

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER PANEL**  
**11/06/2020 at 5.30 pm**



**Present:** Councillor Garry (Chair)  
Councillors Akhtar (Vice-Chair), C. Gloster and Murphy

Also in Attendance:

Lori Hughes	Constitutional Services
Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
Gary Sutcliffe	Unity Highways
Liz Drogan	Head of Democratic Services
Sarah Robinson	Highways & Engineering

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 held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 be approved as a correct record.

6           **ACORN STREET, LEES - OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME**

The Panel gave consideration that sought approval to traffic management scheme along Acorn Street, Lees which had been approved under delegated powers in January 2020. The proposal had been advertised and four letters of representation had been received which requested the provision of additional yellow lines along both Spindle Mews and Acorn Street and one letter of objection had been received to the yellow lines along Acorn Street.

The traffic management scheme had been proposed to address a pedestrian safety issue identified along Acorn Street. There was currently an informal crossing point on Acorn Street which linked residential properties and the footpath through to Medlock Way. It was proposed to provide a zebra crossing facility at this point, together with a series of traffic calming features for the provision of a safe environment for pedestrians to cross. However, this would also require the removal of on-street parking to ensure the crossing facility was safe to use. To compensate for the loss of parking, it was also proposed that a lay-by parking area be created within a grassed verge section of Acorn Street and be used as a general parking facility. Double yellow lines had been proposed to protect access along Acorn

Street and the side road junctions, to ensure motorists can observe pedestrians using the crossing facility.



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In view of the problematic parking being experienced at other locations, it was felt that additional double yellow lines should be considered for introduction as detailed in the schedules appended to the report and on drawing number 2376/A3/265/1A. If the Panel approved the amendments, arrangements would be made for the additional lengths of double yellow lines to be publicly advertised.

Members were informed that a separate scheme for local businesses would be advertised separately. Members asked if it would be possible to have the two proposals together and were informed that the scheme outlined in the report had already been advertised and the scheme was needed to the safe crossing facility in the interest of road safety, especially for school children.

Members sought and received clarification on the comments from Greater Manchester Police who had been consulted on the scheme. Members also sought and received clarification on the comments of local ward councillors on the scheme.

Options Considered:

Option 1: Approve and advertise the amended proposal, to improve visibility and access along Acorn Street and Spindle Mews.

Option 2: To reject the requests made through the representations and allow the problematic parking to continue.

**RESOLVED** that notwithstanding the objection received, the Traffic Management Scheme for Acorn Street, Lees, be approved with the amendments as detailed in the report and the proposed amendments be advertised.

The meeting started at 5.30 pm and ended at 5.48 pm