

Report to TRO Panel

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Denton Lane, Chadderton – Objection to Traffic Regulation Order

Portfolio Holder:

Councillor A Chadderton, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods

Officer Contact: Deputy Chief Executive – People and Place

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17 June 2021

Reason for Decision

The purpose of this report is to consider an objection, in the form of a petition, to a proposal for prohibition of waiting restrictions to be introduced on Denton Lane, Chadderton.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the objection be dismissed and the proposal introduced as advertised in accordance with the schedule in the original report.

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting at Denton Lane, Chadderton – Objection to Traffic Regulation Order**1 Background**

- 1.1 A report recommending the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions at various locations along Denton Lane, Chadderton, was approved under delegated powers on 23 September 2019. The proposal was subsequently advertised and one objection was received in the form of a petition signed by 19 residents.
- 1.2 A copy of the approved report is attached at Appendix A and a copy of the objection is attached at Appendix B.
- 1.3 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 is 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 have not produced an appropriate response.

2 Objection

- 2.1 One objection was received from a local resident in the form of a petition signed by 19 local residents and shop owners. In summary, the petition states that locals do not believe that there are any safety issues at the eastern end of Denton Lane in the vicinity of the shops, that visibility can be an issue at junctions but this is only a problem at night and that overall there is a high demand for on-street parking along Denton Lane and the proposed restrictions will make parking even more difficult.
- 2.2 It is the view of Officers that the petition should be dismissed. The lengths of restriction proposed are not considered excessive and are the minimum thought necessary to address the issues reported.
- 2.3 At each junction there are a number of hatched areas to encourage parking away from the junction. The proposal only seeks to make this on-street parking arrangement formal by introducing conventional waiting restrictions in place of the hatching, which are better understood and less likely to be contravened. Although traffic flows are lower in the evening and at night, any vehicle parked close to a junction still adversely affects visibility whatever the time of day.

2.4 The main focus of the objection is on the restrictions proposed at the eastern end of Denton Lane close to the junction of Fields New Road. Although the petitioners claim that there are no safety issues here, there are in fact a number of issues Officers believe should be addressed in this location. There are visibility issues for motorists exiting the area in front of the shops. Hatching is also applied here to discourage parking close to the access, but as with the other markings, motorists do not currently comply with them. Immediately in advance of the junction at Fields New Road there is a bend in the road which affects visibility for motorists entering Denton Lane. Parked vehicles in this location reduce forward visibility further. It is also reported that parked vehicles affect pedestrian movements along the footway, the ability to cross where there are dropped kerbs and visibility crossing Denton Lane at the junction.

3 **Options/Alternatives**

3.1 Option 1 – Introduce the proposed restrictions as advertised.

Option 2 – Do not introduce the proposed restrictions.

4 **Preferred Option**

4.1 The preferred option is Option 1.

5 **Consultation**

5.1 These were detailed with in the previous report.

6 **Comments of Chadderton Central Ward Councillors**

6.1 The Ward Councillors have been consulted again and as previously stated, the Ward Councillors have been made aware by residents of the difficulties experienced when trying to exit side roads onto Denton Lane. Problems have been caused by motorists parking on corners, and sometimes obstructing dropped kerbs, which has resulted in a much restricted view of oncoming traffic and increased the risk of an accident occurring especially when seeking to turn right. Letters to residents asking them to park with greater care and consideration have not produced an appropriate response. The situation is exacerbated at the beginning and end of the school when parents/carers are dropping children off or collecting children who attend Christ Church CE primary School. The Ward Councillors support the proposal on the grounds that the measures will improve road safety for pedestrians and motorists alike.

