

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Resident Parking Scheme - Orchard Street, Stockport

Report to: (a) Central Stockport Area Committee
2024

Date: Thursday, 18 April

Report of: (b) Director of Place Management

Key Decision: (c) **NO / ~~YES~~** (Please circle)

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)

Summary:

This report details a desk-top study of the parking availability on Orchard Street, Stockport following a petition from the residents of Orchard Street & Waterloo Road for a Resident Parking Scheme.

Recommendation(s):

The Director of Place Management requests that the Central Stockport Area Committee note the contents of the desk-top study and acknowledge the view of Network Management; our recommendation is no further action.

Should the Area Committee not wish to accede to the above recommendation or believe there is an immediate need for a parking scheme. Due to the location a scheme for Orchard Street could not be done in isolation. The whole of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) would need to be included in any investigation.

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

Officer: Graham O'Connor

'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.

Resident Parking Scheme - Orchard Street, Stockport

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report contains a desk-top study which details the parking availability on Orchard Street, Stockport.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. A petition containing support from 13 signatures (9 separate addresses) from a total of 12 terraced properties on Orchard Street & Waterloo Road was submitted to the Council requesting 'Resident Only Parking' owing to difficulties experienced by residents.
- 2.2. The housing on Orchard Street is a new development for which Planning Approval was granted in 2019 under reference DC/071885.
- 2.3. Orchard Street is subject to parking restrictions in the form of a Traffic Regulation Order – 'No Waiting At Any Time' (double yellow lines) between the junctions of Waterloo Road and Lavenders Brow.

3. DESKTOP STUDY DETAILS

- 3.1. The below study takes into consideration the location of Orchard Street which is within Stockport Town Centre and also the approved planning application reference DC/071885.
- 3.2. For over 20 years now, the Council approved that there would be a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) within the town centre, this has been extended over the years. This means that any section of the highway that does not have a parking restriction is classified as pay and display parking. A CPZ, as defined by national legislation, determines that within a zone all lengths of road are either designated as parking places or are subject to a restriction, marked with yellow lines, that at least restricts waiting between the times when the zone is operative. The CPZ was introduced and extended to better manage this demand in the Town Centre and on its periphery. To ensure we have a thriving town centre there is a need to control parking to accommodate, residents, businesses and visitors, as well as to ensure movement of traffic and highway safety. The town centre has good public transport links, club cars etc., and we would expect there to be less car ownership.
- 3.3. The parking restrictions – 'No Waiting At Any Time' were introduced as part of the approved planning application ref DC/071885 and have been provided for the following reasons:
- To ensure accesses aren't blocked.
 - Vehicles can safely manoeuvre into and out of parking spaces.
 - Vehicles, including refuse vehicles, can safely travel along Orchard Street and turn into the turning areas.

- Parked cars do not compromise visibility at accesses or along the street.
- Cars do not obstruct footways.
- Access to commercial premises on the road is not compromised.

3.4 Originally it was proposed to introduce No Waiting and No Loading restrictions, but due to the consultation responses received this was downgraded to 'No Waiting at Any Time' to allow for loading and unloading.

3.5 There is one car parking space and a cycle store for each unit.

4. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

4.1. 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".

4.2. 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.

5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1. Traffic Services wish to make the following points:

- The level of parking provided on Orchard Street is in line with the Council's adopted standards.
- Developers can choose the level of parking to be provided, providing it is in line with the Council's standards.
- The level of parking would be expected to meet demand for a town centre location (car ownership in the town centre is less than 1 car per dwelling, on average).
- Residents are aware of the parking that is available before purchasing or renting a property.
- The site is considered fairly accessible and there are car club vehicles in the area providing opportunity to travel by other means, thus reducing the need to own a car.
- There is on-street parking available within a reasonable walking distance of the site.

Taking into consideration the above points, the location being within Stockport Councils Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and the agreement made within the approved planning application DC/071885, we recommend no further action.

5.2 Should the Area Committee not wish to accede to the above recommendation or believe there is an immediate need for a parking scheme. Due to the location a scheme for Orchard Street could not be done in isolation. The whole of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) would need to be included in any investigation.

A review of the CPZ is a large exercise and could not be funded from the delegated budget. Therefore, alternative funding would need to be secured.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

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