



Oldham
Council

Delegated Decision

Queen Street, Oldham – Amendment to Traffic Regulation Orders

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive – People and Place

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consider an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Orders along Queen Street, Oldham further to the reversal of the one way working.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the traffic regulation orders detailed at the end of this report be introduced.

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1 Background

1.1 A report recommending the amendment to the traffic regulation orders along Queen Street, Oldham was approved under delegated powers on 7 March 2018. However, since the on-street parking orders have been amended blue badge holders are experiencing difficulty using the disabled bays due to the presence of an adjacent footway ramp, provided for users of the HSBC Bank cash machines; the ramp is preventing car doors from being fully opened. The disabled bays therefore need relocating to areas where the footway is 'normal' height.

1.2 Able bodied motorists are able to use the parking bays adjacent the ramped area so it is proposed that the bays currently designated for disabled drivers are changed to general use parking.

2 Options/Alternatives

2.1 Option 1: To approve the recommendation

2.2 Option 2: Not to approve the recommendation

3 Preferred Option

3.1 The preferred option is Option 1

4 Justification

4.1 Due to the difficulties being experienced by blue badge holders when using the designated disabled bays, it is felt that the Traffic Regulation Orders should be amended so the disabled bays are located away from the ramped area.

5 Consultations

5.1 G.M.P. View - The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

5.2 T.f.G.M. View - The Director General has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

5.3 G.M. Fire Service View - The County Fire Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

5.4 N.W. Ambulance Service View - The County Ambulance Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

6 **Comments of Coldhurst Ward Councillors**

6.1 The Ward Councillors have been consulted and no comments were received.

7 **Financial Implications**

7.1 The cost of introducing the Order is shown below:-

	£
Advertisement of Order	1,500
Amendments to Road Markings	500
Amendments to Traffic Signs	1,000
TOTAL	3,000
Annual Maintenance Costs (calculated May 2019)	250

7.2 The advertising, road marking and traffic sign costs of £3,000 will be funded from cost centre 40916 (Highways Operations – Unity).

7.3 The annual maintenance costs estimated at £250 per annum will be met from cost centre 40350 (Highways Operations). If there are pressures in this area as the financial year progresses, the Directorate will have to manage its resources to ensure that there is no adverse overall variance at the financial year end. (Nigel Howard x3250/Sadrul Alam x3305)

8 **Legal Services Comments**

8.1 In respect of the prohibition of waiting restrictions, the Council must be satisfied that it is expedient to make the Traffic Regulation Order in order to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic, including pedestrians, or for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

8.2 Section 32 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 gives the Council power to provide on street parking places, for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic. Section 45 of the Act allows the Council to make an order designating parking places on highways for vehicles of any class specified in the order and the Council may make charges for vehicles left in a parking place so designated.

8.3 In determining what parking places are to be designated under section 45, the Council must consider both the interests of traffic and of owners and occupiers of adjoining properties. In particular the Council must have regard to:

- a) the need for maintaining the free movement of traffic
- b) the need for maintaining reasonable access to premises; and
- c) the extent to which off street parking accommodation is available in the neighbourhood or the provision of such parking accommodation is likely to be encouraged there by the designation of parking places under section 45.

8.4 In relation to the proposed disabled persons' parking places, section 32 (1)(b) of the Act gives local authorities the power by order to authorise the use as a parking place of any part of a road within their area. It must appear to the Council that the parking places are necessary for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic. Under section 35 of the Act, the Council may impose restrictions on the use of the parking places and in particular, the vehicles which may be permitted to use them.

