

Report to TRO Panel

Coptic Road, 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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29 July 2021

Reason for Decision

The purpose of this report is to consider five objections to a proposal for prohibition of waiting restrictions to be introduced at Coptic Road, Chadderton.

Recommendation

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

Coptic Road, Chadderton – Objection to Traffic Regulation Order**1 Background**

- 1.1 A report recommending the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions at Coptic Road, Chadderton, was approved under delegated powers on 17 December 2019. The proposal was subsequently advertised and five letters of objection were received.
- 1.2 A copy of the approved report is attached at Appendix A and a copy of the objections are attached at Appendix B.
- 1.3 The proposal was promoted to address an issue with obstructive parking at Coptic Road near to its junction with Chadderton Park Road, reported by local residents via their Ward Councillor.
- 1.4 Coptic Road is a residential cul-de-sac off Chadderton Park Road, Chadderton. The junction bell mouth and initial length of carriageway is regularly subject to obstructive parking with residents to Chadderton Park Road parking on both sides of the carriageway and also on the footway.
- 1.5 Observations revealed that vehicles regularly park on Coptic Road within close proximity to its junction with Chadderton Park Road creating a highway safety issue not only for motorists trying to negotiate the junction but pedestrians as well due to the size of some of the vehicles parking in this location.

2 Objections

- 2.1 Three objections were received from residents of Chadderton Park Road and two from residents of Coptic Road. In summary, the objectors claim that:
 - there is already a high demand for on-street parking along Chadderton Park Road and the proposal will reduce the availability of these spaces further
 - the proposal may displace parking further along Coptic Road
 - the availability of on-street spaces has already been affected by a planning decision to allow a new nursery to operate on Chadderton Park Road at the junction of Middleton Road and could be made worse following approval for a new care home on the west side of Chadderton Park Road between Coptic Road and Middleton Road
 - the Council should consider creating parking bays for local residents
- 2.2 The Council appreciates that there is a lack of on-street parking for some residents of Chadderton Park Road. However, the Council is not responsible for providing on-street parking but has a duty in respect of road safety matters.
- 2.3 The lengths of restriction proposed are not considered excessive and are the minimum thought necessary to address the issues reported to the Council, to maintain unobstructed access and egress from Coptic Road and to prevent parking along the southern footway of Coptic Road and the footways at the junction of Coptic Road and Chadderton Park Road.

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- 2.4 It is not possible to determine if, or where, any displacement may occur, but the issue of displacement can only be addressed with a wider scheme which is unlikely to be supported.
- 2.5 In relation to the planning applications, it should be borne in mind that the nursery only operates during the daytime when on-street parking spaces are more readily available. The decision by the Council to refuse the application for the new care home was overturned by the Planning Inspectorate. The number of spaces within the site for employees and visitors was increased to 34 and was deemed sufficient enough not to give rise to a material increase in on-street car parking.

3 **Options/Alternatives**

- 3.1 Option 1 – Introduce the proposed restrictions as advertised.
- 3.2 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 North Ward Councillors**

- 6.1 The Ward Councillors have been consulted again and Councillor B Brownridge has commented whilst I fully understand the parking problems on Chadderton Park Road I do not think they can justify refusing parking restrictions which are intended to deal with visibility problems at the junction so I confirm my support for the proposal.

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.

9 **Co-operative Agenda**

- 9.1 In respect of introducing prohibition of waiting restrictions on Coptic Road, 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 Objections

APPENDIX A
APPROVED MOD GOV REPORT



Oldham
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Delegated Decision

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Coptic Road, Chadderton

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive – People and Place

Officer contact: Alister Storey, Traffic Engineer
Ext. 5766

6 December 2019

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of waiting restrictions on Coptic Road, Chadderton at its junction with Chadderton Park Road to alleviate obstructive parking taking place.

Recommendation

It is recommended that no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) restrictions be introduced on Coptic Road in accordance with the schedule at the end of this report.

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Coptic Road, Chadderton

1 Background

- 1.1 Correspondence has been received from a number of local residents requesting the introduction of waiting restrictions on Coptic Road at its junction with Chadderton Park Road, Chadderton to remove the obstructive parking currently taking place.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 Coptic Road is a residential cul-de-sac off Chadderton Park Road, Chadderton. The junction bell mouth and initial length of carriageway is regularly subject to obstructive parking with residents to Chadderton Park Road parking on both sides of the carriageway and also on the footway.
- 2.2 Observations have revealed that vehicles are parking on Coptic Road within close proximity to its junction with Chadderton Park Road creating a highway safety issue not only for motorists trying to negotiate the junction but pedestrians as well due to the size of some of the vehicles parking in this location.
- 2.3 In view of the difficulties being experienced at the junction of Coptic Road and Chadderton Park Road due to the presence of parked vehicles, it is felt that prohibitive waiting restrictions should be introduced in accordance with drawing number 47/A4/1555/1 and the schedule at the end of this report.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 Option 1: To introduce a No Waiting at Any Time Traffic Regulation Order.
- 3.2 Option 2: Not to introduce a No Waiting at Any Time Traffic Regulation Order.

