
Highway Regulation Committee

Objection to Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Hobson Street, Failsworth

Portfolio Holder:

Officer Contact: Nasir Dad, Director of Environment

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24 September 2026

Reason for Decision

The purpose of this report is to consider objections received to the proposed introduction of Prohibition of Waiting restrictions in the Hobson Street area, Failsworth.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Option 2 (original proposal with bollards) be approved by the Panel and implemented on site.

Objection to Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Hobson Street, Failsworth

1. Background

- 1.1 A report recommending the introduction of new Prohibition of Waiting (PoW) restrictions on Hobson Street, Failsworth, was approved under delegated powers on 02 June 2026. The proposal was subsequently advertised, 10 objections and 1 representation requesting additional bollards, was received.
- A copy of the approved report is provided within Appendix A and a copy of the representations provided within Appendix B. A revised schedule and plan to support Option 2 (relaxed proposal) recommendation is also provided within Appendix C.
- 1.2 All the objectors raise concerns that the loss of parking will put more pressure on limited spaces and make the current situation worse with residents and businesses competing over fewer spaces.
- 1.3 One of the objectors raised concerns about a previous letter released by Officers with regards to Peel Street and missing signs which impacted on enforcement of existing restrictions. They also raised concerns about the legality of the proposals and procedures followed. A response to these concerns is provided within Appendix B
- 1.4 Officers acknowledge the concerns that the additional parking restrictions will have on residents, due to the lack of off-street parking facilities in the area. Officers have reviewed the proposals and are of the opinion that the restrictions at the Linwood Street junction should remain as parking at the junction impacts on vehicle movements and parking directly on a junction is a safety risk. Officers also recommend that restrictions on Brook Street, Corn Street and Hall Street should also remain and 4 bollards be installed to further support the restrictions on Hobson Street.
- 1.5 Following the review Officers do feel that the restriction between Peel Street and Hall Street could be relaxed to mitigate some of the concerns raised by objectors and the duration of the restriction be relaxed to Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm.

2 Community Cohesion Implications, including crime and disorder implications under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

None

3 Risk Assessments

These were dealt with in the approved ModGov Report (refer to Appendix A).

4 Co-operative Implications

These were dealt with in the approved ModGov Report (refer to Appendix A).

5 Procurement Implications

None

6 Current Position

- 6.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the objections received to the perceived adverse effects on parking provision for residents.
- 6.3 In response to feedback, officers have recommended the original proposals be progressed and additional bollards also be introduced into highway.

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- 6.4 Officers remain of the view that parking at this location has the potential to adversely affect access and egress for local businesses in the area.

7 Options/Alternatives

- 7.1 Following the objection received, the following options have been considered:

Option 1: Install Prohibition of Waiting restrictions as advertised (Original Proposal).

Option 2: Install relaxed Prohibition of Waiting restrictions with additional bollards.

Option 3: Do nothing and withdraw the proposals.

8 Preferred Option

- 8.1 It is recommended that Option 2 be approved by the Panel and installed on site. Officers still believe this proposal will meet the objective of the scheme and also acknowledge the concerns raised by businesses.

9 Consultation

- 9.1 The Failsworth Ward Members have been consulted and have made no comments regarding the recommendation within this report.

10 Financial Implications

- 10.1 These were dealt with in the approved ModGov Report (refer to Appendix A). The additional 4 bollards will be funded from the Minor works budget at an approximate cost of £1,000.

