

## **Delegated Officer Report** **(Non Key and Contracts up to a value of £100k)**

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	<b>Director of Environment, Nasir Dad</b>
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	<b>24 April 2023</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Howard Street and Moss Street, Oldham</b>
<b>Report Author:</b>	<b>Andy Cowell, Traffic Engineer</b>
<b>Ward (s):</b>	<b>Waterhead</b>

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**Reason for the decision:**

The junction of Howard Street and Moss Street is located in the Waterhead area of Oldham. The junction is located approximately 40 metres north of Huddersfield Road (A62). It forms part of the urban area and has a speed limit of 30mph. Moss Street is a cul-de-sac which extends from Howard Street in a westerly direction. Along the south side of Moss Street there is a retirement housing complex called Violet Hill Court. Residents park along the south side of Moss Street which results in single file traffic. The only existing parking restrictions in operation in the area are on Howard Street near to the junction of Huddersfield Road.

The Highways Department of the Council recently received a request from staff at Violet Hill Court for new waiting restrictions to be introduced at the junction of Howard Street and Moss Street to address a number of issues caused by parked vehicles. Their request is supported by a local Ward Member. It is reported that vehicles parked around the junction affect visibility for motorists emerging from Moss Street onto Howard Street and also visibility and access for vehicles turning from Howard Street into Moss Street. The problems are intensified due to the age of those residents of Violet Hill that own a vehicle and use the junction regularly.

Vehicles parked opposite Moss Street also hinder traffic movements around the junction.

Extending the restrictions into Moss Street will also allow a more convenient space for ambulances to park near to the main entrance to Violet Hill Court. Currently ambulances are forced to park alongside the parked cars on Moss Street temporarily blocking the road. The restrictions on the west side of Howard Street to the north of Moss Street would also protect a bus stop located there, if it is brought back into use. It is currently not in use.

Officers have met on site with a representative from Violet Hill Court and a local Ward Member to discuss the concerns and support new restrictions at this location.

It is proposed to promote new prohibition of waiting restrictions on both sides of Howard Street and Moss Street as detailed on plan 47/A4/1671/1.

If approved, the proposal will:

- increase visibility along Howard Street for motorists exiting Moss Street
- improve vehicle access into Moss Street
- provide a space for ambulances to park
- prevent parking opposite the junction of Moss Street
- protect the bus stop if brought back into use

**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions at the junction of Howard Street and Moss Street, Oldham.

***What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):***

Option 1: To approve the recommendation  
Option 2: Not to approve the recommendation

***Consultation: including any conflict of interest declared by relevant Cabinet Member consulted***

The Ward Members have been consulted and Councillor P Dean fully supports the scheme

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

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

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

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

**Recommendation(s):**

It is recommended that a new Traffic Regulation Order be introduced in accordance with the plan and schedule at the end of this report

**Implications:**

*What are the **financial** implications?*

The cost of introducing the order is shown below:

	£
Advertisement of Order	1,200
Introduction of Road Markings	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,700</b>
Annual Maintenance Cost	100

The advertising & road marking expenditure of £1,700 will be funded from the 2023/24 Highways TRO budget.

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)

*What are the **legal** implications?*

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)

What are the <b>procurement</b> implications?	None
What are the <b>Human Resources</b> implications?	None
<b>Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment</b> attached or not required because (please give reason)	Not required because the measures proposed are aimed at improving highway safety.
What are the <b>property</b> implications	None, the work is being undertaken on the public highway which is under the control of the Highway Authority. (Rosalyn Smith)
<b>Risks:</b>	None
<b>Co-operative agenda</b>	The introduction of a No Waiting At Any Time restriction is welcomed to keep residents and pedestrians safe (Mahmuda Khanom)

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

Schedule

Drawing Number 47/A4/1671/1

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

**Part I Schedule 1  
Prohibition of Waiting**

Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	<u>Howard Street</u> (West side)  From its junction with Huddersfield Road to a point 15 metres north of its junction with Moss Street	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<u>Howard Street</u> (East side)  From its junction with Huddersfield Road to a point opposite the northerly kerb-line of Moss Street	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<u>Moss Street</u> (Both sides)  From its junction with Howard Street for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	

Delete from the Oldham Borough Council (Oldham Area) Consolidation Order 2003

**Part I Schedule 1  
Prohibition of Waiting**

Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	<u>Howard Street</u> (West Side)  From its junction with Huddersfield Road for a distance of 25 metres in a northerly direction	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, J, K3	

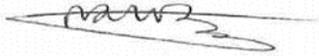
	<p><u>Howard Street</u> (East Side)</p> <p>From its junction with Huddersfield Road for a distance of 33 metres in a northerly direction</p>	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, J, K3	
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**There are no background papers for this report**

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<b>Report Author Sign-off:</b>	
Andy Cowell	
<b>Date:</b> 21 April 2023	

In consultation with Director of Environment



Signed :

Date: 24.04.2023