8.5 In addition to the above, under section 122 of the Act, it shall be the duty of the Council so to exercise the functions conferred on them by the Act as to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. Regard must also be had to the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises, the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run, the strategy produced under section 80 Environmental Protection Act 1990 (the national air quality strategy), the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles and any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant. (A Evans)

9 **Co-operative Agenda**

9.1 In respect of this proposal there are no Co-operative issues or opportunities arising and the proposals are in line with the Council's Ethical Framework

10 **Human Resources Comments**

10.1 None.

11 **Risk Assessments**

11.1 None.

12 **IT Implications**

12.1 None.

13 **Property Implications**

13.1 None.

14 **Procurement Implications**

14.1 None.

15 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**

15.1 Energy – Nil.

15.2 Transport – Nil.

15.3 Pollution – Nil.

15.4 Consumption and Use of Resources – Nil.

15.5 Built Environment – Nil.

15.6 Natural Environment – Nil.

15.7 Health and Safety – The relocation of the disabled parking bays will make the facility safer and easier to use for blue badge holders.

16 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**

16.1 Nil

17 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**

17.1 No.

18 **Key Decision**

18.1 No.

19 **Key Decision Reference**

19.1 Not applicable.

20 **Background Papers**

20.1 The following is a list of background papers on which this report is based in accordance with the requirements of Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972. It does not include documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information as defined by the Act:

None.

21 **Proposal**

21.1 It is proposed that a Traffic Regulation Order be introduced in accordance with the following schedule and drawing number.

Schedule

Drawing Number 47/A3/1537/1

Delete from the Oldham Borough Council (Oldham area) Consolidation Order 2003

Delete from Part 1 Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	<u>Queen Street</u> (East Side) From its junction with Yorkshire Street to a point 52 metres south of that junction	At Any Time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, F, G, J, K4, N	
	<u>Queen Street</u> (East Side) From its junction with Union Street for a distance of 6 metres in a northerly direction	At Any Time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, J	At Any Time

Delete from Part II Schedule 6

Column 1	Column 2
Item No	Length of Road
	<u>Queen Street</u> (East Side) From a point 36 metres north of its junction with Union Street to a point 52 metres south of its junction with Yorkshire Street

Delete from Part IV Schedule 9

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Parts of road authorized to be used as designated Loading Bay	Class of vehicles	Days of operation of the designated loading bay	Hours of operation of the designated loading bay	Exemptions
<u>Queen Street</u> (East side) From a point 6 metres north of its junction with Union Street to a point 36 metres north of its junction with Union Street	Any vehicle	Monday to Saturday	8am – 6pm	A, B1, B2,B3,B4,C, E, J

Add to the Oldham Borough Council (Oldham area) Consolidation Order 2003

Add to Part 1 Schedule 1

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Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	<u>Queen Street</u> (East Side) From its junction with Union Street for a distance of 21 metres in a northerly direction	At Any Time	A, B1,B3,B4,C,E, K3	
	<u>Queen Street</u> (East Side) From a point 41 metres north of Union Street for a distance of 20 metres in a northerly direction	At Any Time	A, B1,B3,B4,C,E, K3	

	<u>Queen Street</u> (East Side) From its junction with Yorkshire Street for a distance of 54 metres in a southerly direction	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, K3	
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Add to Part II Schedule 6


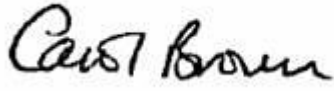
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Item	Part of Length of Road
	<u>Queen Street</u> (East Side) From a point 21 metres north of Union Street for a distance of 13.2 metres in a northerly direction <u>Queen Street</u> (East Side) From a point 74 metres north of Union Street to a point 54 metres south of Yorkshire Street