11 **Legal Implications**

11.1 These were dealt with in the approved ModGov Report (refer to Appendix A).

12 **Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People**

12.1 None the work is being undertaken to improve safety on the highways.

13 **Key Decision**

13.2 No

14 **Key Decision Reference**

14.2 N/A

15 **Appendices**

Appendix A - Approved Mod Gov Report

Appendix B – Copy of Representations

Appendix C – Revised Schedule and Plan

 Signed In consultation with Director of Environment	Dated: 09 September 2026
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APPENDIX A
APPROVED MOD GOV REPORT

Delegated Decision Report

Decision below £250k



Subject:	Proposed Waiting Restrictions - Hobson Street Area, Failsworth
Decision maker: Senior Officer	Director of Environment, Nasir Dad
Decision maker: Cabinet Member	Transport and Highways, Councillor C Goodwin
Decision date:	
Report author:	Mark Woodhead
Ward (s):	Failsworth West

Reason for decision

This report seeks delegated approval for introduction of additional waiting restrictions in the Hobson Street area of Oldham. The proposals are detailed in the Appendices attached to this report.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that these proposals are supported and progressed in accordance with legal procedures, in accordance with the drawings and schedules contained in the Appendices attached to this report.

Background

Hobson Street runs parallel to the A62 Oldham Road at the far western side of Failsworth. In this area there is a mix of residential and business premises. The Council has received a report from a local business with access concerns.

There are competing demands on the highway space in this area. Residential properties fronting Oldham Road have no parking spaces directly outside, so residents use the streets around Hobson Street. There are also residential properties on Hobson Street itself which generate a demand for on-street parking.

It is reported that due to on-street parking taking place on Hobson Street and Peel Street, delivery vehicles have difficulty accessing the premises on Hall Street. Hobson Street provides the only access route and although there are restrictions at the junction of Peel Street, vehicles parking on both sides of the road restricts access for larger vehicles.

Observations revealed that inconsiderate parking close the junctions and double parking were contributing to these issues. Motorists parking their vehicles on Peel Street were also restricting access to Hobson Street and business. The time plates that are required to ensure the existing single yellow line restrictions have been replaced on numerous occasions but keep going missing leaving the restrictions unenforceable. Officers replaced the missing signs in August 2025 and

also posted notices informing motorists that the existing restriction would be amended to No Waiting At Any Time should the signs be removed again. The time plates remain in place and the restriction is being respected by motorists, therefore no changes are being proposed at this time.

Alternative option(s) to be considered

Option 1 – Accept the proposals

Option 2 – reduce the extent and times of the new restrictions.

Option 3 - Not accept the proposals and allow the ongoing dangerous and obstructive parking

Consultation

A full TRO consultation will be carried in line with the Road Traffic Regulation Act.

Ward Members have been consulted and Councillor Davies requested details of which businesses officers had been in contact with and details of residents that would be provided with notices. Officers have provided a response to the satisfaction of Cllr Davies.

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 stated "thank you for consulting Transport for Greater Manchester with your proposals, on behalf of the Bus Team there are no comments I wish to make."

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

Objections may be received during the advertising period and could be supported by the Highway Regulation Committee.

Implications

Financial	The cost of introducing the Order is show below:-	
		£
	Advertisement of Order	1,200
	Introduction of Road Markings	1,000
	TOTAL	2,200
The advertising & road marking expenditure of £2,200 will be funded from the 2025/26 Highways TRO & road markings budgets within the Highways Service.		
(John Edisbury)		

Legal	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)
Equality impact including implications for Children and Young People	Not required because the measures proposed are aimed at improving highway conditions.

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

Revocations

Revoke from the Oldham Consolidation Order (Failsworth Area) Prohibition of Waiting
Amendment No.60 Order 2024

Prohibition of Waiting

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Item No.	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
(F156)	Hobson Street (both sides) From its junction with Peel Street for a distance of 10 metres in a north easterly direction.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	

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

Part I Schedule 1

Prohibition of Waiting

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	<u>Brook Street</u> (both sides) From its junction with Hobson Street for its entire length.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	
	<u>Corn Street</u> (west side) From a point 7metres north of its junction with Hobson Street to its junction with Oldham Road.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	
	<u>Hall Street</u> (both sides) From its junction with Hobson Street for its entire length.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	
	<u>Hobson Street</u> (southerly side) From its junction with Peel Street to its junction with Hall Street	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	
	<u>Hobson Street</u> (north side) From its junction with Peel Street for a distance of 10metres in a easterly direction.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	
	<u>Hobson Street</u> (north side) From its junction with Linwood Street for a distance of 10metres in a easterly direction.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	
	<u>Linwood Street</u> (east side) From its junction with Hobson Street for a distance of 8 metres in a northerly direction.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	