4 Preferred Option

- 4.1 The preferred option to approve is Option 1.

5 Justification

- 5.1 The introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order in the form of double yellow lines will remove obstructive parking allowing traffic to manoeuvre safely through the junction of Coptic Road and Chadderton Park Road, therefore creating a safer environment for all highway users.

6 Consultations

- 6.1 G.M.P. View - The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no objection to this proposal.

6.2 T.f.G.M. View - The Director General has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

6.3 G.M. Fire Service View - The County Fire Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

6.4 N.W. Ambulance Service View - The County Ambulance Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

7 **Comments of Chadderton North Ward Councillors**

7.1 The Ward Councillors have been consulted and Councillor B Brownridge fully supports the proposal.

8 **Financial Implications**

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

	£
Advertisement of Order	1,800
Introduction of Road Markings	500
TOTAL	2,300
Annual Maintenance Costs (calculated September 2019)	100

8.2 The advertising/road marking costs of £2,300 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.

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- 9.2 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)

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.

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- 16.5 Built Environment – Nil.
 - 16.6 Natural Environment – Nil.
 - 16.7 Health and Safety – Nil.
 - 17 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**

- 17.1 None.

- 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 Traffic Regulation Order be introduced in accordance with the following schedule and drawing number.



Schedule

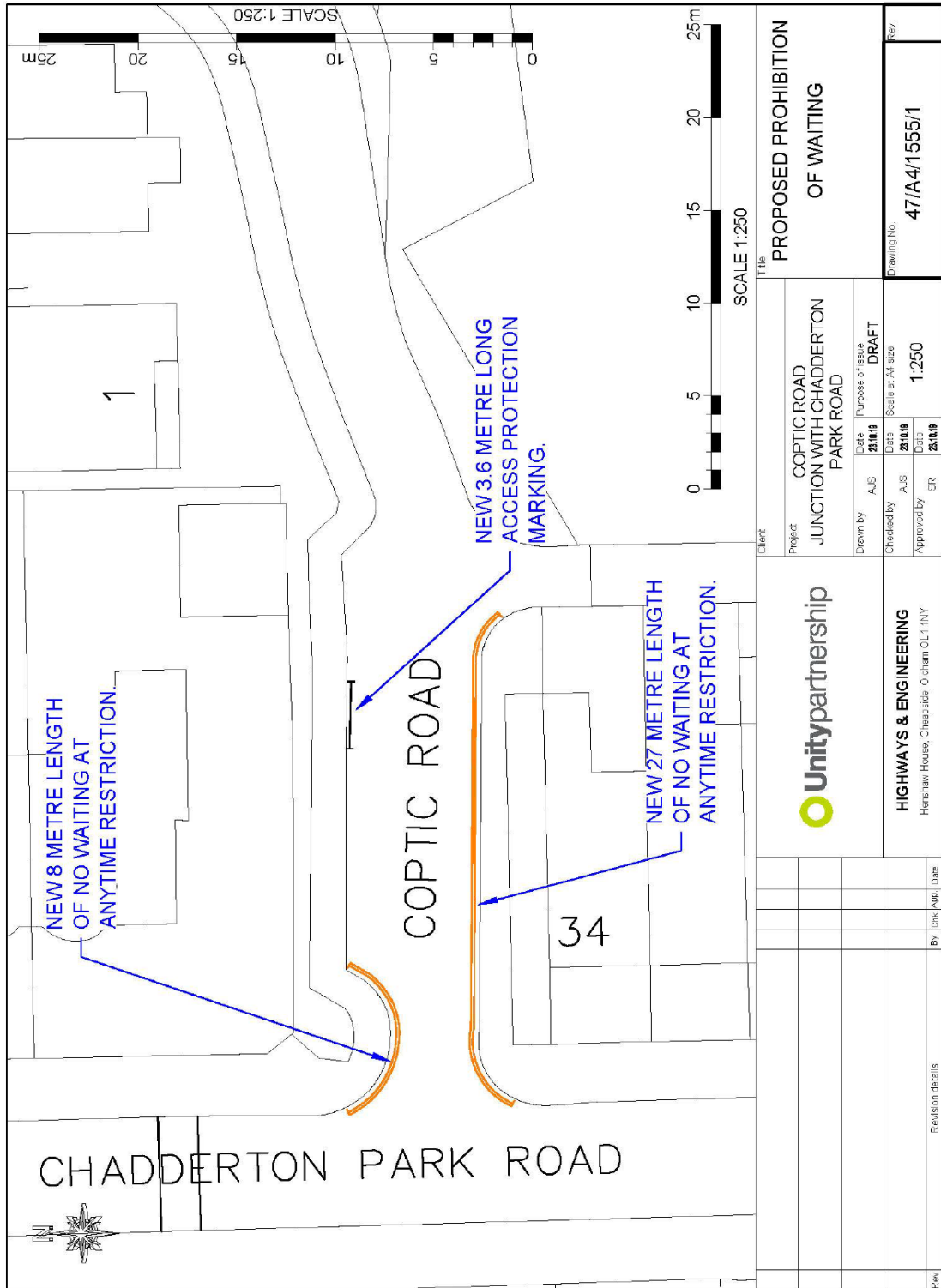
Drawing Number 47/A4/1555/1

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

Column 1 Item No	Column 2 Length of Road	Column 3 Duration	Column 4 Exemptions	Column 5 No Loading
	<u>Coptic Road</u> (South Side) From its junction with Chadderton Park Road for a distance of 27 metres in an easterly direction	At Any Time	A,B1, B3, B4, C, E & K3	
	<u>Coptic Road</u> (North Side) From its junction with Chadderton Park Road for a distance of 8 metres in an easterly direction	At Any Time	A,B1, B3, B4, C, E & K3	

APPROVAL

Decision maker Signed  Cabinet Member, Environmental Services	Dated 17.12.2019
In consultation with Signed  Director Of Environmental Services	Dated 10.12.19



Client		Unitypartnership	
Project		COPTIC ROAD JUNCTION WITH CHADDERTON PARK ROAD	
Drawn by	Date	Purpose of issue	Scale at A4 size
AJS	21/10/19	DRAFT	1:250
Checked by	Date	Approved by	Drawing No.
AJS	21/10/19	SR	47/A4/1555/1
Approved by	Date	Rev	
SR	21/10/19		

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APPENDIX B
COPY OF OBJECTIONS

Hi Darryll,

