

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

**Subject: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Residents Parking Permit Scheme
Moss Lane, Bramhall Free to Paid Parking Permit Scheme**

Report to: (a) Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee

Date: Thursday, 7 March 2024

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 Residents Parking Permit Scheme on Moss Lane Bramhall.

Recommendation(s):

The Director for Place Management requests that the Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee consider and comment on this report and recommend that the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services 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.

**Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee Meeting: Thursday, 7
March 2024**

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Residents Parking Permit Scheme Moss
Lane, Bramhall Free to Paid Parking Permit Scheme**

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 Residents Parking Permit Scheme on Moss Lane Bramhall.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council has been phasing out free Residents Parking for several years., these are done when there is a requirement for maintenance to either the road surface, road markings and/or signs which make enforcement very challenging, or complaints received by the Council regarding the misuse of free permits.
- 2.2 Residents have made complaints due to the Civil Enforcement Officers being unable to carry out parking enforcement due to maintenance requirements and therefore, this has triggered the change from a free scheme to that of a payable scheme.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. To overcome these concerns, it is proposed to upgrade the existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) from a Free Residents Parking Scheme to a Paid Residents Parking Scheme on the following basis and as per the enclosed plan **NM27 Moss Lane GA Rev B**:

Eligible properties for permits 174 to 198 Moss Lane (even numbers only)

Entitlement of two annual residents permits with one annual visitor permit per property.

The scheme will be extended to 24 hours operation for permit holders only. (Currently only operation 8am to 7pm)

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 were considered.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been consulted and no adverse comments were received.

6.2. Affected residents were consulted with in March 2023

From a total of 13 letters sent to residents, 13 No. responses (100%) were received with all respondents (100%) in support of the proposals.

Comments Made by Residents:

Concerns were raised about the lack of parking enforcement.

Several residents requested the scheme to be 24 hours due proximity of the village as at time the residents are unable to park in an evening due to non-residents using the bay to park to visit the local amenities.

Concerns were raised in relation to the cost of the permits.

Network Management Response:

Once the scheme has changed to paid scheme enforcement can be carried out and Penalty Charge Notices issued to those vehicles observed parked within the permit zone with no permits or displaying invalid permits.

Parking Enforcement is committed to patrolling resident permit areas once a week. However, the Civil Enforcement Officers cannot commit to visiting at specific times or provide additional visits. Of course, if they received a request for enforcement from a resident, they would arrange for a patrol to attend the location as soon as is operationally possible, however, this may not be on the same day.

Due to the location and facilities in the area Network Management are proposing a 24-hour scheme rather than restricted hours.

The costs are to help cover the cost of enforcement and future maintenance of the scheme as well as the administration of the permits.

Additional Consultation

Following the initial consultation, residents from Courtyard Mews raised concerns about the consultation conducted as they had not been included and have historically been issued permits to use the scheme.

On further investigation, Network Management discovered that permits had been issued in error to 189 Moss Lane, known as Courtyard Mews, which is made up of 4 properties: 1 to 4 Courtyard Mews.

Network Management duly carried out further consultation with the residents of Courtyard Mews in order for their comments to be considered.

Comments Made by Residents of Courtyard Mews:

The new proposed plan giving 13 houses (174 to 198) up to 2 permits plus 1 visitor permit (where only 8 properties have no driveway) means that the 5 houses with a drive will now be realistically able to park up to 4 vehicles plus a visitor if they wish. I would argue that if that happens then it could result in many residents (even or odd numbers) not being able to park at all which would make the current parking criteria seem like heaven. You should undertake a proper survey and look to issue a regulated number of permits per address, based on if they already have off road parking or not. I would be quite happy to only have 1 permit based on this basis. We can park one vehicle off road so I suggest this should be considered when making any future decisions.

We are not being treated equally. Some of the properties on even side also have off road parking and are entitled to permits, but Courtyard Mews are having their permits revoked.

While the plans that you attached in your last email state that parking for two vehicles was submitted into the building plans for Courtyard Mews over 16-17 years ago, this is not the reality and never has been. It is impossible to park two cars in any of the garage spaces at the rear unless both cars were very small. It is also a fact that one resident permit and one visitor permit has been issued to the residents of Courtyard Mews since the properties were built.

Proof of historic emails from the Parking Manager to confirm Courtyard Mews are eligible for permits.

Copy of eligible street list further proof obtained that all properties 174 to 198 Moss Lane does not specify even numbers only.

Network Management Comments:

The current free scheme allows residents to apply for 3+ resident permits and 1 visitor permit. Under the new proposal scheme, we have reduced this due to the limited parking available to 2 residents permits and 1 visitor permit, to be used on a first come first served basis. The space is very limited here and even if we limited permits to 1 resident permit and 1 visitor permit there would still not be enough parking for all the residents. By giving 2 permits, the residents have an option of having an additional permit knowing that a parking is on a first come first served basis and a parking space is not guaranteed.

The majority of houses from 174 to 198 Moss Lane (even numbers only) have no off-road parking and due to this all the properties would be included in the permit scheme due to the bay covering the frontages of these properties and for ease of managing the scheme.

The approved planning for Courtyard Mews, 185 Moss Lane ref DC/064058 includes parking provision for two cars per property which is located at the back of the properties. We are not including these properties in the proposed paid parking scheme due to this provision.

The eligible street list was listed incorrectly and should have stated even numbers only. Due to this error, it has led to permits being issued incorrectly to Courtyard Mews over a number of years, which has led to the confusion. The system is now changed and is via an online system. This system will not allow permits to be issued if the property numbers are not listed, which will prevent mistakes like this happening again.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. Lining and signage	£1400
Legal Costs	£650
Total	£2050

To be funded from the general traffic 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 Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration requests that the Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee comment upon the following proposals and recommend that the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services 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 07929777412 or by email on diane.knight@stockport.gov.uk

Appendix A

Revocation of existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Schedule

Residents Permits Holders Only 8am – 7pm

Moss Lane – South Side

From a point 18 metres east of the easterly kerb line of Lees Road for a distance of 71 metres in a north easterly direction.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

Resident Permit Holders Only (Properties 174 – 198 even side only)

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