

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Stop Sign at junction of Compstall Road and Glossop Road, Marple Bridge

Report to: (a) Marple Area Committee
2023

Date: Wednesday, 2 August

Report of: (b) Director of Place Management

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

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

Summary:

To consider the installation of a STOP sign on Compstall Road at the junction with Glossop Road, with departure from design guidelines.

Recommendation(s):

The Director for Place Management requests that the Marple Area Committee consider and comment on this report and recommend that the Cabinet Member for Park, Highways & Transport Services approve the recommendations and instruct Traffic Services on their decision to install STOP signs and associated lining.

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

Stop Sign at junction of Compstall Road and Glossop Road, Marple Bridge

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek guidance from Area Committee Members to determine whether a STOP sign can be approved at this location.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Traffic Services received a request from ward Councillors after concerns were raised from local residents regarding the safety of the junction. Residents requested a STOP sign at the junction due to motorists not slowing down and not adhering to the current Give Way.
- 2.2. Investigations were carried out and it was determined that the junction did not meet the criteria for a STOP sign due to the current visibility splay being greater than 30m in both directions from the Give Way line.
- 2.3. The reported accident database was interrogated and shows 1 incident in the previous 3 years from 01/10/2019-30/09/2022 (latest data available) with a vehicle failing to stop, resulting in slight injury. Although we are aware that there have been other incidents these are not on the accident database and assumed to be vehicular damage only.
- 2.4. Traffic Services expressed concerns regarding the installation of a STOP sign as motorists coming from the Glossop Road or Lower Fold directions may not consider other vehicles coming from Compstall Road, believing they will always stop, and may therefore not pass with the caution that they currently do.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. It is proposed to install a new illuminated STOP sign, advanced warning signage on yellow backing board and associated road markings.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

- 4.1. Due to the current Give Way sign and associated markings not being adhered to by some motorists, Traffic Services noted that a STOP sign may not be respected by motorists if they do not see the need for it. Therefore, Traffic Services recommended a full feasibility study to be carried out at the junction.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1. Consultations with GMP were carried out.

5.2. GMP response stated:

We feel you are correct in your concerns regarding vehicles travelling along Glossop Road / Lower Fold Road, that they may be less observant of vehicles at the junction. Additional signage and road marking of "SLOW" on Lower Fold / Glossop Road on the approach to the junction may assist.

There are no objections from Greater Manchester Police to the proposal and we would also agree with the TRSGD chapter 3, points 2.1.3 and 2.2.1

TSRGD Chapter 3 states:

- 2.1.3 It is expected that most junctions that satisfy the criteria for STOP signs already have signs in place. New junctions should not be constructed with very poor visibility, so the provision of new STOP signs should be exceptional. Consultation with the police for their support on enforcement is recommended.
- 2.2.1 STOP signs, other than at junctions with tramways, should be provided only where visibility is so restricted that it is essential for drivers to stop before entering the major road (see 2.5 for railway and tram crossings). The sign will be well respected only if drivers can see the need for it.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1. The estimated costs of the scheme are as follows:

Installation of new illuminated pole, illuminated sign	
advanced sign and traffic management	£3,400
Installation of associated lining and traffic management	£1,300
TOTAL	£4,700

To be funded by the Marple North delegated budget

7. TIMESCALES

7.1. 10-16 weeks

8. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1. 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".

8.2. 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.

9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1. The Director for Place Management requests that the Marple Area Committee consider and comment on this report and recommend that the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transportation Service approve the recommendations and instruct Traffic Services on their decision to install STOP signs and associated lining.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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