

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Objection Report - Marina Drive, Marple: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting At Any Time'

Report to: (a) Marple Area Committee
2023

Date: Wednesday, 21 June

Report of: (b) Joint report of the Director for Place Management and the Assistant Director Legal & Democratic Governance

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

Forward Plan ☐ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Tick box)

Summary:

To report the objections made in relation to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time' on Marina Drive, Marple.

Recommendation(s):

That the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) be made as originally advertised.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(d)**
Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(e)**

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'Urgent Business': (f) **YES / NO** (please circle)

Objection Report - Marina Drive, Marple: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting At Any Time'

Joint report of the Director for Place Management and
Assistant Director, Legal & Democratic Governance

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to advise committee members of an objection received to a proposed introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on Marina Drive, Marple at the junction of Stockport Road.
- 1.2 To ensure that objections to the permanent Traffic Regulation Order are appropriately and efficiently considered.

2. INFORMATION AND ADVICE

- 2.1. In considering the objection the Area Committee should be mindful that unless otherwise authorised, the only right the general public has over the highway is a right of passage along it. The Authority has both a duty of care to ensure the safety of the travelling public and a duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to secure and facilitate the expeditious movement of traffic.

3. OBJECTIONS AND COMMENTS

- 3.1. The specific objections and points contained within each letter have been analysed and detailed below together with the response.

(i) Objection 1 reason:

Objector states that vehicles park very close to the junction of Stockport Road, on both sides creating a bottleneck which can reduce Marina Drive to one lane. Objector states that visibility when turning from Stockport Road onto Marina Drive is restricted due to high hedges.

Objector suggests the lines should be at least 20 metres to make the junction feel safer and give pedestrians more visibility when attempting to cross.

Response

Rule 243 of The Highway Code states: do not stop or park within 10 metres of a junction. However, depending on the highway layout for example, kerb radius, an extension to this is sometimes required. Following on-site investigations, it was determined that 11m on both sides of Marina Drive would be sufficient to prevent parking at the junction. Therefore, at this present time we do not recommend an extension to the extent of the proposed double yellow lines as this would result in the loss of unrestricted parking for the residents and their visitors.

The carriageway width on Marina Drive is 7m wide therefore providing enough space for vehicles to pass safely.

Network Management would like to see a scheme in place for 6 months before carrying out a review. Assuming this scheme is passed, Network Management will monitor the location and if it is evidenced further restrictions are required, will carry out another consultation with the affected properties at that time.

In relation to the concern the objector has raised over the high hedges, Network Management will ask the Maintenance Department to investigate the area and progress any action they deem required.

4. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDER

- 4.1. No amendments are proposed

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report other than central officer time.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. The Council has a statutory duty to ensure that its highways operate safely for the safe passage of all traffic including pedestrians and powers to regulate and restrict traffic to assist in that duty.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1. To comply with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders, Regulations 1996 the Authority must consider all objections submitted during the consultation period of at least 21 days before 'Making' a Traffic Regulation Order.
- 7.2. The Committee should make a decision in respect of the objection/s received so that the scheme can be progressed and the No Waiting at Any Time restrictions introduced or abandoned.

8. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- 8.1. The alternative to the proposals laid out in this report is to continue with the current lack of restriction on the highway by not introducing the proposed traffic regulation orders.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1. It is recommended that:
- 9.2. the Area Committee and Cabinet Member for Highways, Parks & Leisure Services note all Traffic Regulation Orders where objections have been considered by officers;
- 9.3. the Area Committee and the Cabinet Member for Highways, Parks & Leisure Services resolve that the Traffic Regulation Order be made as originally advertised.
- 9.4. That the objectors are informed of the decision.

Background Papers

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