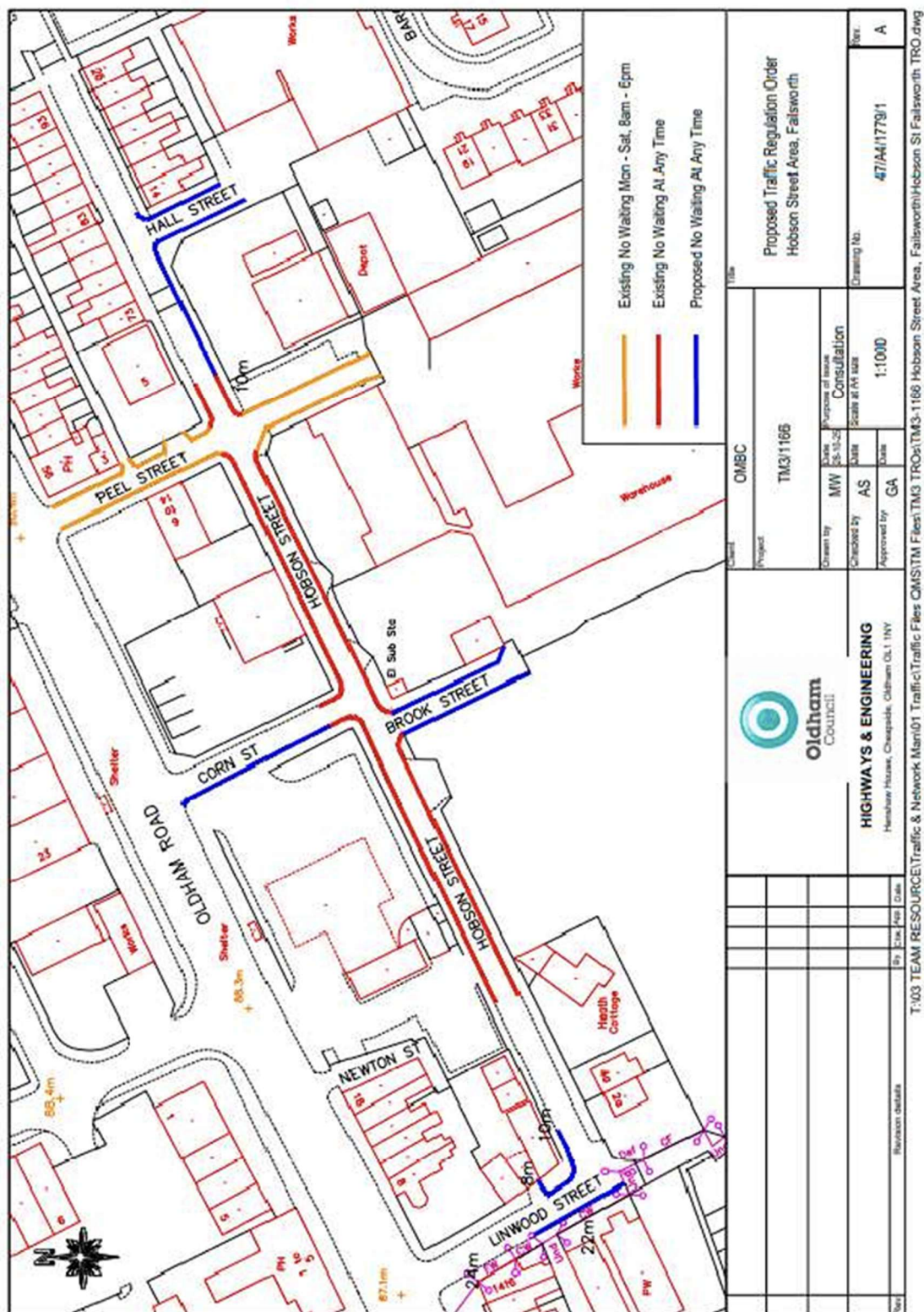
	<u>Linwood Street</u> (west side) From a point 24 metres south of its junction with Oldham Road for a distance of 22 metres in a southerly direction.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	
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Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

