

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time' and new Bus Clearway Marking on Thornfield Grove/Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme

Report to: (a) Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee

Date: Thursday, 19 October 2023

Report of: (b) Director of Place Management

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

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

Summary:

To report finds of a consultation exercise and seeks approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) No Waiting at Any Time and Bus Clearway marking on Thornfield Grove/Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme.

Recommendation(s):

The Director for Place Management requests that the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme Area Committee comment and recommend the Cabinet Member for Highways, Parks and Transportation 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 & 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.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time' and new Bus Clearway Marking on Thornfield Grove/Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme

Report of the Director of 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 Thornfield Grove/Cheadle Road Cheadle Hulme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Traffic Services received a request from the Local Highway Ward Spokesperson to investigate concerns raised of motorists parking their vehicles too close to the junction.
- 2.2 Vehicles parked at this location are hindering the movement of traffic and limiting visibility for other motorists and pedestrians using this junction.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 To overcome these concerns, it is proposed to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) and No stopping except buses (bus stop clear way markings and signage) as shown on the enclosed **Drawing No. NM8-3002–Thornfield Grove**.
- 3.2 These proposals are to improve visibility for highway users, and improve manoeuvrability in and out of Thornfield Grove.

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 have been consulted with.

From a total of 31 letters sent, 12 no. (39%) responses have been received, of the responses received 11 no. (92%) support the proposals whereas 1 no. (8%) do not support the proposals.

Comments made by residents:

Concerns about motorists ignoring restrictions and what enforcement activity would take place to support these measures.

Request to extend the double yellow line a further 3 metres on the left-hand side as you drive into Thornfield Grove.

Introduction of double yellow lines around the junction will push parking further up Thornfield Grove

To address the comments made by residents.

It is acknowledged that some motorists will contravene parking restrictions, it is anticipated that in the main, motorists will comply with them. Civil enforcement officers patrol the borough daily issuing PCNs to vehicles they observe parked in contravention. Residents can request enforcement as and when they observe vehicles parked in contravention via the SMBC website:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/parking-enforcement>

Upon a request for enforcement, a Civil Enforcement Officer will attend the location as soon as operationally possible.

These proposals compliment rule 243 of Highway Code which states: do not stop or park within 10 metres of a junction. We have extended these a further 5 metres up to resident's driveway access to ensure vehicles do not park over or encroach on the driveways which are close to the exit of Thornfield Grove. Improve manoeuvrability in and out of Thornfield Grove

The local dentist has allocated spaces for their customers, however the carpark has been closed due to building work being carried out and the dentist has confirmed this will reopen once work is complete. There will be occasions when there is no space in the business carparks it is inevitable to have some customers parking on surrounding side streets, however this will not be a high number of vehicles at any one time and will only be parking for a short period of time.

It is acknowledged that the introduction of double yellow lines will force motorists to seek alternative parking. However, the purpose of these proposals is to maintain traffic movement and improve visibility for all road users negotiating the Thornfield Grove/Cheadle Road junction.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. The estimated costs of the scheme as follows:

Legal	£600
Road Markings & Signage	£600
Total	£1200

To be funded by Cheadle Hulme South Delegated Ward Budget.

8. TIMESCALES

8.1. 4 to 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 Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme Area Committee comment and recommend the Cabinet Member for Highways, Parks and Transportation 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 Diane Knight on telephone number 07929 777412 or by email on diane.knight@stockport.gov.uk

Appendix A

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Schedule

Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme:

Southwest side from its intersection with the northwestern kerb line of Thornfield Grove for a distance of 8 metres in a north westerly direction.

Thornfield Grove, Cheadle Hulme:

Both sides from the intersection of the southwestern kerb line of Cheadle Road for a distance of 17 metres in a south westerly direction.