

Delegated Decision

Howard Street Junction with Huddersfield Road, Waterhead – Proposed Prohibition of Waiting

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of Prohibition of Waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) on Howard Street at its junction with Huddersfield Road, Waterhead.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Prohibition of Waiting restrictions be implemented in accordance with the schedule at the end of this report.

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1 Background

- 1.1 Correspondence has been received from a number of residents of Waterhead, requesting the introduction of waiting restrictions on Howard Street, Waterhead, at its junction with Huddersfield Road, to remove the obstructive parking currently taking place within the junction.
- 1.2 Huddersfield Road (A62) is a main arterial route and experiences high traffic volumes, vehicles entering and exiting from a side road, therefore, require unobstructed access to safely negotiate the junction.

2 **Current Position**

2.1 Observations undertaken within the area revealed vehicles parking on Howard Street immediately at or near the junction with Huddersfield Road create a bottleneck, obstructing vehicular manoeuvres through the junction. Ultimately, a highway safety issue is created for motorists already committed to turning into Howard Street from Huddersfield Road, by either causing them to have to reverse back on to Huddersfield Road or wait with the rear of their vehicle protruding on to Huddersfield Road to allow motorists exiting Howard Street to complete their manoeuvre.

3 **Proposal**

3.1 In view of the difficulties being experienced within the Howard Street / Huddersfield Road junction due to the presence of parked vehicles, it is felt the introduction of waiting restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are introduced in accordance with the schedule at the end of this report and drawing number 47/A4/1612/1.

4 Options/Alternatives

- 4.1 Option 1: To introduce a Prohibition of Waiting Traffic Regulation Order.
- 4.2 Option 2: Not to introduce a Prohibition of Waiting Traffic Regulation Order.

5 **Preferred Option**

5.1 The preferred option to approve is Option 1.

6 Justification

6.1 The introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order on Howard Street at its junction with Huddersfield Road is necessary to remove the obstructive parking to assist in the free flow of traffic through the junction.

7 Consultations

- 7.1 G.M.P. View The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no objection to this proposal.
- 7.2 T.f.G.M. View The Director General has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.
- 7.3 G.M. Fire Service View The County Fire Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.
- 7.4 N.W. Ambulance Service View The County Ambulance Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

8 Comments of Waterhead Ward Councillors

8.1 The Ward Councillors have been consulted and Councillor P Dean fully supports the proposal.

9 Financial Implications

9.1 The cost of introducing the Order is shown below:

	£
Advertisement of Order	1,200
Introduction of Yellow Lines	500
Total	1700
Annual Maintenance Cost (calculated November 2020)	100

- 9.2 The advertising and road marking costs of £1,700 will be funded from the Highways Operations Unity budget.
- 9.3 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)

10 Legal Services Comments

- 10.1 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)

11 Co-operative Agenda

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

- 16 **Procurement Implications**
- 16.1 None.
- 17 Environmental and Health & Safety Implications
- 17.1 Energy Nil.
- 17.2 Transport Nil.
- 17.3 Pollution Nil.
- 17.4 Consumption and Use of Resources Nil.
- 17.5 Built Environment Minor alteration to the visual appearance of the area.
- 17.6 Natural Environment Nil.
- 17.7 Health and Safety Nil.
- 18 Equality, community cohesion and crime implications
- 18.1 The introduction of yellow lines may have a negative effect on Community Cohesion as residents parking in this location will have to find alternative parking arrangements, however, highway safety takes priority over the use of the highway for parking. By removing obstructive parking, highway safety will be improved for all highway users.
- 19 Equality Impact Assessment Completed?
- 19.1 No.
- 20 Key Decision
- 20.1 No.
- 21 Key Decision Reference
- 21.1 Not applicable.
- 22 **Background Papers**
- 22.1 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.

23 **Proposal**

23.1 It is proposed that a Traffic Regulation Order be introduced in accordance with the following schedule and drawing number.

<u>Schedule</u>

Drawing Numbers 47/A4/1612/1

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

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions
	Howard Street (West Side) From its junction with Huddersfield Road for a distance if 25 metres in a northerly direction	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, J, K3
	Howard Street (East Side) From its junction with Huddersfield Road for a distance if 33 metres in a northerly direction	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, J, K3

APPROVAL

Decision maker By John Maker Signed Cabinet Member,	Dated 25.03.2021
Neighbourhoods and Culture In consultation with	
Signed Director of Environmental	Dated: 25.03.2021

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