

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Freshfield, Heald Green

Report to: (a) Cheadle Area Committee
2024

Date: Tuesday, 5 March

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 Freshfield to include junction of Formby Drive and Finney Lane.

Recommendation(s):

The Director for Place Management requests that the Cheadle Area Committee considers and comments upon the following proposals and recommend that the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services 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.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Freshfield, Heald Green

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 Freshfield / Formby Drive junction and Freshfield / Finney Lane.

2. BACKGROUND

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

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) as shown on the enclosed drawing; **Drawing No. NM8-5047-001 Rev A.**

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 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 22 No. letters sent, 11 No. responses (50%) have been received, of the responses received 7 No. (64%) support the proposals whereas 4 No. (36%) do not support proposals.

Comments made by residents:

Formby Drive residents would prefer residents parking permits.

Issues with people parking in front of driveways.

Several residents commented on extending the yellow lines along Freshfield and both side of Formby Drive.

The main problem is the Freshfield and Eastleigh Road junction.

Network Management comments in response:

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.

If Residents are encountering problems with motorists blocking their driveways on a regular basis, they can request enforcement via the online form. Upon such requests, a Civil Enforcement Officer will attend the location as soon as operationally possible. They may also wish to consider applying for an Access Protection Marking. Whilst the marking itself has no legal standing; it would highlight to other motorists that vehicular access is required. There would, however, be a cost implication for the resident, currently £185.00.

It was noted that some residents have extended their driveway but not applied to have the kerbs lowered to reflect the extension. Motorists are permitted to park alongside a full height kerb.

Network Management would not recommend fully extending the restriction further on Freshfield or on both sides of Formby Drive as this would encourage vehicles to park further into the small cul-de-sac and within the turning circle. If restrictions were extended it would reduce resident and visitor parking which may potentially result in further complaints from residents

Further to the comment regarding the Freshfield and Eastleigh junction; this was put to the Highway Ward Spokesperson who agreed a further consultation.

Additional Consultation Results – Freshfield / Eastleigh Junction

It is proposed to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ (double yellow lines) as shown on the enclosed **Drawing no. NM8-5047- 002**

From a total of 10 letters sent, 2 No. responses (20%) were received, of the responses received 2 No. (100%) support the proposals.

Comment made by residents:

I'd like yellow lines all the way down Freshfield! Cars park all day on both sides of the road making it difficult to move off my drive, and sometimes block us in which is totally unacceptable. My only reservation is this will generate more parking outside my house, if the junctions are blocked with yellow lines. The parking and speeding of cars down Freshfield really worries me for safety.

Network Management Response

These proposals compliment Rule 243 of the Highway Code which states: DO NOT stop or park within 10 metres of a junction and will improve safety we would not look to extend these as it would reduce parking for residents and their visitors.

Network Management would not recommend fully extending the restriction further on Freshfield or on both sides of Formby Drive as this would encourage vehicles to park further into the small cul-de-sac and within the turning circle. If restrictions were extended it would reduce resident and visitor parking which may potentially result in further complaints from residents

Google street view indicates residents have extended the driveway on their property but have not applied for the kerbs to be lowered that run in front of it. Motorists are permitted to park alongside a full height kerb. We would strongly recommend these residents apply to extend their vehicular access point.

Whilst carrying out this consultation we have noted a number of anomalies the limited stay parking bays on the Service Road off Finney Lane outside property nos. 198 to 216 have been reduced in length and a single yellow line has been installed on site at some point after 2010. This does not match our mapping system, QGIS.

The length of double yellow lines installed on the Service Road to Rear of property nos. 198 to 216 Finney Lane do not match those detailed on our mapping system, QGIS

As the details on site, no longer match what is mapped on our mapping system QGIS or match the details contained within the existing Traffic Regulation Order, which became operational in 2010. it makes sense to address these anomalies whilst progressing this scheme. Additionally, until these anomalies are rectified, parking enforcement cannot be carried out by the Civil Enforcement Officers. Please see the attached **Drawing No. NM8-5047-02 Rev A** which addresses these anomalies.

To clarify, there will be no additional cost to your delegated ward budget for this element. It is simply a case of including this information within the same legal notice/sealed order for the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (double yellow lines) on Finney Lane / Freshfields and Formby Drive.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.2 The estimated costs of the scheme as follows:

Legal Costs	£750
Road Markings	£400
Total	£1,250

To be funded from the Heald Green Ward Delegated 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 considers and comments upon the following proposals and recommend that the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services 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 07929777412 or by email on diane.knight@stockport.gov.uk

Appendix A

Revocation to existing Traffic Regulation Order TRO Schedule

No waiting Monday to Saturday 8am – 6pm

Finney Lane Heald Green – North Side

From a point 10 metres east of the eastern kerb line of Freshfields in a westerly direction to the intersection of the Service Road to the rear of 198 - 216 Finney Lane.

