



**Oldham**  
Council

## **Delegated Decision**

# **Station Road, Diggle – Proposed Revocation of Weight Restriction**

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive – People and Place

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**24 July 2019**

### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to consider the revocation of the 18 tonne structural weight restriction from the Station Road, Diggle Railway Bridge, as the necessary structural repair works have now been undertaken by Network Rail.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the structural weight restriction be revoked, in accordance with the proposal at the end of this report.

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## **Station Road, Diggle – Proposed Revocation of Weight Restriction**

### **1 Background**

- 1.1 An 18 tonne structural weight restriction was introduced along the railway bridge at Station Road, Diggle in 2018 further to Network Rail confirming the structural integrity of the bridge was compromised and in need of repair.
- 1.2 Network Rail has now confirmed that the necessary repairs have been completed and the bridge is now able to withstand a loading of 40 tonnes. Network Rail has therefore requested that the traffic order be revoked and the associated signing removed.

### **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 As Network Rail has confirmed the necessary repairs have now been completed, it is considered appropriate to remove the structural weight limit detailed in the proposal at the end of this report.

### **5 Consultations**

- 5.1 G.M.P. View - The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no objection to 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 Saddleworth North Ward Councillors**

- 6.1 The Ward Councillors have been consulted and Councillor G Harkness supports the proposal.

## 7 Financial Implications

### Capital

7.1 The costs associated with revoking this order are set out below:

	£
Removal of Signs and Illuminated Poles	2,385
Advertisement of Order	1,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>3,585</u></b>

7.2 Budget has been identified from within the Transport Capital Programme to meet this cost.

(Nigel Howard/Sadrul Alam)

## 8 Legal Services Comments

8.1 The Council must be satisfied that it is expedient to make the Traffic Regulation Order revoking the existing restrictions 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 In addition to the above, under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, 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 – Nil.

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

16.1 None.

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 the structural weight restriction along Station Road, Diggle be revoked in accordance with the following schedule.

Schedule

Drawing Number 47/A4/1501/2

Amend The Oldham (Ward Lane and Station Road, Diggle) Weight Restriction Order 2018

Delete from the Order

Schedule 2

Prohibition of Vehicles Exceeding 18 Tonnes

Column 1 Road Name	Column 2 Length of Road
Station Road, Diggle	From its junction with Diglea for a distance of 75 metres in a north westerly direction

**APPROVAL**

**Decision maker**

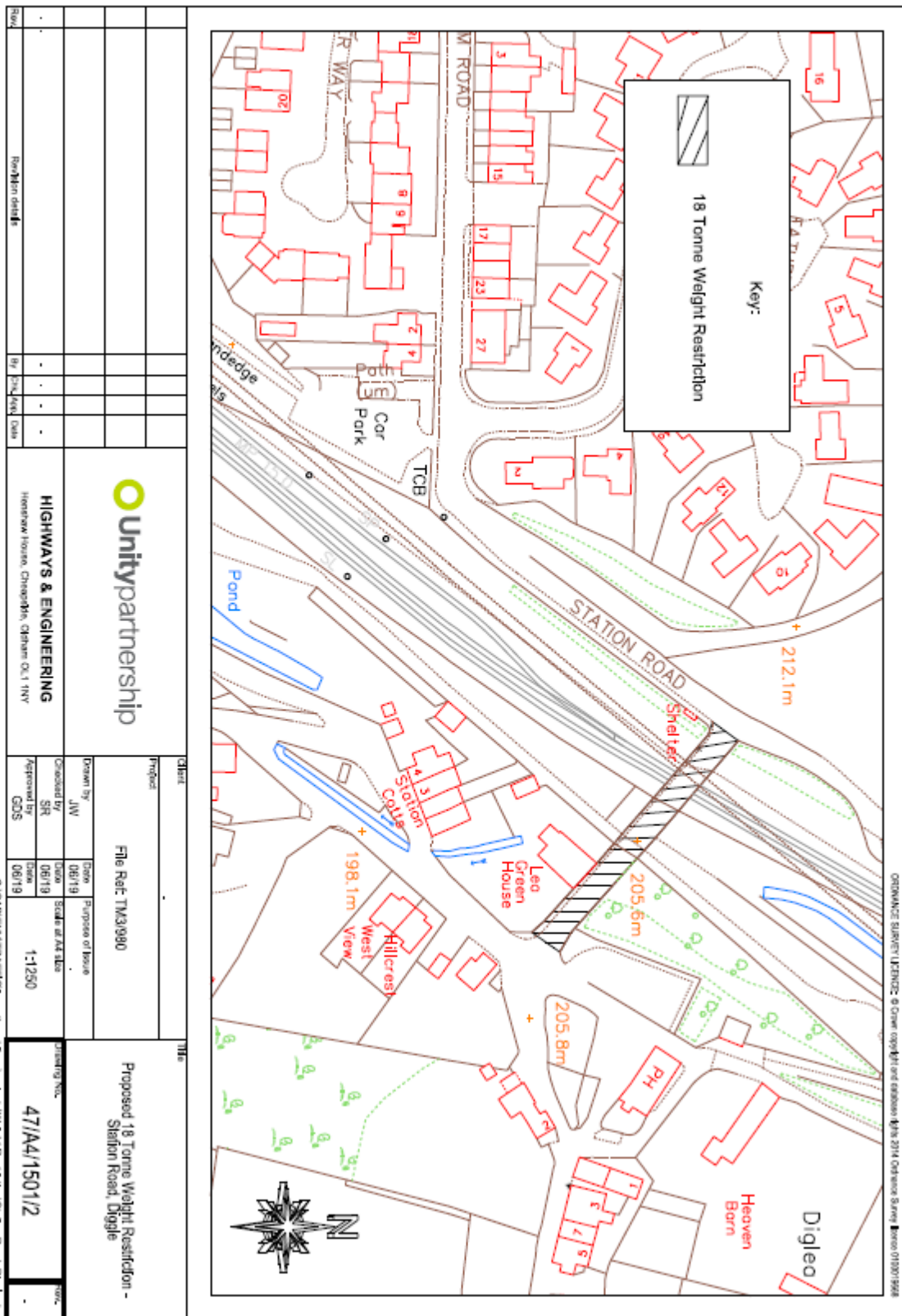
Signed   
Cabinet Member,  
Neighbourhood Services

Dated 25 July 2019

**In consultation with**

Signed:   
Director Of Environmental  
Services

Dated: 25 July 2019



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