

Delegated Decision Report

Decision below £250k



Subject:	Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Denshaw Road and Lodge Lane, Delph
Decision maker: Senior Officer	Nasir Dad, Director of Environment
Decision maker: Cabinet Member	Councillor C Goodwin, Portfolio Holder, Transport and Highways
Decision date:	20 August 2025
Report author:	Andrew Cowell, Engineer
Ward (s):	Saddleworth North

Reason for decision

To consider the introduction of waiting restrictions on Denshaw Road and Lodge Lane, Delph.

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

Denshaw Road is located on the north side of Delph and forms part of a principal route (A6052). It is a bus route and there is a demand for parking in this area generated by local residents, businesses and the primary school. Some bus services do not go beyond Delph so use Lodge Lane and Friarmere Road to turn and return back via Denshaw Road and the village. This proposal aims to address a number of issues reported to the Council by bus operators and members of the public about obstructive parking in this area.

There are two issues reported:

- 1 Bus operators are experiencing difficulties with services at the junction of Friarmere Road/Lodge Lane due to vehicles being parked on the corner of the junction, making it difficult for services to turn left from Lodge Lane into Friarmere Road.
- 2 Parked vehicles on the south side of Denshaw Road between High Street and Lodge Lane cause a number of issues for buses and general traffic:
 - Two-way flow cannot be maintained which causes congestion, especially at peak times
 - There is a bend on each approach to this area. Motorists are therefore breaking heavily when faced with oncoming traffic and forced onto the other side of the road because of the parked vehicles

- Officers have witnessed motorists driving along the footway to pass on-coming traffic instead of waiting

Officers therefore fully support the introduction of restrictions in these areas to address the issues reported.

It is proposed to promote new prohibition of waiting restrictions on Denshaw Road and Lodge Lane as detailed on plan 47/A3/1680/1.

If approved, the proposal would improve safety and access along Denshaw Road and improve access for buses.

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 P Byrne supports the proposal as agreed during site visit. Councillor L Lancaster also supports the recommendation contained in the report. Councillor G Harkness has commented, following Andy and Pam's appraisal of the site and the issues fed back, I will support these proposals.

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. These can be mitigated by effective communications, the publication notice and review of any objections received before introducing the restrictions.

Implications

Financial	<p>The cost of introducing the Order is show below:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="688 319 1390 462"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Advertisement of Order</td> <td>1,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Introduction of Road Markings</td> <td>500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>1,700</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The advertising & road marking expenditure of £1,700 will be funded from the 2025/26 TRO & road markings budgets within the Highways Service.</p> <p>(John Edisbury)</p>		£	Advertisement of Order	1,200	Introduction 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								

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/A3/1680/1

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
	<u>Denshaw Road, Delph</u> (Both sides) From its junction with High Street to its junction with Lodge Lane	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<u>Lodge Lane, Delph</u> (West side) From its junction with Denshaw Road for a distance of 35 metres in a northerly direction	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<u>Lodge Lane, Delph</u> (East side) From its junction with Denshaw Road for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	

	<u>Lodge Lane, Delph</u> (South-west side) From its junction with Friarmere Road for a distance of 15 metres in a south easterly direction	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<u>Friarmere Road, Delph</u> (South-east side) From its junction with Lodge Lane for a distance of 10 metres in a south westerly direction	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	

Delete from the Oldham Borough Council (Saddleworth Area) Consolidation Order 2003

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Prohibition of Waiting**

Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	<u>Denshaw Road, Delph</u> (Both sides) From its junction with High Street for a distance of 17 metres in a north westerly direction	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	

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

Report author sign-off	Andrew Cowell
Role	Traffic Engineer
Date of sign-off	20 August 2025

Approval	
Officer approval sign-off	Nasir Dad
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	03 Sep 2025

