

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting At Any Time' and new Bus Clearway Markings on Ridge Road/Church Lane, Marple

Report to: (a) Marple Area Committee

Date: Wednesday 13th September

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 seeks approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) No Waiting at Any Time and Bus Clearway markings on Ridge Road/Church Lane, Marple.

Recommendation(s):

The Director for Place Management requests that the Marple Area Committee approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) set out in **Appendix A**, and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date, the order 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
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.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting At Any Time' and Bus Clearway Markings on Ridge Road/Church Lane, Marple

Report of the Director for Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report the findings of a consultation exercise and seeks approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) No Waiting at Any Time and bus clearway markings on Ridge Road/Church Lane, Marple

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Traffic Services received a request from the Local Highway Ward Spokesperson to investigate concerns relating to motorists parking their vehicles on Church Road to the right of its junction with Ridge Avenue.
- 2.2. Vehicles parked at this location are hindering traffic movement and visibility for motorists attempting to exit Ridge Avenue.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. Due to the nature of the concerns, Traffic Services propose to bring out the current Give Way markings by 0.5 metres and extend the existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 'No Waiting At Any Time' (double yellow lines), these proposals are shown on **Drawing No: NM8-4080-01**.
- 3.2. During the consultation process, some residents stated vehicles are parking at the bus stop on Ridge Road located opposite the junction of Ridge Avenue. These parked vehicles are causing issues for buses attempting to stop to pick up/drop off passengers. It was also reported that these parked vehicles are causing issues for motorists trying to turn right from Ridge Avenue and that vehicles parked to the left of the junction of Ridge Avenue, on Ridge Road are also affecting visibility. To address these concerns, it is proposed to further extend the proposed double yellow lines on the right-hand side and install new bus clearway markings. In light of this, an additional consultation was carried out with affected residents. The updated proposals are shown on **Drawing No: NM8-4080-01 Rev B**.

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 no adverse comments were received.
- 6.3. Affected residents were consulted with **Drawing No: NM8-4080-01**

In the first consultation, from a total of 25 No. properties consulted with, 13 responses (52%) were received. Of those responses, 8 (62%) were in support of the proposals and 5 (38%) were not in support of the proposals.

Comments made by those in support of the proposals:

Visibility would be even better if a double yellow line marking was also extended on the other side of the exit from Ridge Avenue, i.e. on the Ridge Road side.
The biggest problem is the parked cars on the left, at the junction of Ridge Avenue and Ridge Road.
There are three main problems with the access from Ridge Ave onto Ridge Road/Church Lane. 1. The speed of the traffic on the main road. 2. visibility restricted by parked vehicles outside numbers 1 and 3 Ridge Road. 3. Cars parked on the bus stop area on Church Lane making it very narrow to pull out of Ridge Ave. Please consider further double yellow.
The view to the left is often obscured by parked cars. This simply requires some care but there are motorists who drive very fast on Ridge Rd/Church Ln and this does lead to hazardous situations. Moving the give way lines may help to make the vehicle exiting Ridge Ave more visible to oncoming traffic. It is rare for vehicles to be parked on Church Lane where there proposed extension to yellow lines are. However, if anything is parked there, it makes it very difficult to exit safely.

Comments made by those not in support of the proposals:

The extension of the existing double yellow lines is not the solution. We need to be able to pull out into the left side of the road. If cars are parked here, we have to navigate into oncoming traffic. We would welcome the proposed double yellow lines. Also, would welcome traffic calming measures to traffic coming up Church Lane. I am amazed that a serious traffic accident hasn't occurred as we feel we take our live into our own hands when existing Ridge Avenue.
Proposed changes to junction of Ridge Ave and Church Lane/Ridge Road are welcomed, however the issue of turning both right or left from Ridge Ave is poor vision to the left along Ridge Rd, not to the right onto Church Lane. Vehicles are almost never parked where the proposed double yellow line extension is proposed. The danger is from unseen vehicles coming from the left, where parked cars on the left side of Ridge Road (when travelling towards the Ridge) significantly obscure vision, leading to pulling into or against moving traffic coming down the hill. Extending the existing double yellow lines along Ridge Road as indicated would be a much more effective solution to addressing the current risk.

