

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Gorton Road, Reddish

Report to: (a) Heatons & Reddish Area Committee Date: Monday, 09 September 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 approve a Traffic Regulation Order No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on part of Gorton Road in North Reddish.

Recommendation(s): The Area Committee recommends the Cabinet Member (Highways, Parks and Transport Services) approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date the following order can be made:

Revoke No Waiting at Any Time:

Gorton Road, North Reddish

West side from the northern kerb line of Wentworth Road for a distance of 4 metres in a northerly direction.

Introduce No Waiting at Any Time:

Gorton Road, North Reddish

West side from the northern kerb line of Wentworth Road for a distance of 62 metres in a northerly direction.

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):

AGENDA ITEM

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.

Cabinet Member (Parks, Highways & Transport Services) Date:

Gorton Road, Reddish

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on part of Gorton Road in North Reddish.

2. BACKGROUND

A Ward Councillor contacted Network Management to raise concerns about the western side of Gorton Road between Wentworth Road and the Glass Merchants next to Gainford Road. Currently we have a situation whereby vehicles are frequently parking on the footway (where it is unrestricted) and this is causing a serious obstruction for pedestrians – especially wheelchairs and pushchairs users.

3. PROPOSALS

In order to improve the situation, a proposal was drafted to extend the existing No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) from the junction at Wentworth Road to the Bus Stop Clearway fronting the said premises. Please see the scheme shown on drawing number: **NM8-5246-001**. Note: The legal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) applies from the middle of the carriageway for the full width of the Highway (Inc. footway) on that side. Therefore, vehicles parked fully on the footway would not be exempt from the order.

4. LEGAL POSITION/IMPLICATIONS

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. CONSULTATION

In agreement with the Ward Councillors a local consultation was delivered on the above basis. This resulted in a number of responses from occupants on Wentworth Road who were not necessarily opposed to the restrictions; but were deeply concerned about more vehicles from the local car showroom being displaced onto their street. They report already experiencing the following issues:

- Cars associated with the business (Inc. untaxed vehicles) monopolising on-street parking spaces.
- Parked vehicles interfering with safe access to lowered-kerb driveways.
- Repairs being undertaken on the Highway with vehicles obstructing the pedestrian footway.
- Conflict between staff and residents which has led to Police involvement.

In view of the above, a number of the respondents suggested a permit scheme for Wentworth Road if the proposal goes ahead.

Network Management Comments:

Gorton Road is a Strategic Route, and it is essential the scheme is implemented to prevent the footway being almost completely obstructed (as has been witnessed).

A permit scheme would not be justified as all the properties have provision for off-street parking.

It is an offence to obstruct a lowered-kerb driveway and occupants can request enforcement if this situation is happening without their permission.

Repairs and maintenance being undertaken on the Highway can be reported to the Council’s Neighbourhoods Team as an environmental issue.

An untaxed vehicle on the Public Highway can be reported to the DVLA via their website.

As and when the TRO is advertised by Legal Services, occupants on Wentworth Road will receive notification in writing of the above.

As a gesture of goodwill, the Ward Councillors have made it known they would like to offer residents on Wentworth Road the provision of a FREE Access Line (or H-Bar) marking. The usual cost for this facility is £196 payable by the householder(s) which covers future maintenance of the facility.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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| Legal and Advertising | £650 |
| Road Marking | £300 |
| Total | £950 |

To be funded from the delegated Reddish North Delegated Ward Budget. The cost for Access Line markings to be agreed separately with the Ward Councillors.

7. TIMESCALES

If approved the order is expected to become operative in 2024.

8. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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".

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.

9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee recommends the Cabinet Member (Highways, Parks and Transport Services) approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order and subject to no objections being received within 21 days from the advertisement date the following order can be made:

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