

Delegated Decision

Decision Maker:	Emma Barton, Executive Director for Place & Economic Growth
Portfolio area:	Cllr J Stretton – Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods
Date of Decision:	28 June 2022
Subject:	Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Moorhey Street and Adjoining Streets, Oldham
Report Author:	Darryll Elwood / Andy Cowell, Traffic Team Ext. 1946
Contact Officer:	Gordon Anderson, Head of Highways and Engineering
Ward(s) Affected:	St Mary's

Reason for Decision

The purpose of this report is to consider the Council's response to a number of complaints received from local residents/businesses requesting the introduction of waiting restrictions on Moorhey Street and the adjoining streets to alleviate obstructive parking taking place.

Recommendation

It is recommended that no waiting at any time restrictions be introduced on parts of Moorhey Street, Leicester Street, Gladstone Street, Swailes Street, Roundthorn Road and Gargrave Street, Oldham in accordance with the schedule at the end of the report.

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1 Background

- 1.1 A request has been received from local residents/businesses expressing concern regarding the level of obstructive parking taking place on Moorhey Street and the adjoining streets.
- 1.2 The section of Moorhey Street in question consists of commercial properties. Therefore one of the main concerns of the businesses is that larger vehicles are unable to gain access to their properties due to the obstructive parking taking place. However, there is a concern from residents living within the area that pedestrians are being forced to walk in the carriageway due to vehicles parking partially/fully on the footway, therefore, creating a highway safety issue.

2 Current Position

- 2.1 Observations have been undertaken which have revealed parking does take place on Moorhey Street and the adjoining streets which could prevent larger vehicles, including emergency vehicles from gaining access to the businesses within the area and would also force pedestrians to walk in the carriageway. These observations also revealed one of the businesses uses the highway as an extension to their premises by parking vehicles on the carriageway/ footways within the junction of Moorhey Street and Leicester Street. When vehicles are parked in this location not only do they obstruct the free flow of traffic but also the sight lines for motorists entering and exiting the junction become obstructed; creating a highway safety issue.
- 2.2 In view of the difficulties being experienced within the Moorhey Street area it is felt that Prohibition of Waiting restrictions should be introduced in accordance with drawing number 47/A4/1491/1 and the schedule at the end of this report.

3 Options/Alternatives

- 3.1 Option 1: To introduce Prohibition of Waiting restrictions.
- 3.2 Option 2: Not to introduce Prohibition of Waiting restrictions.

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 along Moorhey Street and through the junctions of the adjoining streets, 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 Saint Mary's Ward Councillors

- 7.1 The Ward Councillors have been consulted and Councillor Ibrahim stated that she welcomes this report and Option 1. This has been a work in action for a long time, many business owners especially those from the business units have been affected by the parking issues. The business owner from Gandtrak Ltd will be pleased with the outcome as this has affected his business very much over the years.

8 Financial Implications

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| 8.1 Advertisement | 2000.00 |
| Lining Cost | 500.00 |
| TOTAL | 2500.00 |
| Annual Maintenance Costs (this will be funded from the Highways revenue budget (estimates calculated January 2022)) | 100.00 |
- 8.2 The advertising & road marking expenditure of £2,500 will be funded from the Highways Operations – Unity revenue 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.
(John Edisbury)

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.
- 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 the proposal to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order on Moorhey Street and adjoining streets 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.

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 By removing obstructive parking from Moorhey Street and the adjoining streets in accordance with the schedule at the end of this report, traffic and pedestrian movements in this location will be un-obstructed therefore improving highway safety.

18 Equality Impact Assessment Completed?

18.1 No.

19 Key Decision

19.1 No.

20 Key Decision Reference

20.1 Not applicable.

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?

Yes


Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget? Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? No

There are no background papers for this report

Report Author Sign-off:	Darryll Elwood / Andy Cowell
	Gordon Anderson
Date:	21 June 2022

Approved by:

Signature:  Date: 23 June 2022
Emma Barton, Executive Director for Place and Economic Growth

In consultation with

Signature:  Date: 1st August 2022
Cllr Jean Stretton, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods

Proposal

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

Schedule
Drawing Number 47/A4/1491/1/ Rev A

Add to the Oldham Borough Council (Oldham Area) Consolidation Order 2003

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	<u>Moorhey Street</u> (West Side) From a point 10 metres north of its junction with Roundthorn Road to a point 58 metres north of its junction with Gargrave Street	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, K3	
	<u>Moorhey Street</u> (East Side) From its junction with Roundthorn Road for a distance of 30 metres in a northerly direction	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, K3	
	<u>Moorhey Street</u> (East Side) From a point 45 metres north of its junction with Roundthorn Road for a distance of 25 metres in a northerly direction	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, K3	
	<u>Moorhey Street</u> (East Side)	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, K3	

	From a point 15 metres south of its junction with Leicester Street to a point 15 metres north of its junction with Leicester Street			
	<u>Gargrave Street</u> (Both Sides) For its whole length	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, K3	
	<u>Leicester Street</u> (Both Sides) For its whole length	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, K3	

	<u>Swailes Street</u> (Both Sides) From its junction with Gladstone Street for a distance of 10 metres in an easterly direction	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, K3	
	<u>Roundthorn Road</u> (North Side) From its junction with Moorhey Street to its junction with Back Gladstone Street	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, K3	
	<u>Gladstone Street</u> (West Side) From its junction with Roundthorn Road for a distance of 15 metres in a northerly direction	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, K3	
	<u>Gladstone Street</u> (West Side)	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, K3	

	From its junction with Leicester Street for a distance of 15 metres in a southerly direction			
	<u>Gladstone Street</u> (East Side) For its whole length	At Any Time	A, B1, B3, B4, C, E, K3	

