

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time' on Clement Road, Marple Bridge

Report to: (a) Marple Area Committee
September 2024

Date: Wednesday, 11

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 for Place Management requests that the Marple Area Committee consider, comment and approve the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) set out in **Appendix A** and that 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)

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.

Proposed Traffic Regulation Order 'No Waiting at Any Time' on Clement Road, Marple Bridge

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 Marple South Ward to investigate safety concerns as it had been reported that vehicles are parking on and approaching the bend on Clement Road, 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- 4119 001**.

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 with and they have no objections to these proposals.
- 6.3. Affected residents have been consulted with.

From a total of 10 no. letters delivered to residents, 9 no. responses (90%) have been received. Of the responses received, 6 no. responses (60%) are in support of the proposals and 3 no. responses (30%) do not support the proposals.

Comments made by those in support of the proposals:

Comments	Traffic Services Response
<p>I thoroughly endorse the proposals, for several years now the Council has been unable to access the grids for cleaning, two of which are completely covered and blocked by debris washed down Townscliffe Lane after heavy rain. The street cleaners are also unable to sweep the permanent muddy mess from the gutters resulting in dampness to my property.</p>	
<p>I think the introduction of yellow lines as suggested, would be a good idea. Parked cars in this location make rounding the bend on Clement Road dangerous in both directions.</p>	
<p>I agree with the proposals and suggest yellow lines should be extended equally on both sides. In addition, motorists turning left from Longhurst Lane intending to take Townscliffe should wait until their way is clear before turning right, however many don't. Could additional signage or lines be added at this junction?</p>	<p>The left hand lane heading downhill is the main priority as it is a blind bend on the approach and vehicles parked there cause visibility issues. We would not want to extend the lines on both sides of the road here as this would reduce the amount of unrestricted parking available for residents and their visitors.</p> <p>Edge of carriageway lines are present at the junction with Townscliffe but have faded, this has been reported to the Councils Maintenance Department and added to the relining spreadsheet for when the lining contractor are next in the area.</p>

Comments made by those not in support of the proposals:

Comments	Traffic Services Response
<p>The parking in question, which can be on both sides of the initial stretch of Clement Road, is virtually all caused by car users who do not live on Clement Road but on the surrounding streets. To install double yellow lines therefore would seem unfair on Clement Road residents for the occasions that they do need the parking, for a problem that has been caused completely by residents from Longhurst and Townscliffe lanes. We feel that vehicles parked on either side slow the speed in which drivers approach the bend, increasing safety for other road users.</p> <p>We also feel that the introduction of double yellow lines for the stretch involved would simply push the parking further up Clement Road</p>	<p>It is acknowledged the proposed double yellow lines may force motorists to seek alternative parking further up Clement Road. However, it should be noted that the purpose of these proposals are to address the limited visibility on the bend caused by parked vehicles and to ensure the safe movement of traffic, which is currently hindered due to the parked vehicles..</p> <p>There will still be plenty of unrestricted parking available for residents/other motorists to park should they so wish.</p>
<p>I do not think lines are needed at this junction, it could move the parking issue further up Clement Road losing convenient spaces, blocking drives, and causing nuisance further up the road. Maybe the area could become a 20mph zone</p>	<p>It is acknowledged that these proposals may force motorists to seek alternative parking. However, these proposals are to ensure safe movement of traffic which is currently hindered due to the limited visibility on the bend as a result of parked vehicles.</p> <p>There will still be plenty of unrestricted parking for residents/other motorists should they so wish.</p>

	<p>Should a resident find their driveway blocked, they can request enforcement from the Councils Parking Enforcement Team either by telephone 0161 217 6111, via email parking@stockport.gov.uk or online https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/request-a-parking-enforcement</p> <p>A change to the speed limit is not within the remit of this scheme.</p>
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7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1. Legal costs	£600
Lining	£400
TOTAL	£1,000

To be funded from the Marple North Delegated Ward Budget.

8. TIMESCALES

8.1. 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 for Place Management requests that the Marple Area Committee comment upon the following proposals and recommend that the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport approves the legal advertising of the following Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) set out in **Appendix A** and that 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 Gemma Brady
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Appendix A

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

Clement Road, Marple Bridge

East Side

From the intersection of the projected northern eastern kerb line of Longhurst Lane for a distance of 70 metres in a north easterly direction.

Longhurst Lane, Marple Bridge

North Side

From the intersection with the projected southeastern kerb line of Clement Road for a distance of 10m in an easterly direction