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| Report to: | Speakers Panel (Planning) | |
| Date: | 13 September 2023 | |
| Executive Member: | Councillor Jan Jackson, Executive Member for Planning, Transport & Connectivity | |
| Reporting Officer: | Emma Varnam – Assistant Director, Operations and Neighbourhoods, Place | |
| Subject: | OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH (STAMFORD ROAD, GROBY ROAD AREA, AUDENSHAW) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2022 | |
| Report Summary: | This report outlines the objections received to the proposed waiting restrictions in the Stamford Road, Groby Road area of Audenshaw. | |
| Recommendations: | It is recommended that the panel review the objections received and that authority is given for a permanent traffic regulation order be made, subject to the amendment detailed in the schedule of the draft second notice, attached at Appendix 1 to this report, and illustrated in the plans attached in Appendix 2 and 3 to this report. | |
| Corporate Plan: | Improvements to the highway network support the council in delivering all 8 priorities of the Corporate Plan. | |
| Policy Implications: | None arising from the report. | |
| Financial Implications: (Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer) | The cost for processing and implementing the Traffic Regulation Orders will be approximately £1,000 will be funded from the existing Traffic Management Revenue budgets within the Place Directorate. This has been approved in December 2022 within the original TRO proposal report. | |
| Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor) | The Council has a statutory duty, which it must have regard to under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which is set out in Appendix 4. | |
| Risk Management: | Non-implementation of waiting restrictions would not improve access/egress from this estate. | |
| Access to Information: | Not Confidential | |
| Background Information: | Appendix 1 | Draft Second Public Notice |
| | Appendix 2 | Plan for Stamford Road area |
| | Appendix 3 | Plan for Groby Road Area |
| | Appendix 4 | s.122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 |

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In recent years, Tameside Council has received correspondence from both residents and councillors expressing their concerns with regard to the movement of traffic around the junctions of Stamford Road / Groby Road, Audenshaw.
- 1.2 To address these concerns a scheme was designed to introduce 'no waiting at any time restrictions' at all junctions into this estate. A Delegated Officer Executive Decision Notice was subsequently drafted, seeking approval for the scheme to be advertised.
- 1.3 In December 2022 approval was given for the relevant legal processes to commence. The published decision can be viewed via the following link. [Decision - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER TO IMPLEMENT WAITING RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE AREA OF STAMFORD ROAD / GROBY ROAD AREA, AUDENSHAW \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/decision/TRAFFIC%20REGULATION%20ORDER%20TO%20IMPLEMENT%20WAITING%20RESTRICTIONS%20WITHIN%20THE%20AREA%20OF%20STAMFORD%20ROAD%20-%20GROBY%20ROAD%20AREA,%20AUDENSHAW).
- 1.4 On the 19 January 2023, in line with the prescribed regulations, a public notice was advertised in the local press, notices were displayed on street and, although not a legal requirement, affected residents within the vicinity of the proposals were hand delivered a copy of the notice. The consultation documents were also published on the council's public website and were available to view in hard copy upon request for the duration of the consultation.
- 1.5 During the 28 day consultation period correspondence from two objectors was received. Both related to the proposed restrictions around the junction of Groby Road and Woodbridge Avenue.
- 1.6 No objections were made with regard to the other proposals sited at the junctions along Stamford Road with Roker Park Avenue, Woodbridge Avenue and Oakwood Avenue. It is therefore intended to introduce these other restrictions as originally advertised.
- 1.7 Please note, the Council has a statutory duty, which it must have regard to under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which is set out in **Appendix 4**.

2. REPRESENTATIONS OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED SCHEME

- 2.1 Both objectors raised concern that the introduction of waiting restrictions would result in a lack of parking spaces for local residents within the vicinity of the junction of Groby Road and Woodbridge Avenue.
- 2.2 A concern was also raised regarding potential damage to vehicles if a parking space adjacent to the resident's property could not be maintained.
- 2.3 Objectors have suggested that the current parking arrangement, close to the width restriction, helps to reduce the speed of vehicles passing through this restriction and therefore helps road safety near to the park entrance. A request was also received for the implementation of a parking bay on the west side of Woodbridge Avenue, on the approach to the width restriction.
- 2.4 Local residents are choosing to park near to the entrance to the Ponderosa (park entrance) to discourage anti-social behaviour taking place at this location.
- 2.5 Objectors suggested that the 'no waiting at any time' restriction could be altered to Monday to Friday, work day only.
- 2.6 One objector has asked for the restriction to be reduced past their driveway on the south side of Groby Road, in order to facilitate parking.

3. OFFICER RESPONSE

- 3.1 Although the proposed restriction may displace approximately three vehicles a balance must be struck between that of facilitating safe traffic movement and that of minimising disruption to frontages. Additionally, it is noted that all the properties at this location have private driveways. The restrictions in question have been put forward to improve pedestrian and vehicular movement around the width restriction and the Ponderosa park entrance which is situated at the junction of Groby Road and Woodbridge Avenue.
- 3.2 On all site visits there does appear to be alternative available on street parking provision for any displaced vehicles. However, the Council cannot guarantee the security of any vehicle parked on the public highway.
- 3.3 The proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on the west side of Woodbridge Avenue extend from Roker Park Avenue to Groby Road. Although vehicles do park within this location it is not considered that there is sufficient room to amend the proposed waiting restriction between the width restriction and Roker Park Avenue, taking into account that vehicles should not park within 10 metres of a junction and the need for vehicles to be able to line up to negotiate the width restriction. All Vehicles passing through this width restriction were observed to be doing so at low speeds.
- 3.4 The proposed restrictions on the northeast side of Groby Road cover the area between the Ponderosa park entrance (gated vehicle access) and the industrial Delta Point goods vehicle entrance, a distance of approximately 11 metres. Vehicles have been witnessed parking wholly on the footway here resulting in pedestrians being forced to walk into the live carriageway causing them to be at risk. Furthermore, parking this close to a bend and 6' 6" width restriction, is considered unsafe and inappropriate. Although local residents are choosing to park here in order to discourage anti-social behaviour, the proposed restrictions should do likewise and would give the police and Council support in taking action if vehicles are parked here to engage in antisocial activities.
- 3.5 The proposed restriction has been put forward to improve pedestrian and vehicle movements around a sharp bend with a width restriction. Reducing the time span of the proposed restrictions would imply that it is acceptable to park here at other times throughout the day when it is not and therefore is not recommended.
- 3.6 The proposed restriction on the south side of Groby Road covers the inside radius of the bend to maintain sight line visibility. However, a reduction of the proposed restriction past the dropped crossing and the transition kerb of a driveway by approximately 2 metres would not hinder the scheme. Therefore it is proposed to reduce the proposed length from 15 metres to 13 metres. Although this is only a small reduction in length it may assist in reducing the impact on parking arrangements within that area.

4. FUNDING

- 4.1 The cost for processing and implementing the Traffic Regulation Orders will be approximately £1000.00 will be funded from the existing Traffic Management Revenue budgets within the Place Directorate. This has been allocated within the TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER TO IMPLEMENT WAITING RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE AREA OF STAMFORD ROAD / GROBY ROAD AREA, AUDENSHAW report published 19 December 2022.

5. CONCLUSION - PROPOSALS / SCHEDULE OF WORKS

- 5.1 It is recommended that the proposals are reduced to have the effect in the amended public notice attached at **Appendix 1** to this report.

5.2 Plans showing the proposed restrictions around the various junctions along Stamford Road are illustrated in the plan attached at **Appendix 2**

5.3 The amended proposals for the area around Groby Road are illustrated in the plan attached at **Appendix 3**.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 As set out at the front of the report.