Report To:	SPEAKERS PANEL (PLANNING)
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Date:	25 April 2018
Reporting Officer:	Ian Saxon – Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods
Subject:	OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED CONTROLLED PARKING SCHEME – WATERLOO GARDENS, ASHTON UNDER LYNE
Report Summary:	The report outlines objections received to the advertised, proposed extension to the existing controlled parking scheme in relation to the above roads.
Recommendations:	It is recommended that authority is given for the necessary action to be taken in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to make the following order (HURST BANK ROAD AREA, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (CONTROLLED PARKING AREA) ORDER 2017
Links to Community Strategy:	The proposals underpin a number of targets within the Tameside Community Strategy (2009-2019) and more especially in the promotion of a Safe Environment through the provision of safer roads in our Town Centres and elsewhere.
Policy Implications:	None arising from the report.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	The funding for the scheme will be taken from the Traffic Operations, Traffic Regulation Order budget 2018/2019.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	Members should have regard to the Council's statutory duty under S122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which is set out in Appendix A .
Risk Management:	Objectors have a limited right to challenge the Orders in the High Court.
Access to the documents:	Drawing No.001: Controlled Parking Hurst Bank Road area, Ashton, Ashton-under-Lyne – proposed extension of existing Controlled Parking Zone.
	All documentation can be viewed by contacting Lauren Redfern. Traffic Operations by:
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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In 2013 a Controlled Parking Scheme was introduced on Hurst Bank Road, Crompton Street, Blenheim Way, Wilson Crescent and Midgely Crescent, off Mossley Road, Ashton under Lyne. It was always made clear that if residents of Waterloo Gardens suffered as a consequence of these restrictions a further scheme would be promoted.
- 1.2 Further development in the area including a new housing estate and school have exacerbated the current on street parking situation and a petition, signed by the majority of the residents to extend the existing Controlled Parking Scheme was received by the Traffic Operations department.
- 1.3 A consultation with ward councillors, Bill Fairfoull, Yvonne Cartey and Margaret Sidebottom and residents took place in February 2017 and statutory consultation commenced June 2017 for 28 days. One objection was received.

2. OBJECTIONS

- 2.1 A representation has been made by a resident of the local area. The resident argues that the proposed extension to the existing Controlled Parking Area is unnecessary and that if the scheme were to be implemented non permit holders would be forced to park further down Waterloo Gardens.
- 2.2 The objector has suggested that waiting restrictions at the junction of Blenheim Way and Waterloo Gardens would be a preferable measure.

3. OFFICER RESPONSE

3.1 A questionnaire was sent to the residents who would be affected by the proposals and 69% of the residents were in favour of the scheme extending into Waterloo Gardens. The introduction of waiting restrictions would not be beneficial to the residents as obstructive parking has not been deemed a problem in the vicinity.

4. FUNDING

4.1 The introduction of the scheme will be funded by the Traffic Operations, Traffic Regulation Order budget 2018/2019

5. PROPOSALS / SCHEDULE OF WORKS

5.1 Introduce a Controlled Parking Zone on Waterloo Gardens, both sides, from its junction with Blenheim Way in a northerly direction for a distance of 110m (the northerly gable end of property number 34 Waterloo Gardens).

6. **RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 It is recommended that authority is given for the necessary action to be taken in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to make the following order (HURST BANK ROAD AREA, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE (CONTROLLED PARKING AREA) ORDER 2017

APPENDIX 'A'

Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

- (1) It shall be the duty of every local authority upon whom functions are conferred by or under this Act, so to exercise the functions conferred on them by this Act as (so far as practicable having regard to the matters specified in sub-section (2) below) 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.
- (2) The matters referred to in sub-section (1) above, as being specified in this sub-section are:
 - (a) The desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
 - (b) The effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) 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;
 - (c) The strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy);
 - (d) 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
 - (e) Any other matters appearing to ...the local authority.... to be relevant.

