

# Delegated Decision Report

Decision below £250k



<b>Subject:</b>	Bus Stop Clearways – Various Locations
<b>Decision maker: Senior Officer</b>	Nasir Dad, Director of Environment
<b>Decision maker: Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor C Goodwin, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport
<b>Decision date:</b>	18 July 2025
<b>Report author:</b>	Shahed Chaudhary, Engineer
<b>Ward (s):</b>	Alexandra, Failsworth East, Saddleworth South and Waterhead

## Reason for decision

At these locations, bus passengers have to step out into the carriageway, between parked vehicles in order to be seen by the bus driver. Furthermore, certain vehicles (disabled users) and those loading also affect those using the bus stop when parked at these locations. It also affects traffic movements and visibility along the roads concerned.

If approved, the proposal would enable passengers to board and alight buses safely and improve safety for motorists using the roads.

## Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that Bus Stop Clearways be introduced in accordance with the plans and schedules at the end of this report.

## Background

Bus Stop Clearways at the following locations

- Chew Valley Rd near The Clarence, Greenfield (Saddleworth South Ward)
- Huddersfield Road Church St East, Oldham (Waterhead Ward)
- Westminster Road, Failsworth (Failsworth East Ward)
- Wildmoor Avenue near Lavender Road, Oldham (Alexandra Ward)

At these locations, there are already bus stop clearways in place. These are of 17-18m in length. To meet Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) Bee Network bus operation requirements, these need to be replaced by clearways of the required 23m in length. By implementing the bus stop clearways, passengers can safely successfully request the bus to stop.

### **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 Councillor M Woodvine and Councillor G Sheldon support the Saddleworth South proposals.

Councillor K Rustidge supports the proposal for Westminster Road in Failsworth.

Councillor B Hobin confirms he is happy with the proposal.

Councillor Zaheer Ali confirms he is happy and supports the proposal.

Councillor N Chowhan supports the proposal.

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 on behalf of the Bus Team we fully support these proposals as prevents parking and allows for buses to access the bus stop ensuring accessibility for passengers.

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**

TfGM have commissioned Oldham Council to undertake design work for improvement to footways in the vicinity of a number of bus stops. TfGM would be financing the eventual implementation of the improvements through the CRSTS fund. There is risk associated with the funding not being available from TfGM, leading to the bus stop improvements and bus stop clearways not being implemented even though the Traffic Orders could be in place.

## Implications

Financial	<p>The cost of introducing the Order is shown below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="581 321 1190 426"> <tr> <td>Notice of Intent</td><td>£500</td></tr> <tr> <td>Introduction of Road Markings</td><td>£3,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td><td>£3,500</td></tr> </table> <p>The Council was awarded £39,350 capital funding to develop design works for 30 identified bus stops in Oldham, as part of the Bus Stop Enhancements scheme (M1412).</p> <p>The proposed scheme in this report forms part of the overall Bus Stop Enhancements scheme, which is wholly financed through City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements (CRSTS) grant funding. The works will be fully defrayed in 2025/26.</p> <p>Leonnice Wharton-Brown, Senior Accountant</p>	Notice of Intent	£500	Introduction of Road Markings	£3,000	TOTAL	£3,500
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Legal	<p>Bus stop clearways can be introduced without the need for a Traffic Regulation Order. The Council has introduced an approvals procedure for dealing with bus stop clearways which to a large extent mirrors the procedure to be followed when making Traffic Regulation Orders. It is recommended that the approval procedure be followed. (A Evans)</p>						
Equality impact including implications for Children and Young People	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 Numbers 47/A4/1758/1, 47/A4/1771/1, 47/A4/1772/1 and 47/A4/1773/1

#### **No Stopping Order (Bus Stop Clearway)**


<b>Drawing No</b>	<b>Length of Road</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Exemptions</b>	<b>No Loading</b>
47/A4/1758/1	<u>Chew Valley Road,</u> <u>Greenfield</u> (North east side)  From a point 65 metres north west of its junction with Manchester Road for a distance of 23 metres in a north westerly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1771/1	<u>Huddersfield Road,</u> <u>Oldham</u> (North side)  From a point 23.3 metres west of its junction with Church Road East for a distance of 23 metres in a westerly direction	24 Hours		
47/A4/1772/1	<u>Westminster Road,</u> <u>Failsworth</u> (North east side)  From a point 46.7 metres north west of its junction with Richmond Road for a distance of 23m in a north westerly direction	24 Hours		

47/A4/1773/1	<u>Wildmoor Avenue,</u> <u>Oldham</u>  (South west side)  From a point 18.7 metres south east of its junction with Covert Road for a distance of 23m in a south easterly direction	24 Hours		
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There are no background papers for this report

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Report author sign-off	Shahed Chaudhary
Role	Highway Engineer
Date of sign-off	4 July 2025

Approval	
Officer approval sign-off	 Nasir Dad
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	18/07/25



