

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Objection Report for Fir Road, Bramhall - Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time'

Report to: (a) Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee
Thursday, 22 June 2023

Date:

Report of: (b) Joint report of the Director for Place Management and 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 Fir Road, Bramhall.

Recommendation(s):

Should the Members wish to proceed as described in the report below, the (complete) revised schedule will now read as follows:

Revocations of existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Schedule

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'Limited Waiting Monday-Friday 8am-9.30am & 3pm-5pm'

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From a point, 20 metres south of the intersection of the projected southern kerb line of Waterloo Road for a distance of 6.6 metres in a southerly direction.

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From a point, 22.5 metres north of the intersection of the projected northern kerb line of Waterloo Road for a distance of 6.6 metres in a northerly direction.

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

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

Item 12: [Agenda for Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee on Thursday, 1st December, 2022, 6.30 pm - Stockport Council](#)

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

Objection Report - Fir Road, Bramhall
Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting At Any Time'

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

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is to advise committee members of an objection/s received to a proposed introduction of a 'No Waiting at Any Time' Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on Fir Road, Bramhall between the junctions of Brookdale Road and Waterloo 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 the proposed Traffic Regulation Order is likely to displace parking from Fir Road to the privately maintained Waterloo Road and Brookdale Road, which will potentially result in vehicles parking on privately maintained frontages which are not suitable for this purpose as they are not constructed to adoptable standards. The parked vehicles may also obstruct driveway access and pedestrian access as there are no designated footways on these roads. Objector requests that the Council erects signage at the Fir Road end of both Waterloo Road and Brookdale Road stating that parking is for residents and visitors only and not for the shops/pub.

Objector further states that the removal of parking will result in increased vehicle speeds on Fir Road in the vicinity of Waterloo Road. At night and at times when vehicles are not parked, it is observed that speeds are much higher as the parked vehicles introduce an element of natural traffic calming. There are significant crossing movements in the vicinity of the junction of Waterloo Road and Fir Road including children accessing the Scout Hall and by elderly persons going to the shops, including the chemist. If waiting is prohibited it should be accompanied by measures to introduce traffic calming features on Fir Road in the vicinity of the shops/Scout Hall.

Response:

Signage is already in place on both sides upon entry to Brookdale Road at its junction with Fir Road, stating it is a private road and that parking is for residents and visitors only. In relation to Waterloo Road, Network Management will arrange for the existing signage which is installed at its junction with Fir Road to be replaced with signage stating it is a private road and that parking is for residents and visitors only. The proposed signage is shown on **Drawing No. NM8-5181-01 Rev D**.

The introduction of traffic calming features is not within the remit of this scheme.

The Police enforce all moving traffic contraventions therefore, concerns of speeding should be reported to Greater Manchester Police on their non-emergency telephone number for potential enforcement.

Following the Traffic Survey carried out in April 2022, it concluded that:

- Vehicles are obstructed by double parking which results in queuing traffic – this commences from 8am and continues through until 7pm.
- The number of vehicles obstructed is at a maximum between the hours of 3pm and 4pm which coincides with the school pick-up for Bramhall High School.
- The number of vehicles obstructed is at or above the survey average for each day between the hours of 10am and 4pm except on Wednesday 20th October when it was between 10am and 6pm.

Taking this information into account, it is essential that waiting restrictions are introduced to maintain the movement of traffic on Fir Road. Stockport Council note the objectors concerns and have discussed these with the local ward councillors and have, revised the proposals; instead of prohibiting parking 24/7 it is proposed to downgrade the proposed No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow lines) to Limited Waiting Monday to Friday 8am-9.30am & 3pm-5pm (Single Yellow Line) as shown on **Drawing No. NM8-5181-01 Rev D** and the revised Traffic Regulation Order Schedule. It is anticipated that by revising the proposed waiting restrictions, movement of traffic can be maintained during peak times, whilst at the same time allowing parking to continue outside of these same hours thus retaining an element of natural traffic calming features.

4. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDER

- 4.1 Council Officers having considered the objection received, propose to amend the order as follows, and as shown in **Drawing No. NM8-5181-01 Rev D**:

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5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. It is estimated the cost of the additional signage (for supply, manufacture, and installation) as requested by the objector to deter parking from the shops/pub will be in the region of an additional £1,000. However, funding for this has been secured by the Mayoral Challenge Fund (MCF) therefore, there are no financial implications to the Bramhall North Delegated Ward Budget arising from the recommendations within 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 'Limited Waiting Monday-Friday 8am-9.30am & 3pm-5pm' restrictions be 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 note all Traffic Regulation Orders where objections have been considered by officers;

the Area Committee accept the proposed amendment/s to the Order as stated above and as shown on the attached plan **Drawing No. NM8-5181-01 Rev D**.

- 9.3. That the objectors are informed of the decision.

Background Papers

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