviour, traffic movement on and around the junction is being hindered. This behaviour is also affecting visibility for all highway users using the junction.
- 2.2. These proposals will also compliment the Highway Rule Code 243 which states: DO NOT stop or park within 10 metres of a junction. However, due to the design of the highway an extension of the 10 metres is sometimes required, as is the case in this instance.
- 2.3. It has been reported that motorists are often speeding up and down Bridle Road. As this location is predominantly residential, requests have been made to reduce the current 30mph speed limit to 20mph.
- 2.4. An Automated Traffic Count (ATC) was installed during the period 24th June to 4th July 2022 where at which time the Average Speed was recorded as 19.9mph and the 85th percentile was recorded as 25.5mph.
- 2.5. Some areas of Bridle Road which are unadopted highway, with the addition of all Bridle Way, being unadopted highway. Therefore, prior to finalising plans and carrying out the formal consultation detailed within this report, Traffic Services contacted the residents of the unadopted areas to ascertain whether they wished the unadopted area of highway to be included within the 20mph Speed Limit Scheme. The outcome of the pre-consultation reflected 71% of the residents did want unadopted area to be included within scheme and 29% did not.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. To address the parking concerns at the Bridle Road/Chester Road junction, it is proposed to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines). These proposals, which have been discussed with the local ward councillors, are shown on the consultation plan, **Drawing No. NM8-5195-WR Rev A.**

- 3.2. To address the reported speeding concerns on Bridle Road, it is proposed to introduce a Moving Traffic Regulation Order '20mph Speed Limit'. These proposals, which have been discussed with the local ward councillors, are shown on the consultation plan, **Drawing No. NM8-5195-SLO Rev A.**

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 been consulted and have no objections.
- 6.3. No Waiting At Any Time proposals: from a total of 113 No. letters being delivered to residents, 47 No. (42%) responses were received, following which; 44 No. (94%) support the proposals and 3 No. (6%) do not support the proposals.
- 6.4. 20mph Speed Limit proposals: from a total of 103 No. letters being delivered to residents, 42 No. (41%) responses were received, following which; 38 No. (90%) support the proposals and 4 No. (10%) do not support the proposals.

Comments made by those supporting the proposals were all very similar and are detailed below:

Comment	Traffic Services Response
Vehicles park near the junction causing blind spots for other vehicles trying to access Bridle Road from Chester Road. Bridle Road is quite narrow – could the lines be extended.	This comment/request was made multiple times. After careful consideration the proposals have been updated to reflect the extension requested. See Drawing No. NM8-5195-WR Rev C.
Double yellow lines are much needed – vehicles also park on Chester Road which cause problems when trying to turn right out of Bridle Road therefore, could the lines be extended on Chester Road.	This comment/request was made multiple times. After careful consideration the proposals have been updated to reflect the extension requested. See Drawing No. NM8-5195-WR Rev C.
There are building works taking place nearby however, even before these works started parking at this location was an issue.	It is anticipated that the introduction of the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions will resolve the junction parking.
Long overdue! It has been dangerous	It is anticipated that the introduction of the

at the junction of many years.	'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions will resolve the junction parking.
Over the past few years this problem has got increasingly worse. We have seen many near misses at the junction.	It is anticipated that the introduction of the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions will resolve the junction parking.
I think it would also be a good idea for arrangements to be made for policing the double yellow lines.	Civil Enforcement Officers patrol the whole of the borough daily and will issue a Penalty Charge Notice to all vehicles they observe parked in contravention. Additionally, should members of the public wish to report vehicles parked in contravention they may do so. Upon receipt of such requests, a Civil Enforcement Officer will attend the location as soon as operationally possible.
Vehicles often speed down Bridle Road/Bridle Way at speeds of 40mph and above.	Following the installation of an Automated Vehicle Count (ATC) from 24 th June to 4 th July 2022, the Average Speed recorded was 19.9mph and the 85 th percentile was recorded as 25.5mph. Speeding should be reported to the Police on their non-emergency telephone number for potential enforcement.
I agree with the reduced speed limit proposals but who will police these?	Greater Manchester Police enforce all moving traffic offences. Therefore, reports of speeding should be made directly to the Police on their non-emergency telephone number for potential enforcement.
We want the 20mph on Bridle Way too.	Bridle Way is included within these proposals.
We agree with the 20mph but do not want speed cushions outside our house.	The installation of physical traffic calming features, such as speed cushions, is not within the remit of this scheme.

