

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: St Thomas CE School, Heaton Moor

Report to: (a) Heatons & Reddish Area Committee **Date:** Monday, 27 January 2025

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) in parts of Heaton Moor near St Thomas CE Primary School.

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

Recommendation(s): The Area Committee is recommended to approve the order 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
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.

St Thomas CE School, Heaton Moor

**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 objections received to the proposed introduction of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) in parts of Heaton Moor near St Thomas CE Primary School.

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. OBJECTIONS AND COMMENTS

The specific objections (total 5) and points contained within each letter have been analysed and detailed below together with the response.

1. The School Street scheme at St Thomas (to which the restrictions are related) is the source of the problem and needs to be reviewed.

Any questions about the administration / deployment of the controlled parking zone near the school need to be directed to the relevant officers at: schoolstreets@stockport.gov.uk

2. The concerns of residents on York Road have not been taken into consideration and there is a lack of transparency with the overall process.

Upon considering the feedback from the original consultation, the extent of the yellow lining at either end of York Road was reduced from 10 metres to 5 metres. This represented a total reduction of 20 metres to the extent of yellow lining and was intended as a gesture of goodwill to residents to address concerns raised during the consultation.

When the legal notices went to advert, a letter was delivered to occupants on York Road with a copy of the revised proposal and notification of the advertising process. For information, the letter stated that any motorist who chooses to park within 10 metres of a junction (contrary to the Highway Code) does so of their own volition and not with the endorsement of SMBC as the local Highway Authority.

- 3. Double yellow line restrictions at the junctions (Peel Moat Road and Brownsville Road) at either end of York Road will be a major inconvenience for residents as available capacity for on-street parking is at a premium.**

Peel Moat Road and Brownsville Road are both direct walking routes to the school for vulnerable pedestrians (children, parents etc.) and therefore it would not be appropriate to reduce / remove the intended yellow line restrictions on the arms of these junctions.

- 4. Double yellow line restrictions at the junction of Peel Moat Road and Elms Road will displace parked vehicles thereby exacerbating double parking and associated road safety issues.**

A very high proportion of recorded traffic incidents occur at junctions - and this is primarily the reason why the Highway Code advises motorists to avoid parking near a junction. The yellow lines will cover a 10 metre radius at the four-way junction which seems reasonable for a walking route to a school which is next to a public recreation area. The onus is on the motorist to park responsibly and not cause an obstruction if they choose to park on an unrestricted part of the Highway.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5. 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.

6. 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 restrictions introduced or abandoned.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee is recommended to approve the order as advertised with the objectors to be informed of the decision.

Background Papers

<https://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/documents/s240207/St%20Thomas%20CE%20Primary%20School%20Heaton%20Moor%20School%20Street.pdf>

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