

Report to TRO Panel

Objection to the Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Victoria Street, Shaw

Portfolio Holder:

Councillor A Ur-Rehman, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services

Officer Contact: Deputy Chief Executive – People and Place

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Ext. 1946

30 January 2020

Reason for Decision

The purpose of this report is to consider 3 letters of objection (see Appendix B) to the current proposal to introduce a Prohibition of Waiting Order on Victoria Street, Shaw, in the form of double yellow lines.

Recommendation

Notwithstanding the objection received it is recommended that the Panel supports the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order on Victoria Street, Shaw as per the original proposal shown in the schedule within the Delegated Report at Appendix A.

Objection to the Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Victoria Street, Shaw**1 Background**

- 1.1 The original proposal was approved under delegated powers on 29 March 2019, decision D3593 refers. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.2 The proposal was advertised on 2 October 2019 at which time 3 letters of objection were received.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 At this time there are no waiting restrictions on Victoria Street at its junction with Rochdale Road. Observations have revealed parking does take place directly at the junction which not only can obstruct visibility for motorists entering and exiting the junction but prevent the free flow of traffic through the junction. In instances where the free flow of traffic becomes obstructed motorists trying to manoeuvre through the junction in opposite directions can find themselves having to either reverse back along Victoria Street or out onto Rochdale Road creating a possible highway safety issue.
- 2.2 It is appreciated parking on Victoria Street is at a premium as residents of Rochdale Road also park in this location due to existing waiting restrictions on Rochdale Road. However, these vehicles are parking within 10 metres of the junction, therefore the current proposal on the west side of Victoria Street is simply reinforcing rule 243 of the Highway Code (DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space).
- 2.3 In addition to the proposed 10 metres of double yellow lines on the west side of Victoria Street it is recommended 19 metres of double yellow lines are introduced on the east side to assist the free flow of traffic through the junction by preventing vehicles either having to wait on Rochdale Road or reverse back onto Rochdale Road to allow vehicles to exit Victoria Street when parking occurs within close proximity to the junction.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 Option 1: To approve the original proposal.
- 3.2 Option 2: Not to approve the original proposal.

4 Preferred Option

- 4.1 The preferred option is option 1.

5 Comments of Shaw Ward Councillors

- 5.1 The Ward Councillors were previously consulted at TMU stage and comments were received from Councillor H Sykes and Councillor H Gloster who are opposed to the proposal as it is not needed and will encourage further rat running. Councillor C Gloster has not commented as he sits on the TRO Panel. The Ward Councillors have been consulted again and no comments were received.

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- 6 **Financial Implications**
- 6.1 These were dealt with in the previous report.
- 7 **Legal Services Comments**
- 7.1 These were dealt with in the previous report.
- 8 **Co-operative Agenda**
- 8.1 In respect of the proposal there are no Co-operative issues or opportunities arising and the proposals are in line with the Council's Ethical Framework.
- 9 **Human Resources Comments**
- 9.1 None.
- 10 **Risk Assessments**
- 10.1 None.
- 11 **IT Implications**
- 11.1 None.
- 12 **Property Implications**
- 12.1 None.
- 13 **Procurement Implications**
- 13.1 None.
- 14 **Environmental and Health & Safety Implications**
- 14.1 These were dealt with in the previous report.
- 15 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**
- 15.1 Dealt with in previous report.
- 16 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**
- 16.1 No.
- 17 **Key Decision**
- 17.1 No.
- 18 **Key Decision Reference**
- 18.1 Not applicable.

19 **Background Papers**

- 19.1 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.

20 **Appendices**

- 20.1 Appendix A – Copy of Delegated Report
Appendix B – Copy of Objections
Appendix C – Google snapshot of current parking

21 **Proposal**

- 21.1 Notwithstanding the objections received it is recommended that Option 1 be approved and the proposed Order be introduced as detailed in the schedule contained in the original report at Appendix A.

APPENDIX A
COPY OF DELEGATED REPORT

Delegated Decision

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting - Victoria Street, Shaw

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive – People and Place

Officer contact: Darryll Elwood, Technical Admin Officer
Ext. 1946

26 March 2019

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of prohibitive waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) on Victoria Street, Shaw to alleviate obstructive parking problems at its junction with Rochdale Road.

Recommendation

It is recommended that 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions to be introduced on Victoria Street at its junction with Rochdale Road, Shaw, in accordance with the schedule and plan at the end of this report.

