

Highway Regulation Committee

Decision Maker: Nasir Dad, Director of Environment

Date of Decision: 9 July 2024

Subject: Objections to Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Alder Road, Clough Road and Hibbert Crescent, Failsworth

Report Author: Andy Cowell, Traffic Engineer

Ward (s): Failsworth East

Reason for the decision:

A report recommending the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions on Alder Road, Hibbert Crescent and Clough Road, Failsworth, was approved under delegated powers on 22 December 2023. The proposal was subsequently advertised, and three letters of objection were received.

A copy of the approved report is attached at Appendix A and a copy of the objections is attached at Appendix B.

In summary, the objectors state that there is a limited amount of on-street parking in the area and the proposed restrictions would result in some residents having to park a distance away from their properties. The objections relate to the east side of Alder Road and the south side of Clough Road where there are a number of flats. Some residents are elderly with mobility problems so the restrictions would affect them greatly, including visiting carers.

Officers recognise that the proposed restrictions do reduce the number of on-street parking options for residents of the flats and have proposed a relaxation to the length of the restrictions on the east side of Alder Road and on the south side of Clough Road. This should maintain approximately four spaces without compromising the main aim of the scheme. The

plan is attached at Appendix C.

Officers believe that restrictions at the roundabout are fully justified for the reasons outlines in the original report.

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to consider objections received to the introduction of waiting restrictions at Alder Road, Clough Road and Hibbert Crescent Failsworth

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

Option 1: Introduce the proposed restrictions as advertised
Option 2. Introduce the amended proposal as shown on the plan in Appendix C.
Option 3. Do not introduce the proposed restrictions

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

The Ward Members have been consulted and no comments were received.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the proposal be introduced as advertised or as per the amended plan shown in Appendix C.

Implications:

What are the financial implications?

These were dealt with in the previous report (refer to Appendix A)

What are the legal implications?

These were dealt with in the previous report (refer to Appendix A)

What are the **treasurers'** comments?

What are the **procurement** implications?

None

What are the Human Resources implications?

None

Equality Impact attached or not required because (please give reason)

None, the work is being undertaken to maintain access along the highway.

What are the property implications

None, the work is being undertaken on the public highway which is under the control of the Highway Authority

Risk assessments:

These were dealt with in the previous report (refer to Appendix A)

Co-operative implications	These were dealt with in the previous report (refer to Appendix A)
IT implications	None
Environmental and Health and Safety implications	If approved, the restrictions will improve safety for road users.
Community cohesions, including crime and disorder 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

There are no background papers for this report

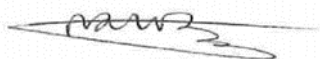
Report Author Sign-off:	
Andy Cowell	
Date: 3 July 2024	

Please list and attach any appendices:-

Appendix number or letter	Description
A	Approved Mod Gov Report
B	Copy of Objection
C	Proposed Relaxation Plan

In consultation with Director of Environment

Signed :



Date: 09.07.2024

APPENDIX A

APPROVED MOD GOV REPORT

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 – Alder Road, Clough Road and Hibbert Crescent, Failsworth
Report Author:	Andy Cowell, Traffic Engineer
Ward (s):	Failsworth East

Reason for the decision:

Alder Road and Clough Road form a route through a residential area on the east side of Failsworth. Both are local distributor roads, providing access to a number of residential streets. A mini-roundabout connects both roads with Hibbert Crescent at the northern end of the route. The approaches to the mini-roundabout and the mini-roundabout itself are currently not protected by any parking restrictions.

A local Councillor has reported issues with vehicles parking in the vicinity of the mini-roundabout, which affects both traffic movements and pedestrians crossing.

Officers have inspected the location and witnessed vehicles parking close to the mini-roundabout. This interferes with traffic movements and forces motorists onto the opposite side of the carriageway in conflict with opposing traffic and in conflict with vehicles negotiating the roundabout. Parked vehicles also affect visibility for pedestrians attempting to cross at the roundabout. Vehicles also obstruct the dropped kerbs used by pedestrians.

It is, therefore, proposed to promote new prohibition of waiting restrictions on Alder Road, Clough Road and Hibbert Crescent, Failsworth

as detailed on plan 47/A4/1705/1.

