

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

Decision Maker: Director of Environment, Nasir Dad

Date of Decision: 30 November 2023

Subject: Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Sharples Hall Street and Huddersfield Road, Oldham

Report Author: Andy Cowell, Traffic Engineer

Ward (s): Waterhead

Reason for the decision:

Sharples Hall Street is a residential street located in the Waterhead area of Oldham. It provides access from Huddersfield Road (A62) to a number of other residential streets. The junction, which is located on the north side of Huddersfield Road, is not currently protected by any parking restrictions, except on the east side of the junction where there are zig-zag markings in place, enforcing the controlled zone of a pedestrian crossing.

A member of the public has contacted the Council to report an issue with visibility on the west side of the junction. It is reported that vehicles parked on the north side of Huddersfield Road, to the west of the junction, restrict visibility for motorists attempting to enter Huddersfield Road from Sharples Hall Street.

Officers have inspected the junction and witnessed vehicles parking at this location. This severely restricts visibility for motorists looking west along Huddersfield Road. Vehicles were also found to be parked on both sides of Sharples Hall Street, close to the junction. This adversely affects vehicular movements into and out of Sharples Hall Street, therefore, restrictions are also recommended on both sides of Sharples Hall Street at the same junction.

It is, therefore, proposed to promote new prohibition of waiting restrictions at the junction of Sharples Hall Street and Huddersfield Road as detailed on plan 47/A4/1706/1.

If approved, the proposal would reduce the risk of a collision involving motorists entering and exiting Sharples Hall Street at Huddersfield Road.

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions at the junction of Sharples Hall Street and Huddersfield Road, 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 no comments have been received.

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
Total	1,700

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 procurement implications?	None
What are the Human Resources implications?	None
Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment attached or not required because (please give reason)	Not required because the measures proposed are aimed at improving highway safety.
Oldham Impact Assessment Completed (Including impact on Children and Young People)	No
What are the property implications	None, the work is being undertaken on the public highway which is under the control of the Highway Authority. (Rosalyn Smith)
Risks:	There is a potential risk to users of the highway if the restrictions are not introduced.
Co-operative implications	None (Jonathan Downs)
Community cohesion disorder implications in accordance with Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998	None
Environmental and Health & Safety Implications	If approved, the restrictions will improve safety for road users.
IT Implications	None

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/A4/1706/1

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
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sharples Hall Street, Oldham</u> (Both sides)</p> <p>From its junction with Huddersfield Road for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction</p>	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Huddersfield Road, Oldham</u> (North side)</p> <p>From its junction with Sharples Hall Street for a distance of 15 metres in a westerly direction</p>	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	

There are no background papers for this report

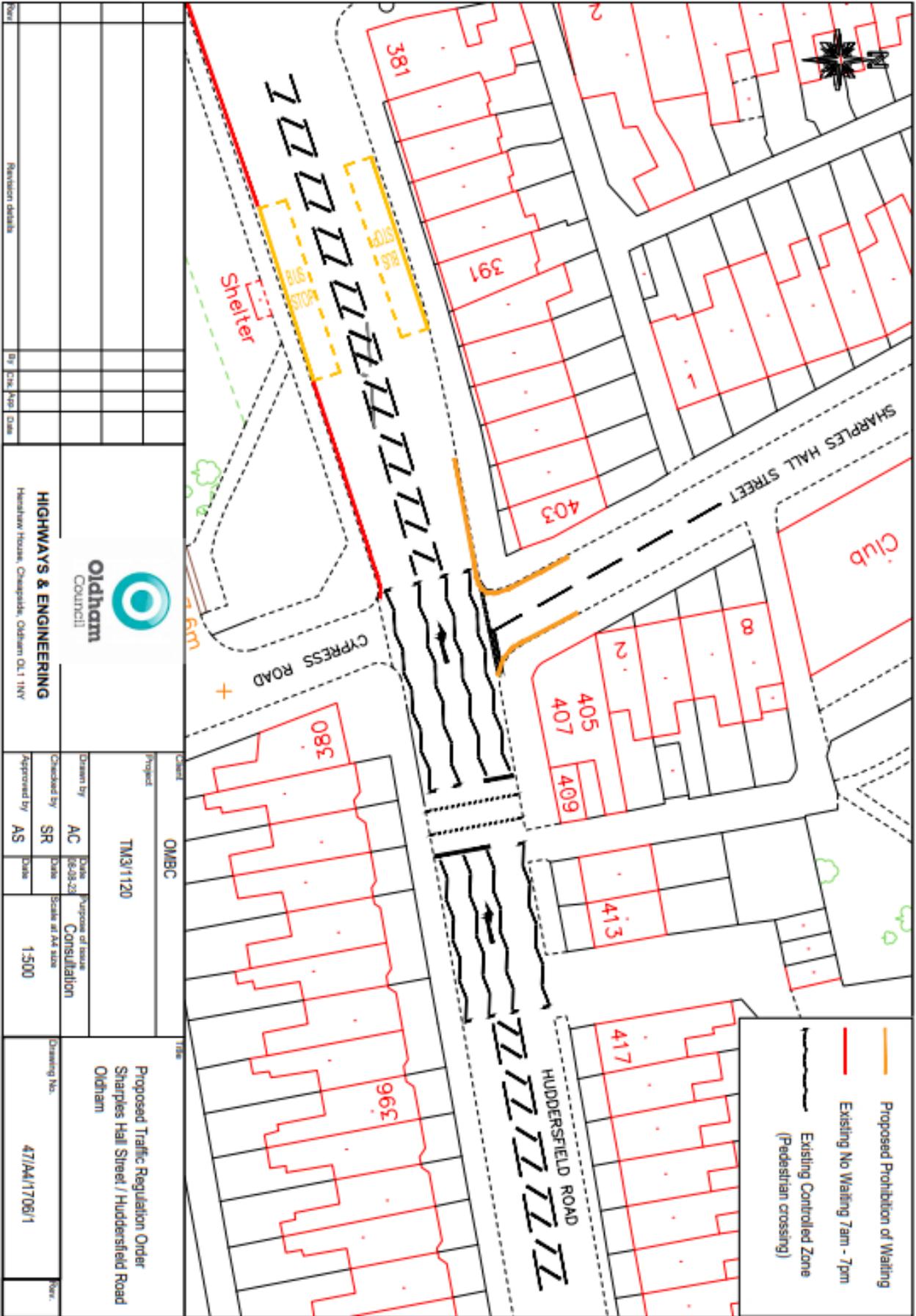
Report Author Sign-off:	
Andy Cowell	
Date: 30 November 2023	

In consultation with Director of Environment



Signed :

Date: 4th December 2023



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<p>Checked by: SR Date: []</p>		<p>Purpose of issue: Consultation</p>	
<p>Approved by: AS Date: []</p>		<p>Scale of A4 size: 1:500</p>	
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