7 **Financial Implications**

7.1 These were dealt with in the previous report.

8 **Legal Services Comments**

8.1 These were dealt with in the previous report.

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- 9 **Co-operative Agenda**
- 9.1 In respect of introducing prohibition of waiting restrictions on Denton Lane, 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 These were dealt with in the previous report.
- 16 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**
- 16.1 These were dealt with in the previous report.
- 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 **Appendices**

21.1 Appendix A – Approved Mod Gov Report
Appendix B - Copy of Objection

APPENDIX A
APPROVED MOD GOV REPORT

Delegated Decision

Denton Lane, Chadderton – Prohibition of Waiting - Side Road Visibility Protection

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive – People and Place

Officer contact: Alister Storey, Traffic Engineer
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16 September 2019

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions (double yellow lines) on Denton Lane at the junctions of side roads, to remove the obstructive parking of vehicles that create problems with visibility.

Recommendation

It is proposed that double yellow lines are introduced at junctions along Denton Lane, Chadderton, in accordance with the schedule detailed in the proposal at the end of this report.

Denton Lane, Oldham – Prohibition of Waiting Side Road Visibility Protection

1 Background

- 1.1 The length of Denton Lane considered in this report runs from the junction with Fields New Road through to Fold Green. The route is subject to street lighting and is traffic calmed with road tables, the speed limit throughout is 20mph.
- 1.2 Parking bays are marked out either side of the carriageway with the visibility splays created with hatched road markings. Unfortunately vehicles regularly park on the hatch markings which drastically decreases visibility when trying to enter Denton Lane.
- 1.3 At the northern extents of the route there a number of shops. Visitors to these regularly park obstructively on hatch markings but also on the footway blocking pedestrian dropped kerbs.

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 at various locations along Denton Lane, it is felt double yellow lines should be introduced in accordance with the drawing number 47/A3/1540/1.

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 Chadderton Central Ward Councillors

- 6.1 The Ward Councillors have been consulted and the Ward Councillors have been made aware by residents of the difficulties experience when trying to exit side roads onto Denton Lane. Problems have been caused by motorists parking on corners, and sometimes obstructing dropped kerbs, which has resulted in a much restricted view of oncoming traffic and increased the risk of an accident occurring especially when seeking to turn right. Letters to residents asking them to park with greater care and consideration have not produced an appropriate response. The situation is exacerbated at the beginning and end of the school day when parents/carers are dropping children off or collecting children who attend Christ Church CE Primary School.

The observations by the Traffic Management Unit have confirmed that this problem continues to exist and the Ward Councillors support the proposal on the grounds of improving road safety for pedestrians and motorists alike.

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	<u>1,700</u>
Annual Maintenance Costs (calculated July 2019)	100

- 7.2 The advertising and road marking costs of £1,700 will be funded from the Highways Operations – Unity budget.
- 7.3 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)

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.

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 – Minor alteration to the visual appearance of the area.
- 15.6 Natural Environment – Nil.
- 15.7 Health and Safety – Nil.
- 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 drivers.
- 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