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting - Victoria Street, Shaw

1 Background

- 1.1 A concern has been received regarding the current parking situation on Victoria Street, Shaw within close proximity to its junction with Rochdale Road. This problematic parking is not only obstructing visibility for motorists exiting Victoria Street but also obstructing the free flow of traffic through the junction. Waiting restrictions in the form of double yellow lines have been requested to alleviate parking within the vicinity of the junction.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 Rochdale Road, Shaw is a 'B' classified district distributor route between Oldham and Rochdale and can therefore experience high traffic volumes, particularly at peak periods. Whilst there are waiting restrictions on Rochdale Road at its junction with Victoria Street, there are none on Victoria Street itself. Observations have revealed if vehicles are parked on Victoria Street in close proximity to the junction motorists trying to manoeuvre through the junction in opposite directions can find themselves having to either reverse back along Victoria Street or out on to Rochdale Road creating a possible highway safety issue.

2 Options/Alternatives

- 2.1 Option 1: To approve the recommendation to introduce waiting restrictions.
- 2.2 Option 2: Not to approve the recommendation to introduce waiting restrictions.

3 Preferred Option

- 3.1 The preferred option is Option 1, to introduce waiting restrictions.

4 Justification

- 4.1 The introduction of waiting restrictions on Victoria Street will not only improve the visibility for motorists exiting the street but will also help with the free flow of traffic through the junction.

5 Consultations

- 5.1 G.M.P. View - The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no objection to 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 Shaw Ward Councillors

6.1 The Ward Councillors have been consulted and Councillor H Sykes and Councillor H Gloster are opposed to this proposal as it is not needed and will only encourage further rat running. Councillor G Gloster does not comment as he sits on the TRO Panel.

7 Financial Implications

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

	£
Advertisement of Order	1,200
Introduction of Road Markings	500
TOTAL	1,700
Annual Maintenance costs (calculated February 2019)	100

7.2 The advertising and road marking costs of £1,700 will be funded from cost centre 40916 (Highways Operations – Unity).

7.3 The annual maintenance costs estimated at £100 per annum will be met from cost centre 40350 (Highways Operations). 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 x3250/Sadrul Alam x3305)

8 Legal Services Comments

8.1 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.

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- 8.2 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)

9 Co-operative Agenda

- 9.1 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.

10 Human Resources Comments

- 10.1 None.

11 Risk Assessments

- 11.1 None.

12 IT Implications

- 12.1 None.

13 Property Implications

- 13.1 None.

14 Procurement Implications

- 14.1 None.

15 Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

- 15.1 Energy – Nil.

- 15.2 Transport – Nil.

- 15.3 Pollution – Nil.

- 15.4 Consumption and Use of Resources – Nil.

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- 15.5 Built Environment – Nil.
- 15.6 Natural Environment – Nil.
- 15.7 Health and Safety – The introduction of waiting restrictions on Victoria Street, Shaw as detailed, will create a safer environment for all highway users.
- 16 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**
- 16.1 By removing obstructive parking, access along the highway and visibility at road junctions will be improved and meet the aspirations of the complainant.
- 17 **Equality Impact Assessment Completed?**
- 17.1 No.
- 18 **Key Decision**
- 18.1 No.
- 19 **Key Decision Reference**
- 19.1 Not applicable.
- 20 **Background Papers**
- 20.1 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.
- 21 **Proposal**
- 21.1 It is proposed that a Traffic Regulation Order be introduced in accordance with the following schedule and drawing number.

