

## **Delegated Decision**

# Ellen Street and Busk Road, Oldham – Prohibition of Waiting

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive - People and Place

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## **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of lengths of prohibition of waiting restrictions on Ellen Street and Busk Road, Oldham, to combat obstructive parking.

#### Recommendation

It is proposed that the Prohibition of waiting restriction is introduced, in accordance with the schedule detailed in the proposal at the end of this report.

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#### 1 Background

- 1.1 Ellen Street is a non-residential street running from Featherstall Road North to Busk Road (cul de sac). The road is fronted by commercial and industrial properties and also acts as an access route to a commercial/industrial and retail area. The Immigration Advice Centre, which has a large car park, is also accessed directly off Ellen Street.
- 1.2 Busk Road services a number of businesses and also provides access to a limited number of residential properties.
- 1.3 Over recent years a great deal of development has taken place in the area with two new supermarkets opening, both having delivery access off Ellen Street.
- 1.4 Prohibition of waiting restrictions exist along a limited length of Ellen Street, however, the length of Ellen Road between Busk Road and Waddington Street is regularly subject to vehicles being parked on both sides of the carriageway with two wheels on the footway causing obstruction to both vehicles and pedestrians.
- 1.5 Complaints have been received from the businesses and visitors to the area regarding obstructive parking. Observations taken on site have confirmed the issue.

### 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 In view of the obstructive parking taking place on the access road, it is felt that a prohibition of waiting order should be introduced as detailed in accordance with the drawing number 47/A3/1552/1.

#### 5 Consultations

5.1 G.M.P. View - The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no comment on 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 Coldhurst Ward Councillors

6.1 The Ward Councillors have been consulted and they are concerned that the proposals for no parking at any time will penalise residents and customers/suppliers of the local businesses. They understand the need to reduce obstructive parking and all day parking. They have asked if time limited parking can be considered instead – suggesting 2 hr max stay from 8am-4pm Mon Fri?

#### 7 Response to Councillors Comments

7.1 Due to the nature of the obstructive parking taking place limited waiting restrictions would not resolve the problem on Ellen Street. The carriageway width is insufficient for vehicles to park on both sides of the road without also parking on the footway. The south west side of Ellen Street between Busk Road and Waddington Street has been left clear of restrictions to allow for parking and servicing of adjacent businesses. Similarly, a length of unrestricted carriageway has been left adjacent to the residential properties on Busk Road that currently do not have off street parking facilities.

#### 8 Financial Implications

8.1 The cost of introducing the Order is shown below:-

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Advertisement of Order	1,200
Introduction of Road Markings	500
TOTAL	1,700
Annual Maintenance Costs (calculated July 2019)	100

- 8.2 The advertising, road marking costs of £1,700 will be funded from the Highways Operations Unity budget.
- 8.3 The annual maintenance costs estimated at £100 per annum will be met from the Highways Operations budget. If there are pressures in this area as the financial year progresses, the Directorate will have to manage its resources to ensure that there is no adverse overall variance at the financial year end. (Nigel Howard)

#### 9 Legal Services Comments

- 9.1 The Council must be satisfied that it is expedient to make the Traffic Regulation Order 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.
- 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)

## 10 **Co-operative Agenda**

- 10.1 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.
- 11 Human Resources Comments
- 11.1 None.
- 12 Risk Assessments
- 12.1 None.
- 13 **IT Implications**
- 13.1 None.
- 14 Property Implications
- 14.1 None.

- 15 **Procurement Implications**
- 15.1 None.
- 16 Environmental and Health & Safety Implications
- 16.1 Energy Nil.
- 16.2 Transport Nil.
- 16.3 Pollution Nil.
- 16.4 Consumption and Use of Resources Nil.
- 16.5 Built Environment Minor alteration to the visual appearance of the area.
- 16.6 Natural Environment Nil.
- 16.7 Health and Safety Nil.
- 17 Equality, community cohesion and crime implications
- 17.1 By removing obstructive parking, permitted pedestrian and vehicular access will be maintained.
- 18 Equality Impact Assessment Completed?
- 18.1 No.
- 19 **Key Decision**
- 19.1 No.
- 20 Key Decision Reference
- 20.1 Not applicable.
- 21 Background Papers
- 21.1 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.

- 22 **Proposal**
- 22.1 It is proposed that a prohibition of waiting order is introduced in accordance with the following schedule:

## Schedule Drawing Number 47/A3/1552/1

Add to the Oldham Borough Council (Oldham area) Consolidation Order 2003 Part 1, Schedule 1

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	Ellen Street (North east side)	At Anytime	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	From its junction Busk Road for a distance of 71 metres in a generally south- easterly direction			
	Ellen Street (South west side)  From its junction with Busk Road for a distance of 10	At Anytime	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	metres in a generally south-easterly direction			
	Busk Road (North west side)  From a point 25 metres Southwest of its junction with Ellen Street to a point 19 metres north east of its junction with Ellen Street	At Anytime	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	

Busk Road (North west side)  From a point 48 metres north east of its junction with Ellen Street for a distance of 21 metres in a north- easterly direction	At Anytime	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
Busk Road (South east side)  From its junction with Ellen Street for a distance of 72 metres in a north- easterly direction	At Anytime	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
Busk Road (Southeast side)  From its junction with Ellen Street in a distance of 18 metres in a South- westerly direction	At Anytime	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	

## **APPROVAL**

Signed _ Cabinet Member, Neighbourhood Services	Dated 07/01/2020
In consultation with  Signed:	Dated: 7 January 2020

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