

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 – Sandy Lane, Dobcross
Report Author:	Andy Cowell, Traffic Engineer
Ward (s):	Saddleworth North

Reason for the decision:

Sandy Lane is located in the village of Dobcross in Saddleworth. It provides access from The Square, located in the centre of the village, to a small number of residential streets. There are short lengths of parking restriction in place but the majority of the lane remains unrestricted. Some residential properties front onto the lane and there is a public house located at its junction with The Square. This generates a demand for on street parking which takes place on both sides of the lane. The Swan public house is a very popular eating establishment, with many of its customers arriving by car. The pub doesn't have its own private car park so consequently customers have to park on the highway.

A request has been received from a local farm to introduce parking restrictions along Sandy Lane to address issues with obstructive parking. The farm is located to the north of the village and the only access route to the farm for larger vehicles is via Sandy Lane. When motorists park on both sides of the lane, although access can be maintained in single file, this sometimes restricts access for wider vehicles when motorists do not park to the edge of the lane and when wider vehicles are parked.

The main concerns are access for emergency service vehicles, milk tankers and animal feed delivery wagons. It is reported that the Fire

Service have been delayed in the past attending a fire at the farm and milk tankers, which attend every two days, have in the past been unable to gain access to the farm. This also causes disruption and a safety issue within the village when drivers have to reverse back down the lane and negotiate the difficult road layout within the village centre at The Square.

Officers have visited the location with the owners of the farm and Ward Members where it was agreed that new waiting restrictions should be formally promoted to solve the issues.

It is therefore proposed to promote new prohibition of waiting restrictions at Sandy Lane, Dobcross as detailed on plan 47/A4/1709/1.

If approved, the proposal would enable larger vehicles to access Sandy Lane unhindered.

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions along Sandy Lane, Dobcross

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 G Harkness, Access to the farm is affected by parking. There are various large vehicles but the vital issue is a tanker which collects milk to take to a maker of speciality cheeses and invalid products. This is an increasingly important part of the farm's sales, so the tanker firm's threats to stop collecting owing to vehicle damage and aborted journeys undermines a thriving business and some local jobs. The farm has no control over collection times.

A resident who is a fire fighter has expressed concerns over potential access for emergency vehicles. Another has said it is dangerous when the tanker gets stuck and has to reverse down onto The Square.

These concerns have been published on social media and in the pub etc. New restrictions would not be ideal and could cause some

problems in themselves however, there are access issues and finding any other solution to this issue is proving difficult.

If there are no objections then I will support the proposals. If there are objections and some amendments can be explored for a slightly reduced scheme if this can be achieved

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:

The legal and financial risks are documented separately in this report. The introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions at Sandy Lane Street will decrease the numbers of incidents to local residents and incidents involving reduced access to the location by larger vehicles, including emergency services. There could be reputation risks around the scheme in terms of residents reactions to the proposals these can be mitigated by effective communications and a consultation prior to any work being undertaken.

(Vicki Gallacher, Head of Insurance and Information Governance)

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 access for emergency service vehicles.

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/A4/1709/1

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

**Part I Schedule 1
Prohibition of Waiting**

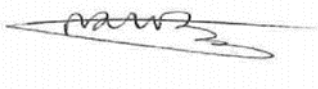
Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sandy Lane, Dobcross</u> (North west side)</p> <p>From a point 18 metres north east of its junction with Platt Lane for a distance of 109 metres in a north easterly direction</p>	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sandy Lane, Dobcross</u> (South east side)</p> <p>From its junction with Southgate for a distance of 17 metres in a south westerly direction</p>	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Southgate, Dobcross</u> (South west side)</p> <p>From its junction with Sandy Lane for a distance of 10 metres in a south easterly direction</p>	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Square, Dobcross</u> (North east side)</p> <p>From its junction with Sandy Lane for a distance of 5 metres in a south easterly 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 :

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MAD' followed by a flourish.

Date: 22 December 2023

