

Delegated Decision Report

Decision below £250k



Subject:	Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Southlink, Oldham
Decision maker: Senior Officer	Nasir Dad, Director of Environment
Decision maker: Cabinet Member	Councillor C Goodwin, Portfolio Holder, Don't Trash Oldham
Decision date:	15 May 2025
Report author:	Andy Cowell, Engineer
Ward (s):	St Mary's

Reason for decision

To consider the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions on Southlink, Oldham.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that prohibition of waiting restrictions be introduced in accordance with the plan and schedule at the end of this report.

Background

Southlink is located to the south-east of Oldham town centre in an industrial area. It extends from Glodwick Road, in a general westerly direction and then splits to form two cul-de-sacs. Hamilton Street connects with Southlink around the mid-section and provides another link back to Glodwick Road. There is also a primary school located on the south side of Southlink. There are existing waiting restrictions in place at the western end of the industrial estate and stopping restrictions outside the school in the form of a School Keep Clear marking. Most businesses have off street parking facilities but there is demand for on-street parking from parents at the school and some businesses.

Six members of the public have recently reported that on-street parking activity has significantly increased between Glodwick Road and the school. This section of Southlink is currently unrestricted and parking is reportedly taking place along both sides of the road. The complainants report that this prevents two-way traffic, causes access issues for HGVs and presents a safety issue for children crossing the road.

Officers have visited the site and witnessed vehicles parking along both sides of this section of Southlink. This reduces the available carriageway width to a single lane, resulting in motorists having to reverse a considerable distance back to allow any opposing traffic to pass. The geometry of the road along this section compounds the three issues in terms of forward visibility to opposing traffic, HGVs attempting to navigate between parked vehicles and visibility for

pedestrians looking in both directions to cross. Officers therefore fully support the introduction of restrictions on one side of the road to address these issues.

It is proposed to promote new prohibition of waiting restrictions on Southlink, Oldham as detailed on plan 47/A4/1762/1.

If approved, the proposal would improve safety and access along Southlink, by allowing two way traffic, maintaining access for HGVs and improving visibility for pedestrians crossing.

Alternative option(s) to be considered

Option 1: To approve the recommendation

Option 2: Not to approve the recommendation

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 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.

Risks

The introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions at this location will improve safety for road users and improve access along the road. There could be reputation risks around the scheme in terms of residents and business reactions to the proposals. However, these can be mitigated by effective communications, the publication notice and review of any objections received before installing the restrictions.

Implications

Financial	The cost of introducing the Order is show below:-	
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	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 2025/26 Highways TRO & road markings budgets.		

	(John Edisbury)
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

Schedule

Drawing Number 47/A4/1762/1

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>Southlink, Oldham</u> (South side) From its junction with Glodwick Road for a distance of 120 metres in a general westerly direction	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<u>Southlink, Oldham</u> (North side) From a point 135 metres west of its junction with Glodwick Road for a distance of 35 metres in a generally westerly direction	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<u>Southlink, Oldham</u> (North side) From its junction with Glodwick Road for a distance of 15 metres in a generally westerly direction	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	

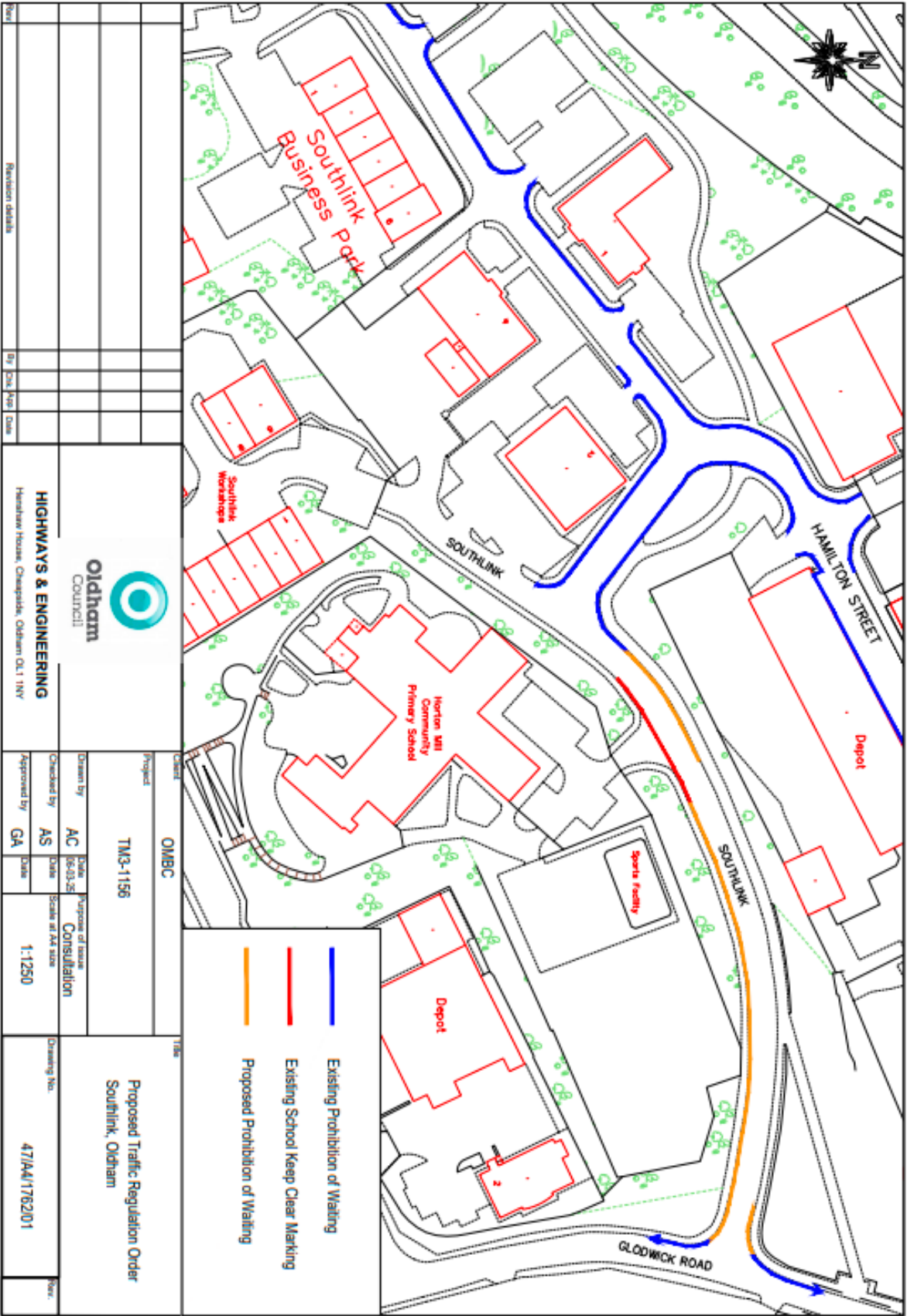
Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?	Yes
Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?	Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?	No
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Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

Report author sign-off	Andy Cowell
Role	Traffic Engineer
Date of sign-off	30 April 2025

Approval	
Officer approval sign-off	 Nasir Dad
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	15 May 2025



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