

Addendum

Integrated Transport Block (ITB) Phase 2 – Manchester Road, Cheadle – Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)/Toucan Crossing/Traffic Calming Feature - Objection Report

Cheadle Area Committee 11th March 2025

Further to this report an additional objection has come to light to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce Waiting/Loading Restrictions, Traffic Calming Feature and Toucan Crossing on Manchester Road in Cheadle.

This means that there were 3 objections to the proposals.

Details of this addition objection and Officers responses are as below:

Objector 3 – Point 1

The proposed location of the Toucan Crossing is adjacent to the delivery point, which would make deliveries impossible. The Toucan Crossing should be moved to the other side of the Railway Bridge or to the north of the premises vehicular access.

Officers' response

Council Officers have reached out to the objector to discuss the matter raised regarding the location of the Toucan crossing.

Objector 3 – Point 2

Access is required at all times for deliveries, as they cannot control when third party suppliers will attend site, although most deliveries are between 7am and Noon.

Officers' response

Loading and unloading will still be permitted on Manchester Road, if not causing an obstruction outside of peak hours.

Manchester Road in Cheadle is a Classified B road that is locally classified as a Strategic Route within the Stockport road hierarchy. The AM and PM Peak loading has been proposed to protect operation of this key route during the peak hours whilst supporting the implementation of a railway station in Cheadle. The area in question adjacent to the business is close to the junction with Stockport Road and queues are often observed during peak hours to and past the railway bridge. Keeping the highway clear in this area is essential to maintain traffic flow at the junction to avoid further congestion.

Objector 3 – Point 3

They do not consider that there was an adequate time to make comment, considering that the Legal Advertisement period was over the Christmas Holiday Period.

Officers' response

The Traffic Regulation Order was advertised for 21 days which is the length of time prescribed by Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. However, it should also be noted that properties fronting Manchester Road also received a letter with a copy of the legal notices and the drawings at the same time as the legal notices were posted on site on Lighting Columns, in the local newspaper and on the council website. Also to allow for postal submissions a few additional days leeway was given to receive comments/objections.

It is true that Stockport Council does sometimes have a two-stage consultation process, with an informal consultation before the statutory consultation required for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), but this is not always the case. As stated previously as well as the having the legal notices, posted on site on lighting columns, and on the councils' website, properties fronting Manchester Road received a letter and copies of the legal notices and drawings.

In this case, extending the consultation period could have helped address concerns about insufficient time and potentially reduced objections relating to the timing. We do consider extending consultation periods during major holiday seasons to ensure all stakeholders have ample opportunity to participate. However, there isn't a specific legal requirement to extend the consultation period for permanent Traffic Regulation Orders to account for public holidays. The consultation process is designed to ensure that the public has a fair opportunity to participate and provide feedback. Local authorities are encouraged to consider public holidays and other significant dates when planning consultation periods to ensure that everyone has an adequate opportunity to respond. Given the urgency of this matter, the legal officer decided not to extend the period. Given the objections received, it is considered that the consultation process has been fair and adequate. Those who wanted to object have done so, and no objections were received outside the time raising this point and asking for their objection to be considered. Therefore, I would advise that we do not extend the consultation period as no one has been prejudiced.