If approved, the proposal would improve traffic flows at the mini-roundabout and reduce the conflict between opposing traffic. It would also improve safety for pedestrians crossing at the mini-roundabout.

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions at Alder Road, Clough Road and Hibbert Crescent, Failsworth

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

None

implications?

*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/A4/1705/1

Add to the Oldham Borough Council (Failsworth 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>Clough Road, Failsworth</u> (North side)</p> <p>From its junction with Hibbert Crescent for a distance of 18 metres in an easterly direction</p>	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Clough Road, Failsworth</u> (South side)</p> <p>From its junction with Alder Road for a distance of 29 metres in an easterly direction</p>	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Hibbert Crescent, Failsworth</u> (East side)</p> <p>From its junction with Clough Road for a distance of 22 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>Hibbert Crescent, Failsworth</u> (West side)</p> <p>From a point opposite the northerly kerb-line of Clough Road for a distance of 4 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>Alder Road, Failsworth</u> (West side)</p> <p>From a point opposite the northerly kerb-line of Clough Road for a distance of 31 metres in a southerly direction</p>	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Alder Road, Failsworth</u> (East side)</p> <p>From its junction with Clough Road for a distance of 32 metres in a southerly direction</p>	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	

There are no background papers for this report

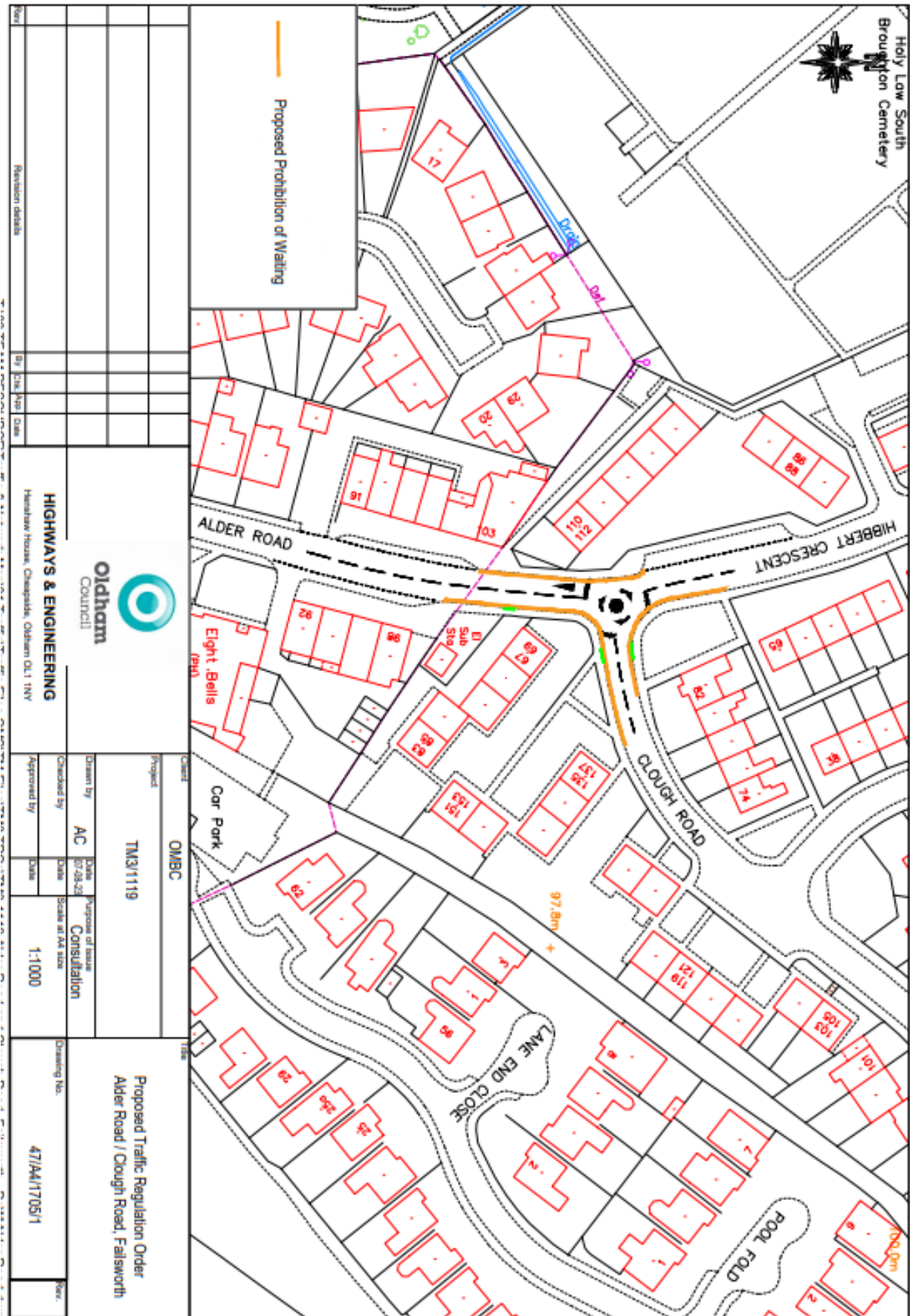
Report Author Sign-off:	
Andy Cowell	
Date: 30 November 2023	