To address the comments made by residents:

- As detailed in point 3.2 it is proposed to further extend the proposed double yellow lines on the right-hand side on Ridge Road, to its right of the junction with Ridge Avenue. It is also proposed to install bus clearway markings.
- Traffic calming is not within the remit of this scheme.

- Contravention of a speed limit falls within the remit of Greater Manchester Police therefore, we would recommend that residents to report such concerns directly to the Police on their non-emergency telephone number for potential enforcement.

In the second consultation, **Drawing No: NM8-4080-02** from a total of 7 properties consulted with 2 responses (29%) were received. Of those responses 1 (50%) was in favour of the proposals and 1 (50%) was not in favour.

Comments made by those in support of the proposals:

The proposed changes meet our previous concerns, and we fully support the revised proposal.

Comments made by those not in support of the proposals:

We object to the proposal in so far as it relates to the additional extension of the existing double yellow lines on Ridge Road. However, we do not object to the proposed installation of a bus clearway.

Regarding the proposed further extension of the double yellow lines, we consider this to be unnecessary and excessive. Ridge Road is not such a busy road that it is difficult to get out of adjoining roads or driveways. Our driveway is quite narrow and has poor visibility, yet we regularly reverse out of the drive onto Ridge Road without much difficulty, as the road is often quiet.

However, moving the Give Way outwards appears to be a good idea and a reasonable measure. Moving the Give Way appears to be a more than adequate solution to any issues in pulling out of Ridge Avenue.

The proposed extension would create an excessively large double yellow line area which does not appear to have precedence elsewhere on Ridge Road. If each side road off Ridge Road / Church Lane had such large double yellow line areas, then there would be hardly any parking on the road at all.

We find that having cars parked on Ridge Road, in the areas covered by the proposed further extension to the double yellow lines, makes it safer and easier for us to exit our driveway. Without any cars parked in those spaces, we find that cars drive faster along Ridge Road which can make it more difficult and less safe for us to exit our driveway. We assume that the same is true for our neighbours. Therefore, we believe that the proposed changes will make this area of Ridge Road less safe overall.

Considering these points, we believe that the proposed further extension of the double yellow lines on Ridge Road, as indicated on drawing number NM8-4080-01, is a disproportionate measure which will negatively affect the residents of Ridge Road much more than it will benefit the residents of Ridge Avenue. We appreciate the need for buses to safely access the bus stop on Ridge Road and therefore have no objections to that aspect of the proposal.

To address the comments made by residents:

- The further extension of the double yellow lines is as a result of multiple concerns raised by residents during the consultation exercise. It is anticipated that this small extension will improve movement of traffic using the junction of Ridge Road/Ridge Avenue together with improving visibility for all road users.
- It is noted that the resident states they often reverse out of their driveway. The Highway Code Rule 201 advises against reversing out of a driveway.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

Legal	£600
Road Markings (Double Yellow Lines)	£200
Road Markings (Bus Clearway)	£400
Signage (Bus Clearway)	£260
Total	£1,360

To be funded equally by the Marple North and Marple South & High Lane Delegated Ward Budgets

8. TIMESCALES

5-6 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 Marple Area Committee consider approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) set out in **Appendix A** 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.

Anyone wishing further information please contact Gemma Brady on gemma.brady@stockport.gov.uk

Appendix A

Revocation of existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 'No Waiting At Any Time'

Church Lane, Marple - East Side:

From its intersection with the northern kerb line of Ridge Avenue, for a distance of 15 metres in a northerly direction.

Ridge Road, Marple – East Side:

From its intersection with the southern kerb line of Ridge Avenue, for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction

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Church Lane, Marple East Side:

From its intersection with the northern kerb line of Ridge Avenue, for a distance of 40 metres in a northerly direction.

Ridge Road, Marple – East Side:

From its intersection with the southern kerb line of Ridge Avenue, for a distance of 20 metres in a southerly direction