

# Delegated Decision Report

Decision below £250k



<b>Subject:</b>	Proposed Prohibition of Waiting - Parts of Sholver Lane, and Wilkes Street, Oldham
<b>Decision maker: Senior Officer</b>	Nasir Dad, Director of Environment
<b>Decision maker: Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor C Goodwin, Portfolio Holder for Don't Trash Oldham
<b>Decision date:</b>	25 November 2024
<b>Report author:</b>	Mohamed Abdulkadir, Traffic Engineer
<b>Ward (s):</b>	St James'

## Reason for decision

The purpose of this report is to consider the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on parts of Sholver Lane and Wilkes Street, Oldham.

## Recommendation(s)

Support the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on parts of Sholver Lane and Wilkes Street, Oldham.

## Background

Sholver Lane, Oldham, is one of three main accesses into the residential area of Sholver. As well as residential traffic, the route is also used by commuting traffic wishing to connect between the Heyside and Moorside areas of the Borough.

The Sholver area comprises of a mix of newer properties, which have off street parking provision and older properties which do not; the residents of the older properties have to rely on designated parking areas or the highway for parking. There are a small group of older properties located at the junction of Sholver Lane and Wilkes Street, which are some distance from a designated parking area. Consequently, the residents have been utilising a length of Sholver Lane directly outside their properties for parking, but also utilising the footway to the detriment of pedestrians.

The length of Sholver Lane where the parking is taking place is where pedestrians must cross to access Wilkes Street; when approaching from the footpath links provided along the Village Green area. Due to the level of traffic using both Sholver Lane and Wilkes Street, it is essential that pedestrians have clear visibility of approaching traffic when crossing at this location.

The Traffic Team has recently received complaints regarding the parking taking place along Sholver Lane, due to the safety problems that are resulting for pedestrians. It is reported that

the vehicles are repeatedly being parked, near to or on the crossing point, which causes issues for pedestrians with prams or in wheelchairs and reduces the ability to see approaching traffic.

The parking problems have been observed and it is recommended that prohibition of waiting restrictions be introduced as detailed on drawing number 47/A4/1727/1

### **Alternative option(s) to be considered**

Option 1: To approve the recommendation.

Option 2: Not to approve the recommendation and allow the obstructive parking to continue.

### **Consultation**

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 thank you for consulting Transport for Greater Manchester with your proposals, while I am not aware of there being a specific issue with buses being unable to get past parked vehicles at this location, and the parking restrictions are proposed to make the situation better for pedestrians, these measures if installed will also enable buses to continue to pass this location unimpeded. On behalf of TfGM's bus team I fully support these proposals.

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.

## Implications

Financial	<p>The cost of introducing the measures are detailed below:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td></td><td>£</td></tr> <tr> <td>Advertisement of Order</td><td>1,200</td></tr> <tr> <td>Provision of Road markings</td><td>500</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>1,700</td></tr> </table> <p>The advertising &amp; road marking expenditure of £1,700 will be funded from the 2024/25 Highways TRO &amp; road markings budgets. (J Edisbury)</p>		£	Advertisement of Order	1,200	Provision of Road markings	500	Total	1,700
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Legal	<p>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.</p> <p>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)</p>								
Equality impact including implications for Children and Young People	None								
Co-operative	<p>The proposal set out in this report aims to improve road safety by implementing no waiting at any time restrictions on parts of Sholver Lane and Wilkes Street, Oldham. This is something which has been requested by residents as parked cars are</p>								

	reducing the visibility of traffic for crossing pedestrians. This is in line with our cooperative agenda. (James Mulvaney, Policy Manager)
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## Proposal

Introduce a restriction of waiting order and an amended school keep clear marking in accordance with the following schedule and drawing number 47/A4/1727/1.

### Schedule

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

Part I schedule I

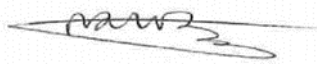
Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	<u>Sholver Lane</u> (North East and North West side)  Extending from a point 94 m south east of a point opposite the southern kerb line of Cop Road for a distance of 82 metres in a south easterly and then north easterly direction	At Any Time		
	<u>Sholver Lane</u> (South west and South East side)  Extending from a point 102 metres south east of its junction with Cop Road to a point 17 metres north east of its junction with Wilkes Street	At Any Time		
	<u>Wilkes Street</u> (West side)  From its junction with Sholver Lane for a distance of 20 metres in a southerly direction	At Any Time		

	<u>Wilkes Street</u> (East side)  From its junction with Sholver Lane for a distance of 26 metres in a southerly direction	At Any Time		
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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

#### Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

Report author sign-off	Mohamed Abdulkadir
Role	Traffic Engineer
Date of sign-off	5 November 2024

<b>Approval</b>	
Officer approval sign-off	
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	25/11/24