Schedule

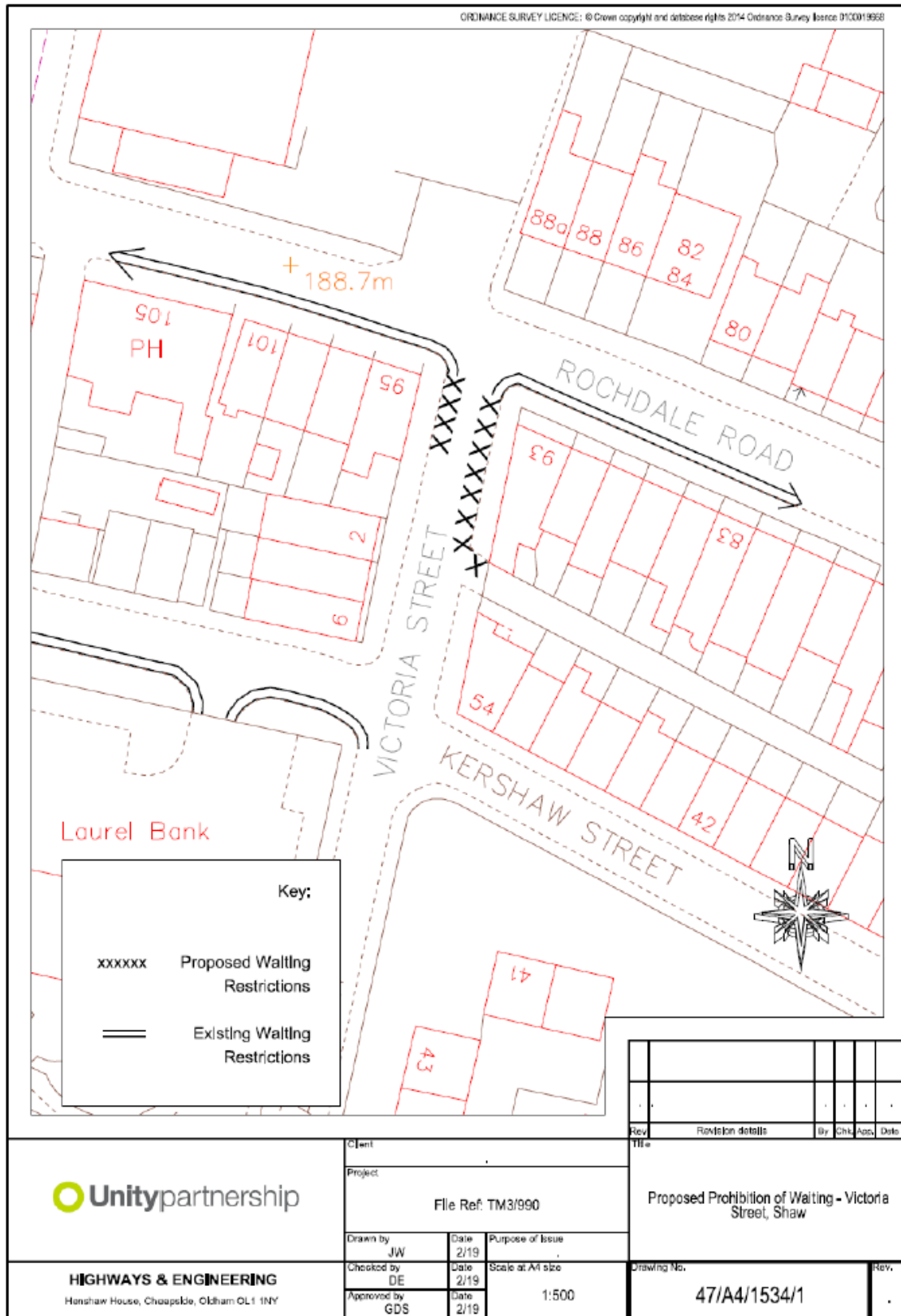
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Add to the Oldham Borough Council (Crompton area) Consolidation Order 2003

Column 1 Item No	Column 2 Length of Road	Column 3 Duration	Column 4 Exemptions	Column 5 No Loading
	<u>Victoria Street</u> (West Side) From its junction with Rochdale Road for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction	At Any Time		
	<u>Victoria Street</u> (East Side) From its junction with Rochdale Road for a distance of 19 metres in a southerly direction	At Any Time		

APPROVAL

Decision maker Signed  Cabinet Member, Neighbourhood Services	Dated: 28/03/19
In consultation with Signed  Director Of Environmental Services	Dated: 28/03/19



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APPENDIX B
COPY OF OBJECTIONS

26th Oct 19

Rochdale Rd
Shaw
CHDHAM

RE: Proposed prohibition
of waiting-Victoria St Shaw.

Dear Mrs Darryll Elwood,

I am against this proposal due to the fact it's the only place we have to park our vehicles due to double yellows on Rochdale Rd and surrounding areas reducing the parking for residents is only going to cause more problems for the residents and their families when it comes to parking. There is not sufficient parking in this area as it is which already causes problems for us to park such as other car owners deliberately blocking you in if you park in front of their house; or having to park so far away from your house you would not feel safe walking round in the dark as the street light are not the best in the area too. I have lived in this house for 23 years now and the parking situation has always been an issue around this area so I would appreciate it and think it would not be a good idea to increase the double yellow lines on Victoria St.

Yours faithfully

Date: 11 October 2019
Our ref: '001



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Dear Environment Group Solicitor to the Council

Re: Ref: LJM/T019/15 – Victoria Street, Shaw near the Rochdale Road junction – proposed double yellow lines for motorist visibility and free flow of traffic at junction

I am writing to register my objection of the above proposal, my reasons for objection are documented below:

1. Local residents are not in favour of these restrictions and have not requested them.
2. Parking is already an issue for residents within this area and further restrictions will exacerbate this situation and increase the issues that residents face.
3. The traffic flow through Victoria Street will increase as people use this as a short cut from one side of Shaw to the other, in an effort to avoid the arterial routes.
4. The removal of parked cars will increase vehicle speed within a residential area which houses our more elderly and vulnerable population.

Due to the above, I suggest that the introduction of double yellow lines is not carried as it will not provide any value to the residents of this area.

