

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Outwood Drive Heald Green - Trial Markings to Highlight Footway

Report to: (a) Cheadle Area Committee
2023

Date: Tuesday, 17 October

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 on, and to seek approval for the installation of trial markings on the footway of Outwood Drive at the side of No. 225 Finney Lane, Heald as shown on Drawing No. **NM1 Outwood Drive-01**.

Recommendation(s):

The Director for Place Management requests that the Cheadle Area Committee consider and comment upon these proposals and recommend that the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport approves the installation of the trial markings.

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 Council 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.

Outwood Drive Heald Green - Trial Markings to Highlight Footway

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report on, and to seek approval for the installation of trial markings on the footway of Outwood Drive at the side of No. 225 Finney Lane Heald Green as shown on **Drawing No. NM1 Outwood Drive-01**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Traffic services received a request from the Local Highway Ward Spokesperson to investigate concerns regarding motorists bumping up the kerb to access shop front parking and vehicles overhanging the adopted highway (footway).
- 2.2. Vehicles parking at this location, in this manner are causing an obstruction for pedestrians who on occasions must walk into the road to get past the parked vehicles, putting them at greater risk of being involved in a road traffic accident.
- 2.3. Outwood Drive at the junction of Finney Lane is an extremely busy area which provides important access to the railway station and other local amenities.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. To overcome these concerns, it is proposed to introduce a trial for a 6-month period. The trial will involve the installation of footway marking to highlight the adopted footway to drivers. These proposals are shown on the attached **Drawing No. NM1 Outwood Drive-01**. On seeing these markings, it is hoped drivers will change their behaviours and park in a more considerate manner.
- 3.2. The lining will also assist Civil Enforcement Officers to carry out parking enforcement by enabling them to issue a Penalty Charge Notice to vehicles they observe parked obstructing the adopted footway as there will be a distinct line between the adopted and unadopted footway area. Loading and unloading to serve the business also occurs at this location with vehicles parking half on / half off the footway. It is anticipated that the installation of the footway markings will discourage this behaviour and encourage the drivers of these vehicles to park fully on the carriageway.
- 3.3. This area will be monitored for a 6-month period with site visits being carried out on different days and at different times to ascertain whether driver behaviour has changed. The outcome of which, will be reported back to a future Area Committee.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

Bollards and pedestrian guard rail were considered however, once installed would not leave an unobstructed 1.5 metres width, which is required minimum for pedestrian accessibility.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated costs would be as follows:

5.1. Road markings	£250
Total	£250

To be funded from the Heald Green Delegated Ward Budget

6. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1. 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".

6.2. 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.

7. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1. The Director for Place Management requests that the Cheadle Area Committee consider and comment upon these proposals, and recommend the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services approves the installation of the trial markings.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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