

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET**

Subject: Greg Street, Reddish

Report to: (a) Heatons & Reddish Area Committee **Date:** Monday, 28 October 2024

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: This report is to advise committee members of objections received to the proposed introduction of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) on part of the Greg Street in South Reddish.

To ensure that objections to the permanent Traffic Regulation Order are appropriately and efficiently considered.

Recommendation(s): It is recommended the Heatons & Reddish Area Committee consider the comments in the report and approve the orders to be made as advertised (with the objectors to be informed of the decision).

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
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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.

AGENDA ITEM

Greg street, Reddish

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

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is to advise committee members of an objection/s received to the proposed introduction of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) on part of the Greg Street in South Reddish.

To ensure that objections to the permanent Traffic Regulation Order are appropriately and efficiently considered.

2. INFORMATION AND ADVICE

In considering the objection 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. BACKGROUND & OBJECTIONS

Members will be aware of a proposal for double yellow lines to protect the cycle lanes on either side of the physical road narrowing on Greg Street near the junction with Wensley Road.

The legal advertising of the order has resulted in three formal objections which are summarised in the points below:

- The proposal is an over-reaction to a minor situation.
- There is insufficient evidence that cyclists are being prevented from using the cycle lanes on what is essentially a quiet residential road due to the HGV width restriction at the junction with Hibbert Street.
- Local occupants generally respect the cycle lanes and the imposition of parking restrictions fronting residential properties would be a serious inconvenience.
- Efforts should be focused on renewing the cycle lane markings as a guide for motorists to respect the facilities.

4. RESPONSE

Obviously, the experience of all road users will be subjective and there will be differing opinions on what constitutes a minor or serious issue on the Highway. In this case, Network Management were acting under the direction of a local Ward Councillor who has been elected to make decisions on such matters.

Nobody has an automatic right to park on the Public Highway and SMBC has an obligation to make sustainable transport (walking and cycling etc.) as safe as possible.

The cycle lanes should be kept clear, and the yellow lines will extend the necessary distance (and no further) to prevent them from being obstructed by parked vehicles.

The renewal of all markings on the Highway is undertaken by the Council as part of its on-going maintenance programme.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

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.

8. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

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.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended the Heatons & Reddish Area Committee consider the comments in the report and approve the orders to be made as advertised (with the objectors to be informed of the decision).

Background Papers

Anyone wishing further information please contact Max Townsend on telephone number 07527387146 or by email on max.townsend@stockport.gov.uk