The problem with adding double yellow lines to Coptic road – which has never in my history of living on this street caused any visibility issues for oncoming traffic on Chadderton park road, since to the right of Chadderton park road all the cars park on the pavement, not the road, causing zero issues in visibility, and to the left, my side of the road, we all park on the road, with already very limited spacing meaning some of us have to park our cars across the road of which will soon be a care home – leaving us nowhere to park. If double yellow lines are added to Coptic Road, the residents of Chadderton park road along the end houses will be also wanting to park their cars on an already over capacity street. This is potentially adding 2 vans, and 3 vehicles onto Chadderton park road – a road which has no parking available directly outside our homes as it is, we cannot have another addition 5 vehicles parking on this street. We are already looking to move home because of the parking issue being extremely problematic.

Thanks

Councillor Brownridge,

I would like to lodge an objection to the proposal to mark the junction of Coptic Road with double yellow lines.

Parking for residents on Chadderton Park Road was raised as a concern when the original plans were submitted and double yellow lines would add to residents' difficulties. I do not remember seeing this in any of the plans residents were shown and we have not been consulted since on this matter.

I would also add that objections were raised when Tylon House was converted to use as a nursery and the traffic situation, at a busy junction with Middleton Road, is quite frankly a danger. Parents do not use the carpark as promised and staff also add to the problem by parking where residents have previously parked. All this despite promises made in planning applications that this would not happen.

I would imagine similar promises have been made regarding parking by the care home owners and that will be a pack of lies too.

I can see that this situation will only get worse when the care home opens.

Residents' concerns haven't been listened to and planning decisions for a huge building in an inappropriate place with inadequate access and parking, seem to go through no matter what.

I would like someone from the planning department to explain how and when this proposed parking restriction was suggested and how residents affected were consulted.

I understand that parking is an issue on Chadderton Park Road as I have lived here for over 15 years but the problem has been exacerbated (and will continue to be) by planning decisions which add more people who require parking eg employees and visitors to the nursery and in the future the care home.

Would it not be a better option to create a parking bay, the same as the opposite side of Coptic Rd, rather than adding double yellow lines? At least this would retain some parking capacity as it is obviously required.

Your ref: DE/GS/TM3/1025

Re: Proposed prohibition of waiting on Coptic Road, Chadderton.

