

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time' on Woodlands Drive and Offerton Lane, Offerton

Report to: (a) Central Stockport Area Committee
2024

Date: Thursday, 20 June

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).

Recommendation(s):

The Director of Place Management requests that the Central Stockport Area Committee consider and 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.

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)

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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).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Traffic Services received a request from the Highway Ward Spokesperson for the Manor Ward to investigate safety concerns as it had been reported that vehicles are parking close to the junctions of Woodlands Drive and Offerton Lane, Offerton, obscuring visibility and hindering traffic movement.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. Due to the nature of the concerns raised, Traffic Services propose to introduce a Traffic regulation Order (TRO) – 'No Waiting at Any Time'. These proposals are shown on Drawing No. **NM8-5248 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 other 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 they have no objections to these proposals.

- 6.3. Affected residents have been consulted, from a total of 5 no. letters delivered, 2 responses (40%) have been received. Of the responses received, 1 no. (50%) supports the proposals and 1 no. (50%) does not support the proposals. Comments received are detailed below:

Support the proposals

The resident stated that cars park close to the corners of the junction on Offerton Lane creating a dangerous situation as it is impossible to observe oncoming traffic when egressing from Woodlands Drive.

Does not support proposals

The resident stated they have disability issues which mean that they need to be picked up and dropped off directly outside their property which is within the area of the proposed Double Yellow Lines. They also referenced that vehicles are speeding when entering Woodlands Drive from Offerton Lane and suggested a redesign of the junction.

Traffic Services Response

The introduction of double yellow lines at junctions are primarily designed to prevent obstructive and dangerous parking, assist in the general flow of traffic, improve road safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists, improve visibility at junctions, improve access for emergency service/refuse vehicles and preserve the character/amenity of an area. This supports the Highway Code rule 243, which states 'do not stop or park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction'. Due to highway layout, sometimes an extension to 10 metres is required, as is the case in the instance.

Vehicles are permitted to 'load/unload' and pick up/drop off passengers. Therefore, these proposals will not prevent the scenarios indicated of taxis and personal vehicles picking up and dropping off the resident. Additionally, Blue Badge Holders are permitted to park for a maximum of 3 hrs on double yellow lines, providing this does not contravene the Highway Code.

Woodlands Drive benefits from traffic calming measures. A 20mph speed limit is in place and signage is in position at the junction of Woodlands Drive and Offerton Lane. There are also speed cushions situated along Woodlands Drive.

A redesign of the junction is not within the remit of this scheme.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. Legal Costs	£650.00
Lining Costs (including potential Traffic Management)	£550.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£1,200.00</u>

To be funded from the Manor Delegated Ward Budget.

8. TIMESCALES

3-4 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 of Place Management requests that the Central Stockport Area Committee consider and 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 Graham O'Connor by email on graham.oconnor@stockport.gov.uk

Appendix A

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) – ‘No Waiting at Any Time’

Woodlands Drive, Offerton – Both Sides

From the intersection of the north eastern projected kerb line of Offerton Lane for a distance of 15 metres in a north easterly direction.

Offerton Lane, Offerton – North Eastern Side

From a point 24 metres north west of the intersection of the north western projected kerb line of Woodlands Drive to a point 17 metres south east of the south eastern projected kerb line of Woodlands Drive.