

Briefing Note

Saddleworth & Lees District Executive

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## **Request for Waiting Restrictions on Ashbrook Road at its junction with Oldham Road Springhead.**

### **1 Background**

A request has been received from a Mr Michael Taylor for waiting restrictions to be introduced on Ashbrook Road at its junction with Oldham Road, Springhead. Mr Taylor has explained parked vehicles are causing an obstruction for vehicles turning off Oldham Road into Ashbrook Road. A copy of Mr Taylor's correspondence is attached at Appendix A.

### **2. Consideration of the Request**

An initial inspection of the site has been undertaken and whilst parking does occur within this area the vehicles were not observed to be causing an obstruction. Ashbrook Road varies in width from approximately 19 metres at its junction with Oldham Road to approximately 12 metres at the entrance to the car park on the west side of Ashbrook Road. Consequently if vehicles are parked wholly within the carriage there is still sufficient space for vehicles to pass by. Should restrictions be placed at this location parking could be displaced further along Ashbrook Road where the highway is narrower (approximately 7 metres) and could obstruct the free flow of vehicles. Photographic evidence of the parking within the area and a location plan is attached at Appendix B.

The observations have however revealed that parking can take place on or near the dropped kerb provided to assist pedestrians to cross. It is therefore felt these areas would benefit from access protection markings to enable enforcement to take place should the problem persist.

If waiting restrictions were introduced it is anticipated the costs of introduction would be approximately £1100.00. (Advertising costs £600.00, lining costs £500.00 – although this would be reduced substantially if lining work was to be carried out in conjunction with other lining work being undertaken at that time).

### 3 **Recommendation**

It is recommended access protection markings be placed at the dropped crossings on Ashbrook Road at its junction with Oldham Road to ensure pedestrians have safe passage when crossing at this location and the District Executive confirm what action is to be taken in respect of the request for waiting restrictions.