Drawing Number 47/A3/1540/1



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

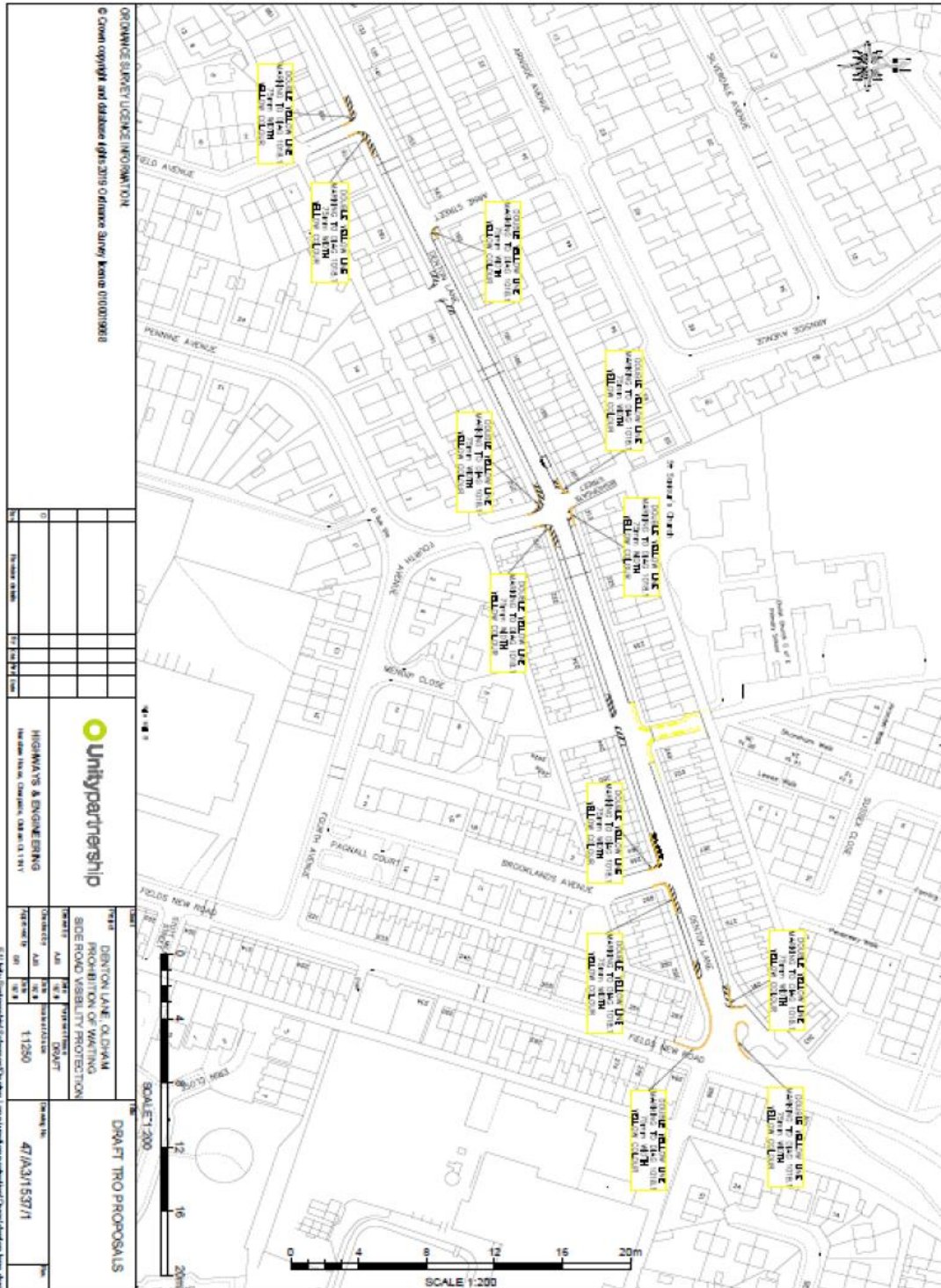
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	<u>Denton Lane</u> (North Side) From its junction with Fields New Road for a distance of 20 metres in a Westerly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Denton Lane</u> (North Side) From a point 28 metres Southwest of its junction with Fields New Road for a distance of 14.5 metres in a North Easterly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Denton Lane</u> (North Side) From its junction with Bishopsgate Street for a distance of 8 metres in a North Easterly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Denton Lane</u> (North Side) From its junction with Bishopsgate Street for a distance of 7 metres in South Westerly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Denton Lane</u> (North Side) From its junction with Arne Street for a distance of 5.2 metres in North Easterly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	

	<u>Denton Lane</u> (South Side) From its junction with Fields New Road for a distance of 36.8 metres in a South Westerly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Fields New Road</u> (West Side) From its junction with Denton Lane for a distance of 10.7 metres in a southerly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Denton Lane</u> (South Side) From its junction with Brooklands Avenue for a distance of 12.3 metres in a North Easterly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Denton Lane</u> (South Side) From its junction with Brooklands Avenue for a distance of 12.7 metres in a South Westerly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Brooklands Avenue</u> (Both sides) From its junction with Denton Lane for a distance of 5 metres in a Southerly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Denton Lane</u> (South Side) From its junction with Bishopsgate Street for a distance of 9.3 metres in an North Easterly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	

