

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Installation of a Single Bollard on Schools Hill, Cheadle

Report to: (a) Cheadle Area Committee
September 2024

Date: Tuesday, 10

Report of: (b) Director of Place Management

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

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)

Summary:

To seek approval for the supply and installation of 1 no. Middleton style bollard on Schools Hill, Cheadle, to prevent motorists from driving their vehicles along the footway to avoid queuing traffic turning right on Wilmslow Road.

Recommendation(s):

The Director of Place Management requests that the Cheadle Area Committee consider and comment upon the following proposal, and as the location is classified as a 'district distributor', recommend that the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways, and Transport Services approve the installation of 1 no. Middleton style bollard, to be funded from Cheadle West and Gatley Delegated Ward Budget.

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.

Installation of a Single Bollard on Schools Hill, Cheadle

Report of the Director of Place Management

1 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the supply and installation of 1 no. Middleton Bollard on Schools Hill Cheadle, to prevent motorists from driving their vehicles along the footway to avoid queuing traffic turning right on Wilmslow Road.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 It has been reported that motorists are bumping up the kerb to drive their vehicles along the footway so they can access the left turn to avoid queuing traffic that is turning right out of Schools Hill onto Wilmslow Road, Cheadle.
- 2.2 Site observations were carried out by the Area Officer at peak times, where at which time several vehicles were witnessed using the footway and driving along it for the sole purpose of avoiding queuing traffic in the right-hand lane. This driver behaviour is causing serious safety issues for pedestrians walking in the area or emerging from properties along Schools Hill.
- 2.3 Schools Hill is an extremely busy route for motorists and pedestrians due to the locations of two schools and a park.

3 PROPOSALS

- 3.1 To address the concerns raised and prevent motorists from driving over the footway to avoid queuing traffic, it is proposed to install one well-placed bollard on the footway to deter motorists from mounting the footway and driving along to avoid the queuing traffic. These proposals are shown on **Drawing No. NM1-Schools Hill**.
- 3.2 Due to the potential of the bollard being knocked down, it will be secured via a retention socket. This socket will enable a quick repair/reinstatement should this be required and prevent ongoing damage to the footway.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 No consultation is required.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The estimated cost of this scheme is as follows:

Supply and installation of 1 no. Middleton bollard standard detail with a Ballantine ring/reflective strip, including a retention socket.

Total £1650

To be funded from the Cheadle West and Gately Delegated Ward Budget.

6 TIMESCALES

6.1 Timescales for completion are estimated to be 8 to 12 weeks.

7 EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 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".

7.2 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.

8 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The Director of Place Management requests that the Cheadle Area Committee consider and comment upon the following proposal, and as the location is classified as a 'district distributor', recommend that the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways, and Transport Services approve the installation of 1 no. Middleton style bollard which is to be funded from Cheadle West and Gatley Delegated Ward Budget.

Background Papers

There are no background papers to this report.

Anyone wishing further information please contact Diane Knight via email diane.knight@stockport.gov.uk