Yours sincerely

Dear Environment Group Solicitor to the Council,

**RE: Ref: LJM/TO19/15 - Victoria Street Shaw near the Rochdale Road junction
- proposed double yellow lines for motorist visibility and free flow of traffic at
junction**

I am writing to inform you that I object to the above proposal, the reason for my
objections are listed below:

1. The introduction of restrictions will put more pressure on Victoria Street and increase traffic flow.
2. Increased 'rat running' that is already a significant problem.
2. Traffic already causes problems at current levels.
3. Local residents have not requested these restrictions.
4. I understand the person who is requesting the restrictions is not someone who is local to the area.

For the above reasons I would suggest the introduction of double yellow lines is not taken forward and I am convinced that this introduction offers no value to the local community.

APPENDIX C
GOOGLE SNAPSHOT OF CURRENT PARKING

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APPENDIX C



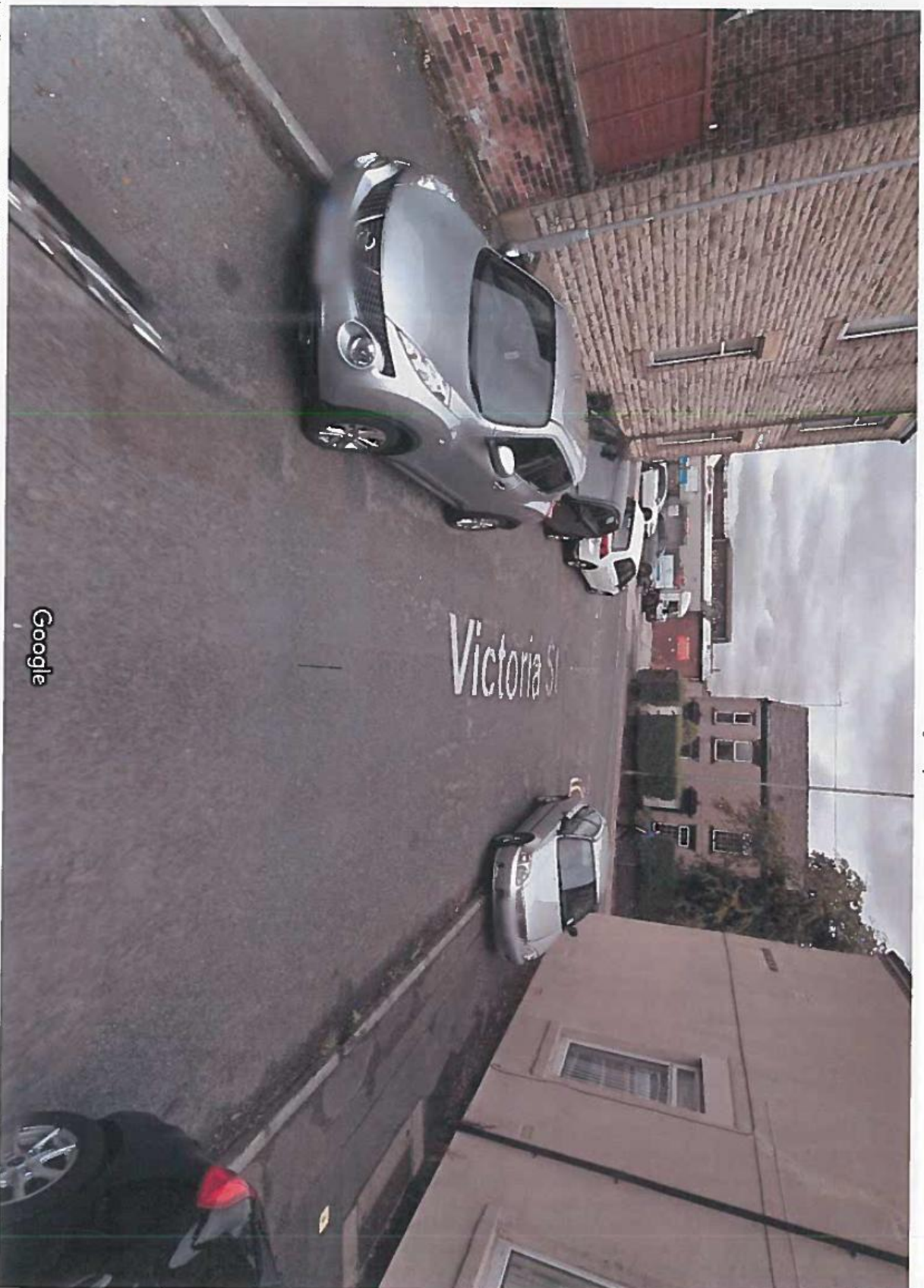
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APPENDIX C.

Victoria St - Google Maps



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