Report author sign-off	<i>Mark Woodhead</i>
Role	Traffic Engineer
Date of sign-off	26.05.2026

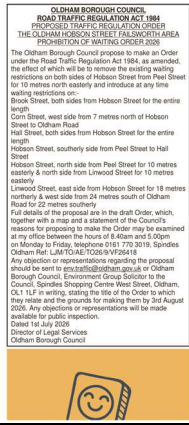
Approval	
Officer approval sign-off	Nasir Dad 
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	02.06.26

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Member(s) approval sign-off	
Role	
Date of sign-off	

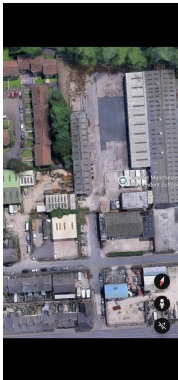


APPENDIX B
COPY OF OBJECTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

ref	Objection	Officer Comments
B.1	I am writing to formally object to the Oldham Hobson Street Failsworth Area Prohibition of Waiting Order 2026. Implementing these restrictions will severely impact residents. Parking is already extremely challenging due to the competing needs of residents and businesses. Removing more spaces will worsen this and negatively affect our daily lives.	Officers acknowledge the concerns that the additional parking restrictions will have on residents, due to the lack of off-street parking facilities in the area. Officers have reviewed the proposals and are of the opinion that the restrictions at the Linwood Street junction should remain as parking at the junction impacts on vehicle movements and parking directly on a junction is not to be encouraged. However, following the review Officers do feel that the restriction between Peel Street and Hall Street could be relaxed to mitigate some of the concerns raised by objectors.
B.2	I am writing to formally object to the Oldham Hobson Street Failsworth Area Prohibition of Waiting Order 2026. Implementing these restrictions will severely impact residents. Parking is already extremely challenging due to the competing needs of residents and businesses. Removing more spaces will worsen this and negatively affect our daily lives. Please reconsider.	Refer to response to ref B.1
B.3	I am writing to formally object to the Oldham Hobson Street Failsworth Area Prohibition of Waiting Order 2026. Implementing these restrictions will severely impact residents. Parking is already extremely challenging due to the competing needs of residents and businesses. Removing more spaces will worsen this and negatively affect our daily lives. Please reconsider.	Refer to response to ref B.1
B.4	Hello, I am writing to formally object to the Oldham Hobson Street Failsworth Area Prohibition of Waiting Order 2026. Implementing these restrictions will severely impact residents. Parking is already extremely challenging due to the competing needs of residents and businesses. Removing more spaces will worsen this and negatively affect our daily lives. Please reconsider. Thanks,	Refer to response to ref B.1

B.5	Hello,I am writing to formally object to the Oldham Hobson Street Failsworth Area Prohibition of Waiting Order 2026. Implementing these restrictions will severely impact residents. Parking is already extremely challenging due to the competing needs of residents and businesses. Removing more spaces will worsen this and negatively affect our daily lives also this will have a negative impact on our children's safety. Please reconsider	Refer to response to ref B.1
B.6	Hello,I am writing to formally object to the Oldham Hobson Street Failsworth Area Prohibition of Waiting Order 2026. Implementing these restrictions will severely impact residents. Parking is already extremely challenging due to the competing needs of residents and businesses. Removing more spaces will worsen this and negatively affect our daily lives also this will have a negative impact on our children's safety. Please reconsider.	Refer to response to ref B.1
B.7	To the Highways Department and Failsworth Ward Councillors, I am writing to formally submit my strongest possible objection to the Proposed Traffic Regulation Order (Ref: LJM/TO/AE/TO26/9/VF26418) for the prohibition of waiting across Hobson Street, Peel Street, and Hall Street, ahead of the August 3rd, 2026 deadline. This proposal is legally flawed, procedurally invalid, and represents a gross abuse of power by the Highways Department. I kindly request my Ward Councillors to urgently intervene and halt this process on the following grounds: 1. Procedural Impropriety and Failure to Publish Despite searching the Public Notice Portal and local press (including the Oldham Times and Manchester Evening News), there is no record of this Notice of Proposals being published in a local newspaper. Under Regulation 7 of The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, strapping an A4 notice to a lamppost is legally insufficient	The notice was erected on site using existing lighting columns and also advertised in the Manchester Evening News Wednesday 01st July edition , extract of the advert provided below 