	<u>Denton Lane</u> (South Side) From its junction with Bishopgate Street for a distance of 9.7 metres in a South Easterly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Bishopgate Street</u> (Both Sides) From the southern kerb line of its junction with Denton Lane for a distance of 5.3 metres in a Southerly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Denton Lane</u> (South Side) From its junction with Marfield Avenue for a distance of 11.3 metres in a North Easterly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Denton Lane</u> (South Side) From its junction with Marfield Avenue for a distance of 9.9 metres in a South Westerly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	
	<u>Marfield Avenue</u> (Both Sides) From its junction with Denton lane for a distance of 5 metres in a Southerly direction	At Any Time	A,B1,B3,B4,C, K,E,K3	

APPROVAL

<p>Decision maker</p> <p>Signed  Cabinet Member, Neighbourhood Services</p>	<p>Dated 23.09.19</p>
<p>In consultation with</p> <p>Signed  Director Of Environmental Services</p>	<p>Dated 17.09.19</p>



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NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION

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PROJECT	DENTON LANE, OLDMAM
OBJECTIVE	PROHIBITION OF WAITING SIDE ROAD VISIBILITY PROTECTION
DATE	11/2/2016
SCALE	1:250

DRAFT TPO PROPOSALS
DRAWN BY: 47/JAN/SS7/1

APPENDIX B
COPY OF OBJECTIONS

DENTON LANE CHADDERTON REF LIM/T019/29

THIS IS A PETITION REGARDING THE ABOVE FROM THE RESIDENTS OF DENTON LANE WITH HOUSE NUMBERS FROM 273 ACROSS AND UP THE LANE TO THE ALCOVER INCLUDING ALL THE SHOPS WHO HAVE SIGNED THIS BECAUSE OF THERE CUSTOMERS AT THE SHOPS AND ALSO WE AND THE SHOPS DON'T THINK WE ARE INTRUDING ON ANY SAFETY AREA AT THE TOP OF DENTON LANE WE DO BELIEVE THOUGH THAT FURTHER DOWN THE LANE COMING OUT OF RAVEN AND MARFIELD BROOKLANDS AND FOURTH AVENUE ARE BAD GETTING OUT ONTO THE ROAD BECAUSE OF PARKED CARS BUT THIS IS ONLY AT NIGHT WHEN PEOPLE GET HOME FROM WORK SO BY DOING THIS TO THE AVENUES OFF IT WILL MAKE IT WORST FOR US ON DENTON LANE TO PARK BECAUSE THEY WILL TAKE THE PLACES WE ALSO HAVE A LOT OF MULTIPLE RESEDENCIES ON DENTON LANE AND FIELDS NEW ROAD WHO THINK ITS OK TO PARK ON DENTON LANE BUT HEY HO WHO ARE WE SO PLEASE ACCEPT THIS PETITION ON BEHALF OF THE TOP END OF DENTON LANE WHO KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THIS AS SAID WHERE YOU HAVE MAKRED AT THE TOP IT IS NOT UNSAFE IN ME MYSELF HAVE LIVED HERE FOR 47 YEARS AND WHY CHANGE DENTON LANE NOW

D BOSS	289	Denton Lane	D Boss
A. BOSS	"	"	A. Boss.
G ASHWORTH	287	Denton Lane	G Ashworth
J. Taylor	285	Denton Lane	J Taylor
D. Tierney	285	Denton Lane	D Tierney
R. Keylock	285	Denton Lane	R Keylock
V. Allen	303	DENTON LANE	V. Allen
D. Allen	303	Denton Lane	D. Allen
C. CASEY	230	Fieldnew Rd.	C Casey
Diane Allen	303	Denton Lane	D Allen
Lisa Russell	268	Denton Lane	L Russell
Ant Russell	"	"	A Russell
P. Bardsley	274	"	P. Bardsley
K Bardsley	274	"	K Bardsley
S Bardsley	"	"	S Bardsley
L Mitchell	273	"	L Mitchell
V. Kaushal	299	Denton Lane	Vijeta K
B BLAIR	293	"	B Blair
C BOSS -	291	"	C Boss