Dear Darryl,

I have received the above notice and plan regarding the above changes. My objection would be to the 27 metre of no waiting at anytime restriction on the south side of Chadderton Park Road. I live at number <> and although I don't use Coptic Road to park my car, relatives and friends do use it when visiting me. I feel that if parking here is restricted then it will cause parking issues on Chadderton Park Road and I may struggle to park outside my own home due to other households having more than one car and the houses not having any drives or garages. If this becomes a restricted area then people may park their cars further up Coptic Road creating further parking problems for those residents. Additionally there is a large care home being built opposite our houses on Chadderton Park Road which will increase traffic in this area and may have an affect on parking. Furthermore, I have lived at my address now for 2 Years now and have never noticed any issues with the parking on Coptic Road or the parking causing any obstructions to residents entering or leaving the road or with regards to access for emergency vehicles.

I await your response.

Regards,

Hello Barbara,

<> has copied me in to his exchange of mails with your good self.

I think it's fair to say that the residents in Coptic Road were not consulted about either the care home, the appeal on the refused care home permission or more recently the attempts to mitigate the road safe issues which are arising as a consequence of the additional traffic around the Middleton Road, Chadderton Park Road and Coptic Road junctions. Did the Council properly discharge its duties in this regard? Perhaps you could check?

A number of issues are at play here including the increase in car ownership for residents living in the terrace houses on this part of Chadderton Park Road together with the increase in traffic brought about by the children's nursery which had opened at the junction of Middleton Road and Chadderton Park Road.

The safety aspects of exiting and entering Coptic Road need to be addressed but not at the cost of the amenity of residents in Coptic Road, by which I mean whatever proposal the council adopt it should not result in residents who would normally park their cars on Chadderton Park Road doing so in Coptic Road, which is both narrow and the only entrance and exit into Parkside Farm Estate. Any additional on street parking in Coptic Road would quickly result in access and safety issues for the residents in Parkside Farm, many of whom have young families and were attracted to the development by virtue of the open space in the centre of the estate.

Can I please ask you to make representations to the Council pointing out these legitimate and real concerns and also to say that steps need to be taken to carefully monitor the traffic movement in and out of the new care home to ensure that the proposed solution for service deliveries is as envisaged via Overhill Road and that the remainder of the traffic movements and parking requirements can and are strictly contained within the confines of that site?

I trust you can support residents in their genuine concerns and take this matter forward on our behalf?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Dear Sir or Madam,

I understand the deadline for receipt of representations on the above expires today.

I reside in Coptic Road at number <>. Kindly note I was not contacted about the proposal by the Council and as far as I am aware none of the other residents in Parkside Farm estate were either. This strikes me as odd given the fact that the proposal is one which strives to take into account their legitimate safety concerns resulting from the increase in traffic and parking in and around the subject junction.

I am enclosing a copy of a mail I have today sent to Councillor Barber Brownridge which details my concerns. I am firmly of the view that action is required, but I am equally concerned that whatever action the Council takes, this should not transfer the current parking problems from Chadderton Park Road into Coptic Road.

In granting permission for the nursery and the care home and being generally aware of the increase in car ownership, the council must have known that these developments would create the kind of safety issues we are now experiencing.

In my view a more comprehensive solution to that of yellow lines is required. This may involve, for example, the creation of a continuous parking lay-by, on one or both sides of Chadderton Park Road along that section of the road which fronts the terrace houses? Perhaps residential parking permits and street signs notifying the public that parking is only permitted on this part of Chadderton Park Road for residents living in the terrace houses there. Similarly that only residents with a return frontage to Coptic Road, or who live on of Coptic Road, can park there. Broadly speaking, once one passes by the lay-by the developer of Coptic Road created to accommodate cars for the dwelling which have a return frontage to Coptic Road, the remainder of Coptic Road is really only wide enough to accommodate vehicles travelling in one direction and simply cannot accommodate on-street parking.

I await your observations and future advices.

Yours faithfully,

Dear Councillor,

As everyone is now aware, despite opposition in building, the care home is now well & truly underway - to many peoples concern, including my own.

My concern is one of general traffic and parking. The entrance into Coptic Road, where I reside, is already quite dangerous with visability always restrcted with parked vehicles and general traffic. This will only increase, which is a concern.

I also have a concern as to where the main entrance is going to be for the new home.

The potential congestion along Chadderton Park Road could become a major issue for the local residents. I also believe Coptic Road could become a "dumping" ground for vehicles visiting the home, once built - this is something that REALLY concerns me.

Perhaps parking permits should be issued to local residents - Chadderton Park Road (opposite the home) and Coptic Road to prevent "situations". Double yellow line could also be option, however I would oppose these as they won't be "in keeping" with the Parkside Farm estate.

I await your reply.

Best regards