	for a statutory consultation. This failure to publish renders the current consultation period null and void.	
B.7	2. A Pattern of Intimidation and Biased Treatment Against Residents This proposal is not an isolated traffic management decision; it is the culmination of a documented theme of Oldham Council prioritizing businesses while treating residents with hostility. In 2024, a restriction was enacted without any statutory consultation with residents, allegedly citing a "risk of resident tensions" as an excuse to bypass us. This adversarial approach was cemented in a letter distributed by Highways and Engineering on 18 July 2025. The council explicitly used the threat of a TRO as a weapon, stating: "if we find the signs are removed or defaced, we will amend this existing restriction and introduce a No Waiting At Any Time. (double yellow lines) restriction". While the signs remain in place, this letter proves the council views double yellow lines not as a genuine safety measure, but as a tool for intimidation and collective punishment against residents. 	The issue of inconsiderate parking is connected to the letter dated 18th July 2025. Ward members were informed of the issue of missing signs and the impact on enforcement. No changes to the restrictions on Pell Street have been incorporated into these proposals, as the signs have not been removed since the letter
B.7	3. Road Safety Hazards: Increased Speeds and HGV Obstructions Far from improving safety, this proposal actively creates severe hazards:	These proposals do not increase the width of Hobson Street, the area is an established mix of residential and industrial use. Traffic calming features are already

	Increased vehicle speeds: Removing all parked cars strips away natural traffic calming. As other objecting residents have rightly pointed out, artificially widening the carriageway will inevitably increase vehicle speeds on a residential estate where children have previously been struck by vehicles. HGV Obstructions: The council is attempting to force modern, oversized HGVs down a residential street using an archaic parking restriction drafted in 1982. Commercial vehicles are now forced to blindly reverse and block T-junctions.	provided on Hobson Street between its junctions with Peel Street and Albert Road West. Providing parking restrictions to assist the movement of larger vehicles does not impede the safety or an increase in vehicle speeds.
B.7	4. Disproportionate Action & Hoarded Business Land The council claims these restrictions are to facilitate "industrial access" for local businesses. However, please see the attached satellite imagery.  It clearly shows these exact businesses are hoarding vast amounts of empty, gated, private land to the rear of their properties. It is entirely disproportionate and discriminatory for Oldham Council to completely eradicate the remaining legal parking spaces on this estate to subsidize commercial entities that refuse to utilize their own massive footprint for their logistical needs.	These proposals do not provide parking on the highway for residential vehicles and are proposed to facilitate the safe movement of vehicles to businesses.