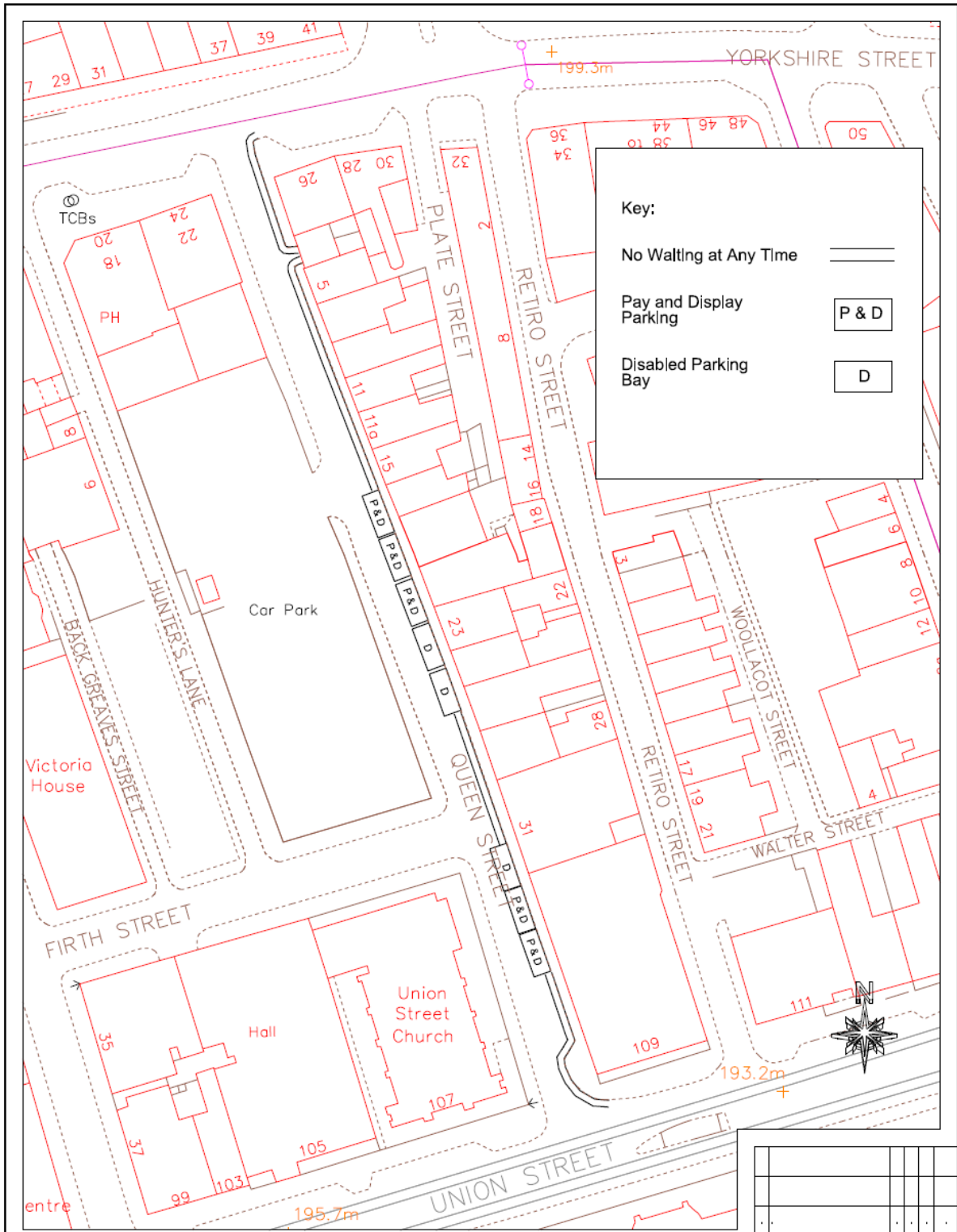
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	Part of Length of Road	Class of Vehicle	Days and Hours of Operation	Max. period of Waiting	No Return Within
	<u>Queen Street</u> (East Side) Extending from a point 34.4 metres north of Union Street for a distance of 6.6 metres in a northerly direction	Disabled Persons Vehicle	24 Hours Daily	No Limit	Not Applicable

	<p><u>Queen Street</u> (East Side)</p> <p>Extending from a point 61 metres north of Union Street for a distance of 13.2 metres in a northerly direction</p>	<p>Disabled Persons vehicle</p>	<p>24 hours daily</p>	<p>No Limit</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
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APPROVAL

<p>Decision maker</p> <p>Signed </p> <p>Cabinet Member, Neighbourhood Services</p>	<p>Dated 12 June 2019</p>
<p>In consultation with</p> <p>Signed: </p> <p>Director Of Environmental Services</p>	<p>Dated: 12 June 2019</p>