Comments made by those not in support of these proposals:

Comment	Traffic Services Response
Yes, cars do park on the junction from time to time. This is only highlighted more so now due to the on-going building works nearby.	Rule 243 of the Highway Code states: DO NOT stop or park within 10 metres of a junction.
Double yellow lines will only cause more disruption for residents.	It is possible the introduction of the waiting restrictions will move the parking further into the area however, the purpose of these proposals is to ensure movement of traffic in and around the junction.
Double yellow lines are not required, this could be resolved by traffic policing.	Without the presence of the double yellow lines the Councils Parking Enforcement cannot carry out enforcement action. Sadly, Greater Manchester Police have other priorities and rarely issue notices to

	vehicles parked in contravention of the Highway Code.
There is not enough space for cars to park therefore, more space is needed.	Creating additional parking areas is not within the remit of this scheme.
I do not support the 20mph proposals, there are no accidents that I am aware of.	No accidents have been recorded from 31/03/2019 to 31/03/2022 (latest data available). Most residents consulted with support the implementation of the reduced speed limit.
20mph is not necessary, you cannot drive fast due to all the parked cars.	Most residents consulted with support the implementation of the reduced speed limit.
The introduction of the associated 20mph signage will not be in keeping with the rural feel of the road.	The proposed signage associated with the 20mph Speed Limit will be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.
Yes, there is the odd speeding motorist, but these are exceptions rather than the rule.	It is anticipated that with the introduction of the reduced speed limit and the associated signage all motorists will adhere to the speed restriction.
Due to the poor condition of the carriageway on Bridle Way it will be near impossible to paint the proposed 20mph speed limit on it.	As this area is unadopted highway it poor state of repair is a matter for the landowner(s) to address. The poor state of the carriageway will mean the proposed 20mph roundel will not be possible here however, the proposed signage will be unaffected. Plans have therefore, been amended to reflect this. See Drawing No. NM8-5195-SLO-GA Revision.

Following the comments received from residents during the consultation, and after careful consideration and discussions with the local councillors, the proposals have been amended. The revised proposals are shown on **Drawing No. Drawing No. NM8-5195-WR Rev C and Drawing No. NM8-5195-SLO-GA**. Additionally, as the location is a combination of both adopted highway and unadopted highway a further plan has been included to show highway status; see **Drawing No. NM8-5195-SLO-Highway**.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. Unfortunately, it is not possible to advertise proposals to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) on the same legal advertisement notice. This is because a 'Static' TRO is decriminalised and enforced by the council whereas a 'Moving' (MTRO) is criminalised and enforced by the Police. Therefore, these proposals will incur two separate legal fees. The individual costs for each scheme are listed below, in 7.2.

7.2. 'No Waiting at Any Time':

The estimated costs of this scheme are as follows:

Legal Advertising	£560
Lining Works, including potential Traffic Management	£540
Total	£1,100

'20mph Speed Limit':

The estimated costs for this scheme are as follows:

Legal Advertising	£560
Lining – carriageway roundels	£600
Signage/Poles	£2,300
Total	£3,400

Funding for both schemes is to be paid from the Bramhall South & Woodford delegated ward budget.

8. TIMESCALES

8.1. 3-4 months, subject to objections.

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 Director for Place Management requests that the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee comment on this report and recommends that the Cabinet Member for Highways, Parks & Leisure Services approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) as set out in **Appendix A** and Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) as set out in **Appendix B** 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

Bridle Road, Woodford (Both Sides)

From its intersection with the south eastern kerbline of Chester Road for a distance of 15 metres in a south easterly direction.

Chester Road (South East Side)

From a point 15 metres south west of the projected south west kerbline of Bridle Road to a point 25 metres north east of the projected north east kerb line of Bridle Road.

Appendix B

Proposed Moving Traffic Regulation Order (MTRO) Schedule

20mph Speed Limit

Bridle Road, Woodford (Both Directions)

For its entire length.

Bridle Way, Woodford (Both Directions)

For its entire length.