

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER PANEL
17/06/2021 at 5.30 pm



Present: Councillor Davis (Chair)
Councillors Brownridge (Vice-Chair), C. Gloster and Woodvine

Also in Attendance:

Alan Evans	Group Solicitor
Gary Sutcliffe	Unity Highways
Kaidy McCann	Constitutional Services
Dave Murphy	

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Salamat.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor C Gloster declared a personal interest at item 8.

Councillor Brownridge declared a personal interest at item 9.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2021 be approved as a correct record.

6 **OLD ROAD / GRIMSHAW STREET, FAILSWORTH -
OBJECTION TO PROHIBITION OF WAITING**

The Panel gave consideration to a report regarding objections received to the introduction of prohibitive waiting restrictions at the junction of Old Road and Grimshaw Street, Failsworth.

Complaints had been received from local residents about the difficulties the residents of Grimshaw Street were experiencing in receiving deliveries and getting waste bins emptied. Observations and discussions with the Refuse Collection Team had confirmed they experienced problems accessing the street to empty the bins. The Refuse Team had explained that they still had problems accessing Grimshaw Street, but the residents had decided to adopt their own collection point arrangement where they left their bins near to the Old Road junction so the driver of the refuse vehicle did not have to access Grimshaw Street.

The proposal had been approved under delegated powers on 17th February 2020 and subsequently advertised. Six letters of objection had been received from residents who would be

directly affected by the proposal. The basis of the objections was how the proposal would affect their ability to park near to their properties and in the general area, due to the level of on-street parking that already took place.

In light of the objections, the Waste Management Supervisor for this area had suggested that just removing the parking immediately at the junction i.e. within 5 metres along Old Road and a 10 metre length along Grimshaw Street, would afford the drivers enough room to be able to gain access; this would see a reduction in the length of yellow lines originally proposed and help maximise parking for residents.

Options considered.

Option 1: Introduce the yellow lines as originally proposed.

Option 2: Amend the proposals by reducing the length of the double yellow lines to be introduced.

Option 3: Rescind the proposal and leave the junction unprotected and let the problematic parking continue.

RESOLVED that, notwithstanding the objections received, an Experimental Order be introduced, subject to review after 6 months operation, for no waiting restrictions on the lengths of Old Road and Grimshaw Street detailed in the Schedule to the report between 7am to 7pm on Thursdays only.

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PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT DENTON LANE, CHADDERTON - OBJECTION TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The Panel gave consideration to a report regarding objections received to the introduction of prohibitive waiting restrictions on Denton Lane, Chadderton.

The proposal was promoted primarily to address visibility issues at various junctions along Denton Lane and the obstruction of the footway and dropped kerbs near to the junction of Fields New Road. The safety of road users was compromised by vehicles parked close to the junction and on footways. The issues were raised by local residents and Ward Members. Letters to residents asking them to park with greater care and consideration had not produced an appropriate response.

The proposal had been approved under delegated powers on 23rd September 2019 and subsequently advertised. One objection had been received in the form of a petition signed by 19 residents. The basis of the objection was that the local residents did not believe there were any safety issues at the eastern end of Denton Lane in the vicinity of the shops, visibility could be an issue at junctions however this was only a problem at night and overall there was a high demand for on-street parking along Denton Lane and the proposed restrictions would make parking even more difficult.

In light of the objection, Officers felt there were a number of issues that should be addressed in the location. There were

visibility issues for motorists exiting the area in front of the shops. Hatching had also been applied in the area to discourage parking close to the access. However, as with the other markings, motorists did not comply with them. Immediately in advance of the junction at Fields New Road there was a bend in the road which affected visibility for motorists entering Denton Lane. Parked vehicles in this location reduced forward visibility further. It was also reported that parked vehicles affected pedestrian movements along the footway, the ability to cross where there were dropped kerbs and visibility crossing Denton Lane at the junction.

Options considered.

Option 1: Introduce the proposed restrictions as advertised.

Option 2: Do not introduce the proposed restrictions.

RESOLVED that, notwithstanding the objections received, the proposed restrictions be introduced as set out in the report.

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WOOD STREET JUNCTION WITH SALISBURY STREET, HIGH CROMPTON - OBJECTION TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Councillor Gloster declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.

The Panel gave consideration to a report regarding objections received to the introduction of prohibitive waiting restrictions at the junction of Wood Street and Salisbury Street, High Crompton.

The proposal was promoted to address visibility issues at the junction of Wood Street and Salisbury Street reported by local residents via a Ward Member. The area was primarily residential however High Crompton Conservative Club was situated at the junction which did attract some visitor parking. A local Ward Member had received numerous complaints in regard to obstructive and problematic parking caused by vehicles of persons attending the Conservative Club. Site inspections undertaken by Officers found that the safety of road users was compromised by vehicles parked close to the junction.

The proposal had been approved under delegated powers on 17th February 2020 and subsequently advertised. Two letters of objection had been received from local residents. The basis of the objections was that there was already a high demand for on-street spaces and the proposal would reduce the availability of spaces further and encouraged the use of Wood Street as a short cut.

In light of the objections, it was the view of officers that restrictions were required to improve visibility. The lengths of restrictions proposed were not considered excessive. However, the restrictions could be reduced from 14.5 metres to 10 metres to lessen the effects of on-street parking.

Options considered.

Option 1: Introduce the proposed restrictions as advertised.

Option 2: Relax the length of the proposed restrictions.

Option 3: Do not introduce the proposed restrictions.

RESOLVED that, notwithstanding the objections received, the proposals be introduced for Wood Street as originally proposed but the restrictions be introduced on Salisbury Street for a 10 metre length only.

NOTE: Councillor Murphy attended the meeting and spoke on this item. He reported that local residents were unaware of the meeting.

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MORA AVENUE JUNCTION WITH BURNLEY LANE, CHADDERTON - OBJECTION TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Councillor Brownridge declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.

The Panel gave consideration to a report regarding objections received to the introduction of waiting restrictions at the junction of Mora Avenue and Burnley Lane.

The proposal had been promoted to address a visibility issue at the junction of Mora Avenue and Burnley Lane reported by local residents. The safety of road users was compromised by vehicles parked close the junction.

The proposal had been approved under delegated powers on 10th October 2019 and subsequently advertised. One letter of objection had been received from local residents. The basis of the objection was that the parking problems in the area were caused by a local business. The objector raised other parking issues which were unconnected with the proposal.

In light of the objection, it was the view of Officers that the objection should be dismissed as the owner of a vehicle parked in the location was not relevant to the proposal. The proposal was to address an issue with visibility at the junction. The lengths of restrictions proposed were not considered excessive and were the minimum thought necessary to address the issue reported.

Options considered.

Option 1: Introduce the proposed restrictions as advertised.

Option 2: Do not introduce the proposed restrictions.

RESOLVED that, notwithstanding the objections received, the proposed restrictions be introduced as advertised.