In consultation with Director of Environment



Signed :

Date: 4th December 2023



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APPENDIX B

COPY OF OBJECTIONS

Objection 1

Extremely concerned to hear about the planning for no waiting at any time , as there is no where, for the flats 67/ 85 Hibbert Crescent and flats and 137 - 153 Clough rd to park as all the areas you have indicated to us are already full or they block driveways so people can not get out of their properties. at least four people in the flats mentioned have carers coming round at times day and night, people who have mobility issues who can not walk 50 yards or more have cars which they will have difficulty getting too, and people who work shifts and need access to their cars . this is a total disregard to our disability rights, we cant jump on the bus or peddle around , i have lifts to hospitals and other appointments but this is not good now as i will find it hard to access my transport.

further more there are three shops in the area, where you have so graciously (ha) allowed us to park.. meaning no parking again and the parking spot opposite the roundabout you have indicated have about 8 parking spots for 14 flats on there side, and Alder rd by the way is also full of driveways you can not block.

i'm guessing here as no body has sent us any information apart from the lady at the end flat (137 Clough rd) who passed me her letter as she knows how hard it is for me and numerous people had no info at all. you have tried to hush hush , curious to know if its the Bee Buses that are putting this complaint because they seem to be the only one who could only have an issue with the way it is. and if so why have the buses changed to single deckers which shouldnt be able to go down small streets,

please could you get back to me about this as its something that seriously needs reconsideration

Many thanks for this. But the issue remains as to where the available parking slots are for the residents of the numbers referred to in my last correspondence, the flats further up Clough have a bay and so do the roads and shops , everyone else as driveways. My niece of 32 comes in the night when needed .she won't be able to come when it comes into being as she will of had to park at a large distant away and walks doon poorly lit streets as home lights will be off and dodge the druggies that fcho keep putting in the empty properties in this area along with car thieves . Please could you add this to my former letter. Thank you

Objection 2

Hello,

I would like to object to the proposed traffic regulation order on the junction of Hibbert Crescent, Alder Road and Clough Road - ref: LJM/TO24/8 VF23571.

Why has the proposal been made? As far as I am aware there haven't been any accidents on this junction.

Many residents of the First Choice Homes properties are elderly and have mobility issues. The proposed traffic regulation order would be a huge inconvenience and cause accessibility issues. Forcing residents to walk further to access their vehicles is less than ideal and would cause undue stress.