B.7	5. Gross Hypocrisy and Failure to Enforce Existing Laws While the council proposes stripping residents of their parking, it entirely fails to police commercial vehicles. Please see the attached photographic and video evidence showing commercial HGVs and vans servicing these businesses while: Parked illegally on existing double yellow lines and pavements. Parked directly beneath "No Loading At Any Time" signs. Completely obstructing the public highway and T-junctions. Crushing and destroying council property (a lamppost) due to the roads being unsuitable for their size. I also have, on request, video evidence of a HGV forcing itself down a heavily parked residential street nearly damaging my own car had I not been around quickly move it out of its path.  If the council cannot enforce the current rules against businesses, proposing further blanket restrictions against residents is completely unjustified.	It is not the responsibility of the Council to provide on street parking. It is the responsibility of car owners to provide a safe location for their vehicles. Enforcement of existing restrictions is a constant issue for the Council, whilst we may not have the resources to enforce all restrictions every day, that is not a reason to not provide restrictions.
B.7	Demand for Action I am explicitly calling on my elected Failsworth Ward Councillors to intervene, represent the residents of this estate, and demand the Highways Department halt this flawed proposal immediately.	A response to the referenced letter is provided previously within this report and all objectors have been made aware of the Committee and given the opportunity to attend the meeting.

	Instead of a blanket ban that displaces traffic onto an already restricted A-road, I formally petition the council to implement a Resident Permit Parking Scheme for Peel Street and Hobson Street. I kindly request a formal acknowledgement of this objection and a detailed response addressing the failure to publish in the local press and the biased threats made in the July 2025 letter.	
B.8	Hello,I am writing to formally object to the Oldham Hobson Street Failsworth Area Prohibition of Waiting Order 2026. Implementing these restrictions will severely impact residents. Parking is already extremely challenging due to the competing needs of residents and businesses. Removing more spaces will worsen this and negatively affect our daily lives. Please reconsider.	Refer to response to ref B.1
B.9	Hello, I am writing to formally object to the Oldham Hobson Street Failsworth Area Prohibition of Waiting Order 2026. Implementing these restrictions will severely impact residents. Parking is already extremely challenging due to the competing needs of residents and businesses. Removing more spaces will worsen this and negatively affect our daily lives. Please reconsider.	Refer to response to ref B.1
B.10	Hello, I am writing to formally object to the Oldham Hobson Street Failsworth Area Prohibition of Waiting Order 2026. Implementing these restrictions will severely impact residents. Parking is already extremely challenging due to the competing needs of residents and businesses. Removing more spaces will worsen this and negatively affect our daily lives. Please reconsider	Refer to response to ref B.1
B.11	We have been long suffering with access and egress and have a live application with you for yellow line painting in progress, which we are grateful for.	It is proposed to add 4no bollards to the plans

Please can you now consider what further actions can be taken beyond the proposed line painting because the existing single and double yellow lines are regularly ignored?

We have suffered a 4 year dispute to retain our Right of Way over garage land. Now that it's open, the nearby Ambulance company are regularly obstructing it by parking on Hobson St double yellow lines. Please can you place 3 street bollards on Hobson St pavements to protect access to our RoW?

Please see documents attached for your reference:

- 1 Articulated Lorry turning area required
- 2 Ambulance parking June/ July 2026
- 3 Suggested 3 bollards position

4 Peel St (further yellow lines ignored)

If you would like to discuss this further please feel free to contact me.

