

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject: Objection Report - Wilmslow Road/Greenway Road & Greenhythe Road, Heald Green - Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time'**

**Report to: (a)** Cheadle Area Committee  
2024

**Date:** Tuesday, 18 June

**Report of:** (b) Joint report of the Director of Place Management and Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Governance

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

Forward Plan  General Exception  Special Urgency  (Tick box)

**Summary:**

To report the objections made in relation to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines) on Wilmslow Road, Greenway Road and Greenhythe Road, Heald Green.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) be made as originally advertised.

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): **(d)**

Communities & Transport Scrutiny Committee

**Background Papers** (if report for publication): **(e)**

Executive Report – Wilmslow Road/Greenway Road & Greenhythe Road, Heald Green dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

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Contact person for accessing background papers and discussing the report

**Officer:** Nicola Ryan

**'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.



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**Joint report of the Director of Place Management and Assistant Director - Legal & Democratic Governance**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report is to advise committee members of the objections received to a proposed introduction of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) on parts of Wilmslow Road, Greenway Road and Greenhythe Road in the Heald Green Ward.
- 1.2 To ensure that objections to the permanent Traffic Regulation Order are appropriately and efficiently considered.

**2. INFORMATION AND ADVICE**

- 2.1. In considering the objection(s) the Area Committee should be mindful that unless otherwise authorised, the only right the general public has over the highway is a right of passage along it. The Authority has both a duty of care to ensure the safety of the travelling public and a duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to secure and facilitate the expeditious movement of traffic.

**3. OBJECTIONS AND COMMENTS**

- 3.1. The specific objections and points contained within each letter have been analysed and detailed below together with the response.

**(i) Objection 1 reason:**

Objector strongly objects to the possibility of double yellow lines being placed outside the Old Cottages on Wilmslow Road and on Greenway Road. Objector states if these go ahead it will mean they are unable to park anywhere within the vicinity of their property and further states they will have nowhere to unload their shopping and will hinder them taking items to the tip. Objector states that all the residents of the Old Cottages should be granted parking permits enabling them to park outside their own property and surrounding roads.

**Response**

Wilmslow Road is a strategic route and therefore, should be kept clear of parked vehicles due to its carriageway and footway widths.

The purpose of these proposals is to aid vehicle movement and improve visibility for all road users, particularly at the junctions of Greenway Road/Wilmslow Road and Greenhythe Road.

These proposals do not take away all unrestricted parking therefore, the objector will still be able to park nearby to their property.

Loading and unloading is permitted on double yellow lines, therefore, they will still be able to unload their shopping and load their vehicle when taking items to the tip.

Resident Permit Parking is not within the scope of this scheme. Additionally, Wilmslow Road is a strategic route and therefore, in accordance with the approved Resident Permit Parking Policy, does not meet the required criteria for such a scheme.

**(ii) Objection 2 reason:**

Objector states imposing these traffic regulations will be detrimental to local residents for the following reasons:

- They will prevent local residents from parking outside their own homes and anywhere close to their own homes.
- These regulations will force motorists, including local residents with no driveway/garage to park further down Greenway Road or Wilmslow Road which will consequently cause more build-up of vehicles to the local area, in hand causing more complaints and greater risk of accidents/danger.
- If imposed, these restrictions will cause huge health, safety risk and mental health risk to those with accessibility and disability challengers particularly those whose property does not have a driveway/garage.
- Furthermore, for those properties which do not have a driveway/garage and who have small children, how can these children be safely transported from their vehicles to their homes if residents cannot park outside of or close to their homes?
- The parking issues on these roads is only once a week and for no more than 2 hours on a Friday. All residents are aware of this and plan accordingly. Only residents park on these roads at all other times.

Local residents are keen to see what benefits the double yellow lines will bring, what are the success factors of these traffic restrictions?

These proposals do not seem to offer a fair perspective to the local residents who have no driveways/garage. It does not offer a safe or agreeable solution either. The only real way this can work for all, is a Resident Permit system (this is the most preferred option) or, if there are parking restrictions on certain hours of the day which align with the parking challenges the local area faces.

**Response**

The purpose of these proposals is to aid vehicle movement and improve visibility for all road users, particularly at the junctions of Greenway Road/Wilmslow Road and Greenhythe Road.

These proposals do not take away all unrestricted parking therefore, residents of the Old Cottages will still be able to park within close proximity to their property.

There is a pedestrianised crossing point on Wilmslow Road which provides a safe crossing point from the nearby Old Cottages on Wilmslow Road to the Greenway Road area and vice versa.

Blue Badge Holders may park on a double yellow line restriction of a maximum of 3 hours.

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The Council have considered a Single Yellow Line restriction (No Waiting between certain times and on certain days) however, as the parking problems are not unique to a Friday, double yellow lines were deemed more appropriate. Additionally, Wilmslow Road is a strategic route and therefore, should be kept clear of parked vehicles due to its carriageway and footway widths.

**(iii) Objection 3 reason:**

Objector strongly objects to these proposals as they would cause a great inconvenience to their family and friends when visiting. Objector is aware of the parking issues, especially on a Friday and goes on to state that the Mosque has marshalled the parking very efficiently for the last 20 years. Objector feels installing double yellow lines for the sake of 3 hours on a Friday is unjust and questions where they and their neighbours are going to park. In closing, feels more simple restrictions could be implemented for a Friday afternoon stating this would surely be more beneficial to local residents.

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**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. The Council has a statutory duty to ensure that its highways operate safely for the safe passage of all traffic including pedestrians and powers to regulate and restrict traffic to assist in that duty.

**6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1. To comply with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders, Regulations 1996 the Authority must consider all objections submitted during the consultation period of at least 21 days before 'Making' a Traffic Regulation Order.

6.2. The Committee should make a decision in respect of the objection/s received so that the scheme can be progressed and the No Waiting at Any Time restrictions introduced or abandoned.

**7. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

7.1. The alternative to the proposals laid out in this report is to continue with the current lack of restriction on the highway by not introducing the proposed traffic regulation orders.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1. It is recommended that:

8.2. the Area Committee & Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services note all Traffic Regulation Orders where objections have been considered by officers;

8.3. the Area Committee recommend that the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services approves the Traffic Regulation Order be made as originally advertised.

8.4. That the objectors are informed of the decision.

### Background Papers

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