

Delegated Decision

Proposed Prohibition of Driving – Victoria Street, Oldham

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 a 'Prohibition of Driving Order' on Victoria Street, Oldham at its junction with Oldham Way, to facilitate the construction of a continuous footway to the proposed new Southlink junction.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the prohibition of driving order detailed in the proposal at the end of this report be approved.

Proposed Prohibition of Driving – Victoria Street, Oldham

1 Background

- 1.1 Victoria Street, Oldham was originally constructed to provide access to the former Mumps railway station and latterly the temporary Mumps metrolink stop. When the metrolink line was constructed through the Town centre, the metrolink stop was removed from the Mumps area, and the land where the track and stop once stood was identified for development; this area is known as Southlink. To facilitate the development of Southlink, a new access is to be created at the existing junction of Oldham Way and Prince Street thereby upgrading it to a 4-arm signalised junction. When the new arm of the junction is open for use, the access into Victoria Street, from Oldham Way, will no longer be required and it is the intention to close this by constructing a continuous footway link along Oldham Way from Lees Road through to the new Southlink arm of the junction.
- 1.2 The construction of the footway will require the introduction of a legal order to prohibit vehicles from entering Victoria Street; the length the order will cover is detailed in the schedule at the end of this report.

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 To facilitate the construction of a continuous footway link along Oldham Way, across the mouth of the Victoria Street junction, a Prohibition of Driving Order is required which is detailed on drawing number 47/A4/165/1 and described in the schedule at the end of this report.

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 St Mary's Ward Councillors**

6.1 The Ward Councillors have been consulted and no comments have been received.

7 **Financial Implications**

Revenue Expenditure

7.1 The introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order on Victoria Street will mean incurring advertising/publicity costs of around £1.2K. This expenditure will be funded from within the existing service revenue budget for Highways Operations.

(John Edisbury)

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 – In accordance with current specifications

15.5 Built Environment – Alteration to visual appearance of area.

15.6 Natural Environment – Nil.

15.7 Health and Safety – Nil.

16 **Equality, community cohesion and crime implications**

16.1 Nil

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 Prohibition of Driving order be introduced on Victoria Street, Oldham, in accordance with the following schedule


Schedule

Prohibition of Driving

Drawing Number 47 / A4 / 165 / 1

Road	Description
Victoria Street, Oldham	From its junction with Oldham Way for a distance of 5 metres in a south easterly direction

APPROVAL

<p>Decision maker</p> <p>Signed:  Cabinet Member, Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Dated: 08 December 2021</p>
<p>In consultation with</p> <p>Signed: John Lamb Interim Director of Environmental Services</p>	<p>Dated: 07 December 2021</p>