Service Road to Rear of 198 - 216 Finney Lane - East Side

From its intersection with the north kerb line of Finney Lane for 10 metres in a northly direction-

Service Road off Finney Lane 198 – 216 - South Side

From the intersection with the eastern kerb line of the Service Road to the rear of 198 – 216 Service Road for a distance of 15 metres in an easterly direction.

Freshfield - West Side

From its intersection with the north kerb line of Finney Lane in a northerly direction to a point 18 metres north of the north kerb line of the Service Road off Finney Lane 198 - 216.

Service Road off Finney Lane 198 – 216 - South Side

From the intersection with the eastern kerb line of the Freshfields for a distance of 8 metres in an westerly direction.

Freshfield – East Side

From a point 6 metres north of the northerly kerb line of Formby Drive in southerly direction to the intersection with the north kerb line of Finney Lane

Formby Drive – Both Sides

From the intersection with the north-eastern kerb line of Freshfields for a distance of 4.5 metres in an easterly direction.

Parking Bays Limited Waiting 1 Hour Mon – Sat 8am – 6pm No Return 1 Hour

Service Road off Finney Lane 198 – 216 South Side

From a point 15 metres east of the eastern kerb line of the Service Road ~~off Finney Lane~~ to rear of 198 – 216 for a distance of 40 metres in an easterly direction.

Service Road off Finney Lane 198 – 216 - North Side

From the intersection with the eastern kerb line of the Service Road to the rear of 198 – 216 Service Road for a distance of 66 metres in an easterly direction.

No waiting At Any Time / No loading Mon – Sat 8am-9.30am & 4pm to 6pm

Service Road to rear of 198 – 216 Finney Lane – East Side

From the intersection of the northern kerb line of Service Road off Finney Lane 198 – 216 for a distance of 25 metres in a northly direction.

No Waiting at Any Time

Service Road to Rear of 198 to 216 Finney Lane - South Side

From a point 25 metres north of the intersection with the northerly kerb line of Service Road off Finley Lane 198 - 216 for a distance of 57 metres in an easterly direction.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Schedule

No Waiting at Any Time

Finney Lane, Heald Green – North Side

From a point 10 metres east of the eastern kerb line of Freshfields in a westerly direction to the intersection of the Service Road to rear of 198 - 216 Finney Lane.

Service Road to Rear of 198 - 216 Finney Lane - East Side

From its intersection with the north kerb line of Finney Lane for 10 metres in a northly direction.

Service Road Off Finney Lane - North Side

From its intersection with the east kerb line of the Service Road to the rear of 198 to 216 Finney Lane for a distance of 8 metres in an easterly direction.

From its intersection with west kerb line of Freshfields for a distance of 11 metres in a westerly direction.

Service Road Off Finney Lane - South Side

From its intersection with the east kerb line of the Service Road to the rear of 198 to 216 Finney Lane for a distance of 11 metres in an easterly direction.

From its intersection with west kerb line of Freshfields for a distance of 8 metres in a westerly direction.

Freshfields - West Side

From its intersection with the north kerb line of Finney Lane in a northerly direction to a point 22 metres north of the north kerb line of the Service Road off Finney Lane 198 - 216.

From its intersection of the southern kerb line of Eastleigh Road for a distance of 11 metres in a southerly direction.

Freshfields – East Side

From a point 10 metres north of the northerly kerb line of Formby Drive in southerly direction to the intersection with the north kerb line of Finney Lane.

From its intersection of the southern kerb line of Eastleigh Road for a distance of 14 metres in a southerly direction.

Formby Drive – Northwest Side

From its intersection with the north-eastern kerb line of Freshfields for a distance of 22 metres in an easterly direction.

Formby Drive – Southeast Side

From its intersection with the north-eastern kerb line of Freshfield for a distance of 10 metres in an easterly direction.

Eastleigh Road – South Side

From a point 19 metres east of the intersection with Freshfields in a westerly direction to a point 11 metres west of the intersection with Freshfields.

Parking Bays Limited Waiting 1 Hour Mon – Sat 8am – 6pm No Return 1 Hour**Service Road off Finney Lane 198 – 216 South Side**

From a point 11 metres east from the eastern kerb line of the Service Road to the rear of 198 – 216 Finney Lane for a distance of 48 metres in an easterly direction.

Service Road off Finney Lane 198 – 216 - North Side

From a point 8 metres east from the eastern kerb line of the Service Road to the rear of 198 – 216 Finney Lane for a distance of 49 metres in an easterly direction.

No waiting At Any Time / No loading Mon – Sat 8am-9.30am 4pm to 6pm**Service Road off Finney Lane 198 – 216 – East Side**

From the intersection of the northern kerb line of Service Road off Finney Lane 198 – 216 for a distance of 25 metres in a northly direction.