

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER PANEL**  
**12/03/2018 at 5.00 pm**



**Present:**

Councillors S Bashforth, Gloster, Murphy and Shuttleworth

**Also in Attendance:**

Alan Evans	Group Solicitor, Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council, OMBC
Phil Bonworth	Community Safety Officer, OMBC
Lorraine Kenny	Community Safety Manager, OMBC
Daniel Meadowcroft	Highways Asset Client Manager, OMBC
Gary Sutcliffe	Principal Engineer, Unity Partnership

1           **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

2           **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3           **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4           **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5           **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Traffic Regulation Order Panel meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be approved as a correct record subject to the amendment of resolution 1 of minute 8 (Objections to Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Places Order - Various Locations) to read:

The proposed disabled parking bay for 30 Eric Street, Oldham be introduced without amendment and the proposed bay for 33 Eric Street, Oldham be deferred and the feasibility of locating it on Goss Hall Street be investigated.

6           **OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED DISABLED PERSONS  
PARKING PLACES ORDER - OSBORNE STREET, SHAW**

The Panel gave consideration to a report which proposed to introduce two disabled persons parking places on Osborne Street, Shaw. The proposal had been approved under delegated powers on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and subsequently advertised. Fifteen letters of objection and one petition had been received.

Councillor Sykes attended the meeting and addressed the Panel on this matter.

Residents had expressed their concerns with regards to the fact that parking on Osborne Street was already limited; existing disabled parking spaces in adjacent streets had caused congestion and worsening of the traffic flow. Furthermore, residents had also highlighted that the proposal to position one of the disabled parking spaces in a turning head, would impede large vehicles to turn. Consequently, they would have to reverse for the length of the street. This would pose a risk to highway safety.

A feasibility study had been requested by the Ward Councillors, to evaluate the option to create off-street parking, by removing the footway from outside the properties needing the disabled parking bays.

The Panel was informed that the feasibility study had commenced and was in the process of being completed.

The Panel considered whether to defer the decision, pending the outcome of the feasibility study.

Options considered

Option 1: to approve the recommendation.

Option 2: not to approve the recommendation.

It was moved by Councillor Bashforth and seconded by Councillor Gloster that the decision on the proposal to introduce two disabled persons parking places on Osborne Street, Shaw, be deferred to the next meeting of the Traffic Regulation Order Panel, pending the outcome of the feasibility study in relation to the creation of off-street parking by removing the footway from outside the properties in question.

**RESOLVED** that the decision on the proposal to introduce two disabled persons parking places on Osborne Street, Shaw be DEFERRED.

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#### **OBJECTIONS TO PROHIBITION OF WAITING - CHAMBER ROAD AREA, OLDHAM**

Consideration was given to a report on the proposed introduction of Prohibition of Waiting in the Chamber Road area of Oldham.

A request had been received from the Housing Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Team, Oldham Council, for waiting restrictions in the form of double yellow lines to be placed in the Chamber Road area to remove obstructively parked vehicles.

The proposal had been approved under delegated powers on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and subsequently advertised. Two letters of objections and two petitions had been received. Furthermore, a document in support of the proposal had been submitted by the PFI Team.

The Panel sought and received clarification on the measures that had already been taken to encourage residents to park in the allocated parking spaces at the rear of their properties.

Options considered

Option 1: to approve the recommendation.

Option 2: not to approve the recommendation.

**RESOLVED** that, notwithstanding the objections received, the waiting restrictions be introduced as originally proposed and in accordance with the schedule contained in the original report.

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### **OBJECTIONS TO PROHIBITION OF WAITING - DOBCROSS NEW ROAD, DOBCROSS**

Consideration was given to a report on the proposal to introduce prohibitive waiting along part of Dobcross New Road, Dobcross.

A request had been received from Saddleworth Traffic and Transport Committee to address the obstructive parking taking place along Dobcross New Road.

The proposal had been approved under delegated powers on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and subsequently advertised. One letter of objection had been received. The basis of the objection was that the parked vehicles kept the traffic speed low.

Observations showed that the congestion of traffic at peak times could result in a highway safety problem if motorists struggled to exit the roundabout.

Options considered

Option 1: to approve the recommendation.

Option 2: not to approve the recommendation.

Option 3: to introduce the measures on an experimental basis so their effect can be monitored.

**RESOLVED** that, notwithstanding the objections received, the order be introduced on an experimental basis so its effect can be monitored, in accordance with the proposal at the end of this report and that officers be given delegated authority to confirm the experimental order in the event that no objections are received from the public after it is introduced.

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### **OBJECTIONS TO PROHIBITION OF WAITING - PLATTING ROAD AND BURNEDGE LANE, LYDGATE, OLDHAM**

Consideration was given to a proposal to introduce prohibitive waiting restrictions at the junction of Plating Road and Burnedge Lane, Lydgate.

A complaint had been received regarding difficulties being experienced by motorists seeking to exit Burnedge Lane attempting to observe motorists approaching along Platting Road, due to vehicle parking immediately at the junction outside the residential properties.

The proposal had been approved under delegated powers on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and subsequently advertised. Three letters of objection had been received pointing out that the problematic parking was generated by school time parking.

Observations had been undertaken and it had been ascertained that the visibility problems were not attributed to school time parking.

The Panel sought and received clarification about refusal of potential disabled parking request.

Options considered

Option 1: to approve the recommendation.

Option 2: not to approve the recommendation.

**RESOLVED** that, notwithstanding the objections received, the double yellow lines be introduced as originally proposed and in accordance with the schedules at the end of the report.

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### **PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER CROMPTON MOOR**

The Panel considered the proposal to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) within Crompton Moor, Shaw.

Councillor Sykes attended the meeting and addressed the Panel in support of the proposed PSPO.

Officers from Oldham Council and partner agencies, as well as Elected Members, had raised concerns with Community Safety Services and the Royton, Shaw and Crompton District Team regarding anti-social behaviours on the Moor, causing detriment to lawful users and the environment.

During the consultation process for the PSPO, issues had been raised by residents and users with regard to the following proposed prohibitions:

- Dogs off leads which are out of control and damaging nesting sites, injuring and killing wildlife and
- Multiple dogs being walked.

The Panel was informed that, following an assessment carried out by the Senior Arboricultural and Countryside Officer, the proposed prohibition linked to the protection of nesting was no longer required. However, the prohibition on "Multiple dogs being walked" remained.

The Panel sought and received clarification on the methods to enforce some of the prohibitions included in the PSPO.



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Options considered:

Option 1: make the order with all of the prohibitions included within the draft proposal.

Option 2: that the PSPO be approved with prohibition 3 be deleted.

Option 3: that the PSPO be refused and not granted.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The proposed Public Space Protection Order detailed in Schedule 2 of the report be approved and implemented with the following amendments:
  - Prohibition 3 be deleted;
  - Prohibition 6 be amended to read: *“A person shall be guilty of an offence if they are found to be camping within the Restricted Area without the express written consent of the Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council”*.

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 5.46 pm