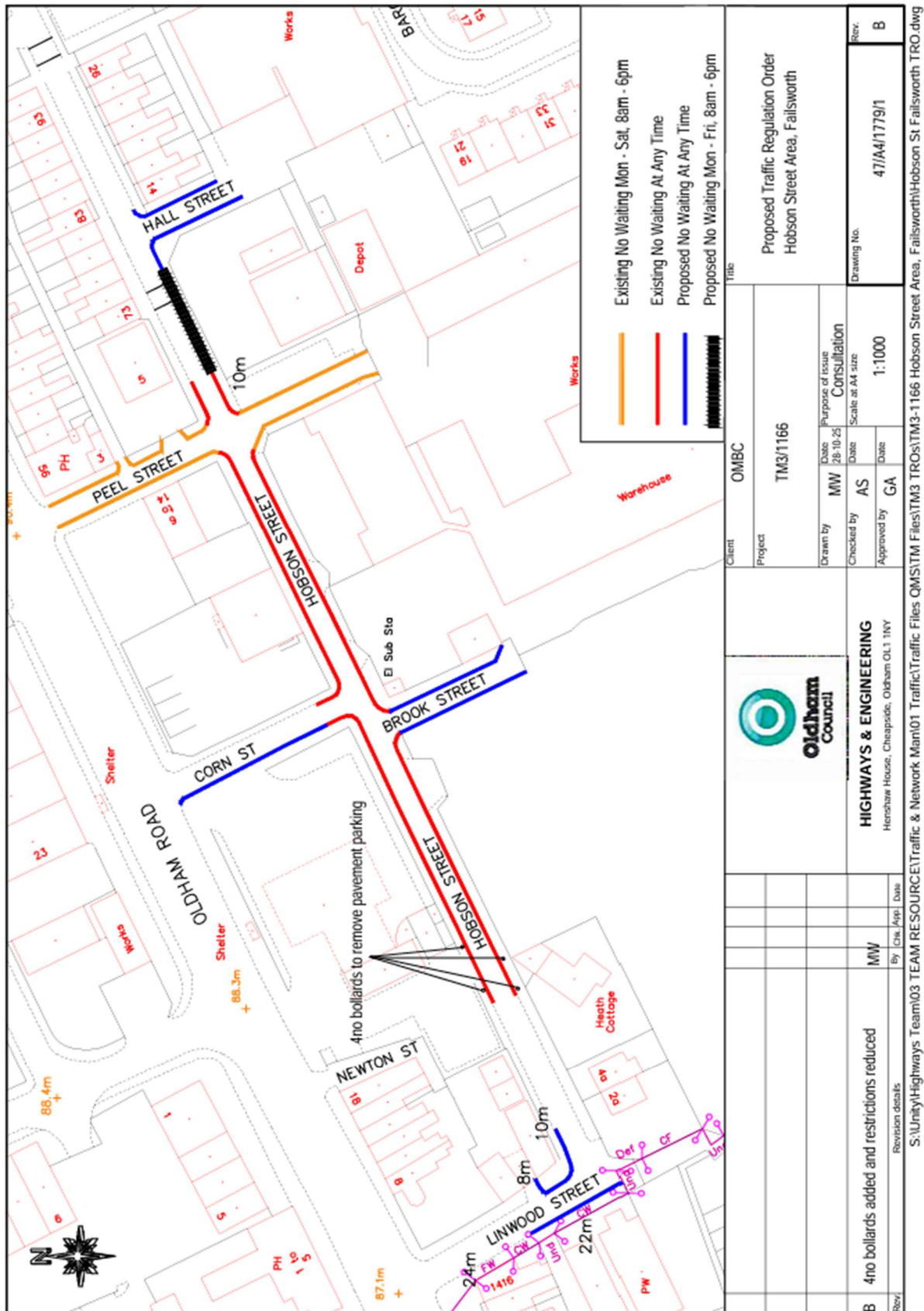
Kind regards



APPENDIX C

REVISED PLAN AND SCHEDULE

Drawing Number 47/A4/1779/1 rev B



Part I Schedule 1
Prohibition of Waiting

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	<u>Hall Street</u> (both sides) From its junction with Hobson Street for its entire length.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	
	<u>Hobson Street</u> (southerly side) From its junction with junction with Hall Street for a distance of 7 metres in a south-westerly direction	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	
	<u>Hobson Street</u> (north side) From its junction with Peel Street for a distance of 10metres in an easterly direction.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	

	<u>Hobson Street</u> (north side) From its junction with Linwood Street for a distance of 10metres in an easterly direction.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	
	<u>Linwood Street</u> (east side) From its junction with Hobson Street for a distance of 8 metres in a northerly direction.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	
	<u>Linwood Street</u> (west side) From a point 24 metres south of its junction with Oldham Road for a distance of 22 metres in a southerly direction.	At any time	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	
	<u>Hobson Street</u> (southside) From a point 7metres southwest of its junction with Hall Street for a distance of 24 metres in a south westerly direction.	Mon to Friday 8am – 6pm	A,B1,B3,B4,C,J,K4	