

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ & Limited Stay Disabled Bay.

Report to: (a) Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee **Date:** Thursday, 30 November 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 at the junction of Balmoral Road and Buckingham Road and a limited stay disabled bay outside the Chemist on Buckingham Road, Cheadle Hulme.

Recommendation(s):

The Director for Place Management requests that the Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme Area Committee comment and 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' & Limited Stay Disabled Bay on Buckingham Road / Balmoral Ave

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 disabled parking bay '30 mins no return within 60 mins' on Buckingham Road / Balmoral Ave 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.
- 2.3 Local business requested disabled bay to improve parking for blue badge holders to access local amenities as the area can be extremely busy with limited parking.

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 limited stay disabled bay '30 mins No return within 60mins' as shown on the enclosed **Drawing NM8-5157-01**
- 3.2 The proposal of double yellow lines is to improve visibility for highway users, and improve manoeuvrability in and out of Balmoral Ave.
- 3.3 The proposal of the limited stay disabled bay will give blue badge holders an allocated bay to park safely in close proximity to local amenities.

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 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 and businesses have been consulted with.

From a total of 20 no. letters sent, 10 no. (50%) responses have been received, consulted on both proposals' breakdown in the table below:

RESULTS		
	No.	%
Total No. Letters Sent	20	
Total No. of Responses	10	50%
Double Yellow Lines		
Total No. Agree	7	70%
Total No. Disagree	3	30%
Disabled Bay		
Total No. Agree	7	70%
Total No. Disagree	1	10%
Total No Response	2	20%

Comments made by residents:

The need for more enforcement.

Extension of double yellow lines up to the existing lines on the junction with Cheadle Road / Buckingham Road.

Introduction of double yellow lines around the junction will push parking further up Balmoral Ave.

Residents raised issues about driveways being obstructed non-residents vehicles.

Network Management comments :

Civil Enforcement Officers patrol the whole borough daily and whilst doing so, will issue a Penalty Charge Notice to all vehicles they observe parked in contravention. Civil Enforcement Officers work 7 days a week with a working pattern from early morning to late evening. Members of the public may also request parking enforcement as and when they observe a vehicle 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.

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 Balmoral Avenue/Buckingham Road junction.

An officer conducted a site visit and logged any existing access protection markings that are faded to highways maintenance. Individual properties can also apply for an Access Protection Marking (H-Bars) these usually cost £185 each, however, local councillors have asked us to consult with residents to determine if a discount can be applied should multiple residents wish to take up the offer.

Therefore, if 5 or more residents take up this offer it would be approximately £100 each (further discount could apply on shared driveways).

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. The estimated costs of the scheme as follows:

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

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 consider and 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 or by email on diane.knight@stockport.gov.uk

Appendix A.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Schedule

‘No Waiting at Any Time’

Buckingham Road – Southeast Side

From a point 11 metres northeast of the north-eastern kerb line of Balmoral Ave to point 18 metres southwest of southwestern kerb line of Balmoral Ave.

Balmoral Ave – Northeast Side

From its intersection with the south-eastern kerb line of Buckingham Road for a distance of 15 metres in a south easterly direction

Balmoral Ave – Southwest Side

From its intersection with the south-eastern kerb line of Buckingham Road for a distance of 9 metres south easterly direction.

Disabled Bay

30 mins no return within 60 mins

Buckingham Road – Northwest Side

From a point 30 metres southwest to the projected southwest kerb line of Balmoral Ave for a distance of 6.6 metres in a south westly direction.