

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Beech Ave Gatley TRO ' No Waiting at Any Time'

Report to: (a) Cheadle Area Committee
2024

Date: Tuesday, 23 January

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 the findings of a consultation exercise and to seek approval for the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in the form of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Beech Avenue, Gatley.

Recommendation(s):

The Director for Place Management requests that the Cheadle Area Committee comment and approves the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) set out in Appendix A, and that 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.

Beech Ave Gatley TRO ' No Waiting at Any Time'

Report of the Director of 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) in the form of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on the turning circle of Beech Avenue, Gatley.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Traffic Services received a request from the Local Highway Ward Spokesperson to investigate concerns of motorists parking on the footway and within the turning circle of Beech Avenue to access the William Scholes Playing Fields. It is reported that this parking causes an obstruction and congestion for both motorists and pedestrians.

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) within the turning circle of Beech Avenue, Gatley as shown on the enclosed **Drawing No: NM8-4805**.

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. Discussions with the Neighbourhoods Department led to them contacting the clubs regarding the parking issues. It was ascertained that the clubs that pay to hire the pitch were not the ones parking and carrying out unofficial training sessions when the venue isn't open. Contractors have spoken to people using the field but it can be difficult to police and stop such behaviours.
- 5.2 Residents permit parking was requested, due to residents having off road parking, It is unlikely residents would not meet the criteria to take this further.

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 29 letters sent, 10 (34%) responses have been received, with all respondents (100%) in support of the proposals.

Comments made by residents:

The need for more enforcement

The lines will cause displacement of parking further a long Beech Ave and would like to see Extension of the double yellow lines down Beech Ave up to Burnside Road.

Concerns Emergency vehicles would have problems accessing the road.

Resident's parking scheme

Opening the car park at Scholes Park at set times a day to help reduce parking issues.

Network Management comments in response:

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 online via our website or by telephone.

From the feedback received parking does already extend further up Beech Avenue, however keeping the turning circle free will help improve manoeuvrability and access in and out of the road due to it being narrow. If parking restrictions were extended this would limit parking for residents and visitors which could cause further parking problems on the Avenue.

Emergency services would report any access issues to us which to date no reports have been received.

Resident Permit Parking is not within the remit of this scheme. Additionally, it is unlikely the location would meet the required criteria as most residents have off-road parking facilities.

Neighbourhood's comments regarding the carpark: The car park is usually open for booked events on the playing fields, we will not open the car park for unofficial events including unauthorised coaching sessions or when no events are taking place. As this would likely to exacerbate the problem, by making the venue more accessible and attractive for people to conduct activities and events without permission and would also leave the site open to vandalism.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. The estimated costs of the scheme as follow:

Legal	£600
Road Marking	£250
Total	£850

To be funded by the Cheadle West and Gatley 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 Cheadle Area Committee Consider and approves the legal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) set out in Appendix A, and that 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 07929777412 or by email on diane.knight@stockport.gov.uk

Appendix A

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Schedule

'No Waiting at Any Time'

Beech Avenue, East Side - From the projected boundary line of properties 83 and 85 in a southerly direction, westerly direction around the cul-de-sac end, then in a northerly direction (west side) to a point in line with projected boundary line of properties 83 and 85.