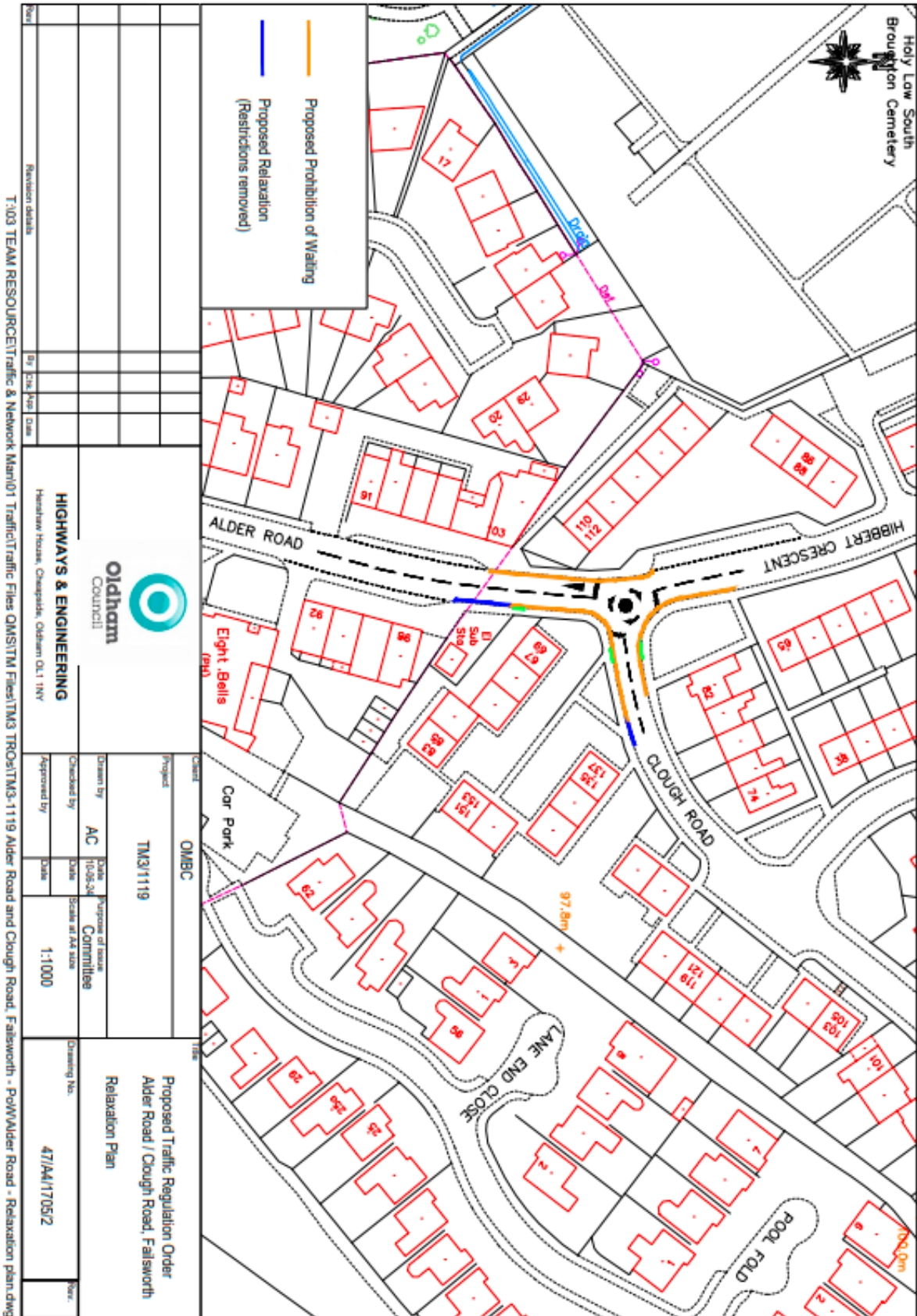
Residents have been told to use the parking bays and the Eight Bells Pub carpark. As the landlord of the Eight Bells pub I can categorically confirm that I will not allow you to push residents onto my private property - I have limited space available and these are for my staff and customers. The parking bays adjacent to the shops are also for customers of those businesses.

Objection 3

My neighbour gave the letter you sent on the 24 May, which I never got a copy off regarding putting double yellow lines outside my flats, i have lived here for 30 years and had no problems with parking there and and no accidents have occurred their, it will cause a lot of distress as to where myself and myl can park, I strongly ask you to reconsider your decision.

APPENDIX C

PROPOSED RELAXATION PLAN



<p>Oldham Council</p>		<p>HIGHWAYS & ENGINEERING</p> <p>Member House, Chapgate, Oldham OL1 1NY</p>	
Project	Client	Drawn by	Scale
TM3/1119	OMBC	AC	97.8m
		Checked by	Scale at A4 size
		Approved by	1:1000
<p>Proposed Traffic Regulation Order Alder Road / Clough Road, Falsworth</p>		Drawing No.	
<p>Relaxation Plan</p>		47/AM/1705/2	

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