

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order**  
**'No Waiting At Any Time' on Ludlow Road and Bideford Road, Offerton**

**Report of the Director for Place Management**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To report the findings of a consultation exercise and to seek approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Traffic Services received a request from the Highway Ward Spokesperson for the Manor Ward to investigate safety concerns as it had been reported that vehicles are parking close to the junctions of Ludlow Road and Bideford Road, obscuring visibility and hindering traffic movement. These roads also serve a local bus route (no.364) hence the desire to ensure there is unhindered traffic flow.

**3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 Due to the nature of the concerns raised, Traffic Services propose to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – 'No Waiting At Any Time'. These proposals are shown on **Drawing No. NM8-5230**.

**4. LEGAL 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**

- 5.2 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 they have no objections to these proposals.

6.3 Affected residents have been consulted with and from a total of 18 letters delivered, 7 responses (39%) have been received. Of the responses received, 4 responses (57%) are in support of the proposals and 3 response (43%) do not support the proposals.

**Comments made by those in support of the proposals:**

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Traffic Services Response</b>
<p>I agree with the proposal to have "No waiting at any time." it is difficult to see if any cars are turning the corner from Ludlow Road into Bideford Road. The corner is very sharp, and it is difficult to see if any traffic is coming around the corner in either direction. Recently during the day, there has been a transit type van; parked on the corner, this has been there virtually all day and night. I also feel sorry for the drivers of the 364 bus route, who have to negotiate this bend several times a day. The proposal seems fair and will still allow a couple of cars to park.</p>	<p>No response required</p>
<p>I agree, it is dangerous.</p>	<p>No response required</p>
<p>In full favour of double yellow lines. It is a dangerous corner with all the parked cars on it.</p>	<p>No response required</p>
<p>This is long overdue. I am pleased that your proposal is for the 'yellow lines' to extend on the opposite road where it is proposed. however the downside is that it will have a further impact by putting pressure on parking outside properties, then might need an Access Protection Marking painted.</p>	<p>Application for access protection markings can be found here:  <a href="https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/access-protection-markings-request">https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/access-protection-markings-request</a>            If vehicles are parking over the dropped crossing then enforcement can be requested here:  <a href="https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/request-a-parking-enforcement">https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/request-a-parking-enforcement</a></p>

**Comments made by those who oppose the proposals:**

<p>The residents of the corner property will be unable to park their vehicles unless they park in front of someone else's home. The stated problem the solution is attempting to fix is overstated - how many accidents have happened at the corner? I and my wife have cause to drive along the road (corner) concerned every day. It causes no inconvenience at all. If lines have to be painted at all then they should be painted on Bideford Road allowing the residents of the corner property to park outside their own house.</p>	<p>The corner property benefits from a garage and driveway together with a dropped kerb to facilitate off road parking. These proposals are to facilitate traffic movement on this bus route. There are no recorded accidents on the TfGM accident database at this location. This also supports the highway code rule 243 <b>DO NOT</b> stop or park on a bend.</p>
<p>1. Ludlow Road is already busy with parked cars (most houses are two car households) Adding restrictions will only add more vehicles parked on the road. 2. Some properties run businesses so have clients parking during the day, restrictions would make the parking even worse. 3. The main issue is with the corner of Ludlow/Bideford - the easier solution would be to remove the pavement on the right hand side (as you go up Ludlow and turn into Bideford) and create a parking layby. 4. The Council could support residents by waving the frankly ridiculous £1000's it costs to drop kerbs.</p>	<p>Alterations to the adopted highway are not within the remit of this scheme. These proposals are to facilitate traffic movement on this bus route.</p>
<p>Currently buses and cars come round the corner carefully and as far as we're aware there has been no accidents. If yellow lines were added there would be no need for such care. We feel that this will lead to cars and buses flying round the corner. We have a lovely community of children who play on the street. We feel this could put the children in danger. The yellow lines would displace approx 5 parking spaces and feel these cars would just go over the road, blocking neighbours and causing friction between residents. Visitors would have to park further away.</p>	<p>The majority of properties have access to off road parking/driveways. This also supports the highway code rule 243 <b>DO NOT</b> stop or park on a bend.</p>

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

<b>7.1</b>	Legal Costs	£650.00
	Lining Costs (including potential Traffic Management)	£600.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1250.00</b>

To be funded from the Manor Delegated Ward Budget.

## **8. TIMESCALES**

8.1 3-4 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 of Place Management & Regeneration requests that the Central Stockport 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.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are none.

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Graham O'Connor on telephone number 0161 474 5057 or alternatively email [graham.oconnor@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:graham.oconnor@stockport.gov.uk)

## **Appendix A**

### **Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – ‘No Waiting At Any Time’**

#### **Ludlow Road, Offerton**

Southeast side from the intersection of the south westerly kerb line of Bideford Road for a distance of 15 metres.

#### **Bideford Road, Offerton**

Southwest side from the intersection of the south easterly kerb line of Ludlow Road for a distance of 20 metres.