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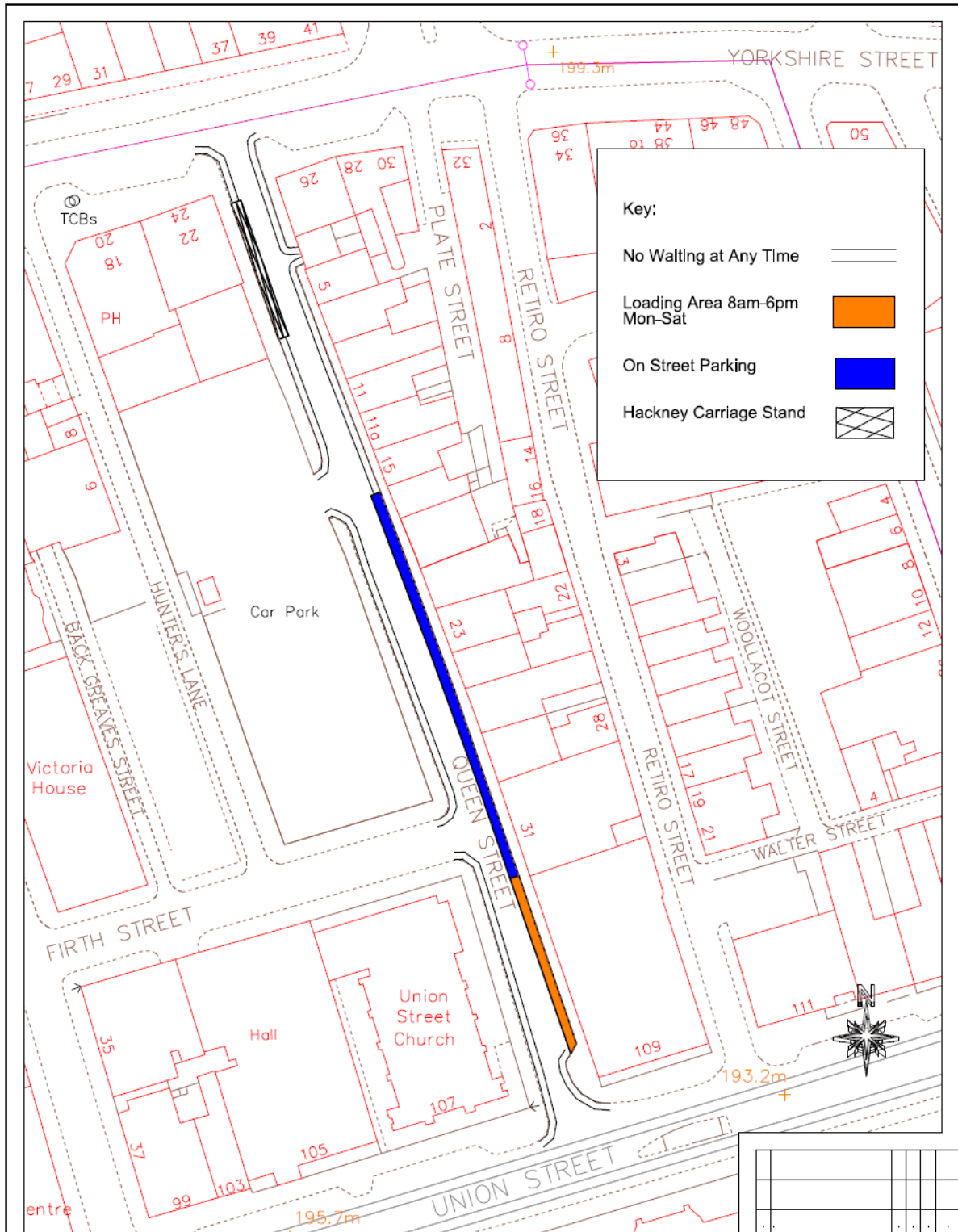
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