

Report to: **Speakers Panel (Planning)**

Date: 26 July 2023

Executive Member: Councillor Jan Jackson, Executive Member for Planning, Transport & Connectivity

Reporting Officer: Emma Varnam, Assistant Director, Operations & Neighbourhoods.

Subject: **OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH (KINGS ROAD AND VERNON STREET, ASHTON UNDER LYNE)(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2023**

Report Summary: This report outlines the objections received in reference to the **(KINGS ROAD AND VERNON STREET, ASHTON UNDER LYNE)(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2023** being made indefinitely

Recommendations: It is recommended that the panel reviews the objections and comments received during the consultation period for the **(KINGS ROAD AND VERNON STREET, ASHTON UNDER LYNE)(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER** and that the order, as amended be made permanent.

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 is £2,499. The costs will be met by the developer which has been recovered from the developer, Watson Construction Ltd.

Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)
Members should have regard to the Council's statutory duty under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which is set out in **Appendix 3**.

Risk Management: If the order is not made vehicles will continue to obstruct the access to the new development to the rear of 23-37 Kings Road.

Access to Information: Not Confidential

Background Information:

Appendix 1	Plan of proposals
Appendix 2	Draft second public notice
Appendix 3	s.122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Lauren Redfern, Senior Engineer, Traffic Operations:



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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 On 16 December 2021 the Speakers Panel (Planning) Committee decided to approve a planning application to construct 24 apartments within a three storey block on the former site of the Conservative Social Club in Ashton-under-Lyne.
- 1.2 The entrance to the new development will use the existing junction, Vernon Street off Kings Road, Ashton under Lyne.
- 1.3 The new development will have parking for 19 vehicles and an uncontrolled crossing point at the end of Vernon Street.
- 1.4 Vehicles currently park along Vernon Street and at the junction of Kings Road. Parking in this manner will cause obstructive parking to the development and visibility issues at the junction.
- 1.5 The scheme proposing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on the west side of King Street, 10 metres either side of Vernon Street and both sides of Vernon Street was advertised on 26 May 2023, seven objections were received.

2. REPRESENTATIONS OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED SCHEME

- 2.1 All seven objectors are concerned about the ability to park within the vicinity of their properties if the waiting restrictions are introduced.
- 2.2 None of the objectors have access to off street parking and parking is already at a premium in the area.

3. OFFICER RESPONSE

- 3.1 Vernon Street has been a cul-de-sac for many years enabling local residents to park without causing an obstruction. Vernon Street is now the only access road to a private residential premises, this road will be frequently used by staff, residents and visitors to the facility and therefore can no longer accommodate parking in the manner it did previously
- 3.2 The waiting restrictions proposed on Kings Road reflect the guidance not to stop or park within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction as recommended in the Highway Code 2022. It would not be deemed safe to reduce the proposed waiting restrictions along this length due to the increase in traffic flows expected on Vernon Street.
- 3.3 The implementation of the advertised waiting restrictions would remove seven parking spaces from Kings Road and Vernon Street. It is now proposed to reduce the waiting restrictions on the north east side of Vernon Street to 5 metres allowing up to three vehicles to park in this area.

4. FUNDING

- 4.1 The cost for processing and implementing the Traffic Regulation Orders is a standard charge of £2,499.00 which has been recovered from the developer.

5. CONCLUSION - PROPOSALS / SCHEDULE OF WORKS

- 5.1 It is recommended the proposals are reduced to have the effect in the amended public notice attached at **Appendix 2** to this report.

5.2 The amended proposals are illustrated in the plan attached at **Appendix 1**.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 As set out at the front of the report.