

Report to: **SPEAKERS PANEL (PLANNING)**

Date: 27 May 2020

Reporting Officer: Emma Varnam, Assistant Director Operations and Neighbourhoods

Subject: **OBJECTIONS TO THE TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH (ASTLEY ROAD AND STAMFORD GROVE AREA, STALYBRIDGE) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2020**

Report Summary: The report outlines correspondence received objecting to the proposals to introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time & Limited Waiting' restrictions on the residential streets around Stamford Park and West Hill School following a 28 day statutory consultation in January 2020.

Recommendations: It is recommended the panel review the objections and that authority is given for the necessary action to be taken in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce the waiting restrictions as amended, as detailed in Section 5.1 of 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: The scheme will be funded by the Traffic Operations annual Traffic Regulation Order budget 2020/2021.
(Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)

Legal Implications: 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**.
(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

Risk Management: Objectors have a limited right to challenge the Orders in the High Court.

Access to Information: **Appendix A** - S.122 of Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
Appendix B - Drawing No.001: Original proposed restrictions
Appendix C - Drawing No. 002: Amended proposals

Background Information: The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Lauren Redfern:

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 For many years Tameside Council have been aware of problems with parking around Stamford Grove, West Street and Norman Road due to people parking to access local amenities in the area including the recently upgraded Stamford Park, Tameside General Hospital, West Hill Secondary School and Stalybridge Railway Station.
- 1.2 Over the past 7 years there have been many attempts to rationalise the parking in the area, the aim being to try and allow fair access to the local amenities without compromising the residents need to park on streets close to their homes.
- 1.3 In June 2018, a survey was distributed to ascertain the desire for residents parking along Norman Road and West Street, this was unsuccessful as less than 50% of residents were in favour of the introduction of the scheme (Tameside MBC will only proceed with the introduction of residents parking if more than 50% of residents are in favour of the scheme).
- 1.4 Residents within the vicinity were not satisfied with this consultation and further requests for controlled parking were received by Tameside MBC and the local councillors. Therefore, it was decided to re consult the area including the other streets bounded by Darnton Road, Ridge Hill Lane and Stamford Street.
- 1.5 In October 2019 a complete scheme was proposed. This proposal, along with an element of controlled parking aimed to address other issues in the area including parking on junctions, double parking on Stamford Grove and damaging grass verges that was restricting the free movement of traffic and making the area look unsightly.
- 1.6 The consultation for controlled parking was unsuccessful with a return of 40% in favour.
- 1.7 On 30 January 2020 the other elements of the scheme were advertised for 28 days. Seven objections, two petitions and one email in favour of the scheme were received. The details of which are below.

2.0 OBJECTIONS

- 2.1 Resident currently struggles to park on the Grove on sunny days. Suggestion by resident to upgrade the land bounded by Ash Grove and Stamford Grove to allow residents to park in this area.
- 2.2 Three objections raised concerns regarding the implementation of junction protection, waiting restrictions on the basis that this will result in further loss of parking spaces for residents.
- 2.3 Two objectors raised concerns regarding the loss of parking in the turning head on Norman Road. One objector is a resident of Norman Road; the other is a resident of Stamford Road who relies on this parking as there is no available parking at the property in which he and his wife reside with their children.
- 2.4 A resident of Norman Road and a resident of West Street would like resident parking to be consulted on again.
- 2.5 One resident suggested that the limited waiting restrictions proposed for Stamford Grove only be in force when the park is in peak season, i.e. from Easter to late September, thus allowing residents to park outside their properties when seasonal variations in the weather are likely to discourage visitors to Stamford Park. Parking would therefore be allowed for an unlimited time during the winter months.

2.6 Three objectors requested the grass verges be removed to allow for extra parking.

3.0 OFFICER RESPONSE

3.1 Following some investigation it would appear this land is owned and managed by Jigsaw Housing but I have forwarded the suggestion to them for comment.

3.2 Whilst Tameside MBC fully appreciates that there will be a loss of car parking spaces in the area, waiting restrictions have been kept to a minimum and are there to protect visibility at junctions for drivers and pedestrians.

3.3 This element of the scheme was requested by local residents, I can confirm the proposals will be reduced to a H Bar marking. However, if this does not prove successful no waiting at any time restrictions will be implemented but at the absolute minimum required lengths for access to private driveways.

3.4 Unfortunately, we do not have the resource or desire to consult on controlled parking again. A consultation will only be undertaken in the future if there are any significant changes to the infrastructure in the vicinity.

3.5 Tameside MBC are happy to promote this as an option to help the residents to access their properties between October and Easter.

3.6 The loss of green spaces and aesthetically pleasing areas is not always met with favour from residents, there is also a large financial and environmental impact when converting soft ground to hard ground, which is not within the remit of this scheme

4.0 PETITION 1 – (RESIDENTS OF STAMFORD GROVE)

4.1 Double yellow lines should be on the south side of Stamford Grove (West Hill School side) not the north side (resident properties side).

4.2 Resident parking should be on Stamford Grove.

4.3 Street waste bins should be replaced on Stamford Grove.

4.4 20 speed limit signs should be installed along the grove.

4.5 Grass verges should be restored to their original state as they have recently been parked on much of the grass has been permanently damaged.

4.6 Signage to be provided for the new car park within the area and for it to be more clearly referenced on the TMBC website.

5.0 PETITION 1 RESPONSE

5.1 The double yellow lines have been proposed on the north side as this will allow more vehicles to park along this stretch of highway and also provides clear visibility for residents with driveways to access and egress their property safely.

5.2 The consultation documents clearly stated that there needed to be a majority of the residents of all 10 streets in order for residents parking to be installed, the results of the survey showed only 40% of the area were in favour of controlled parking being introduced.

- 5.3 The replacement of the street waste bins will be investigated.
- 5.4 20 mile per hour signs will be erected along Stamford Grove.
- 5.5 Once the parking has been formalised and vehicles are no longer mounting the kerbs and parking on the grass verges, grass verges will be re seeded.
- 5.6 Directional signs to the car park will be erected for visitors to Stamford Park and Tameside General Hospital.

6.0 PETITION 2 – (RESIDENTS OF WEST STREET)

- 6.1 Concerns regarding loss of parking spaces from residents of Stamford Grove not being able to park outside their properties, therefore potentially parking on West Street.
- 6.2 Would like residents parking in line with the scheme on Mellor Road (located on the other side of the park).
- 6.3 Would like signs to be provided for the new car park.
- 6.4 By consulting all 10 streets in the vicinity it has reduced the likelihood of West Street meeting the criteria for controlled parking (i.e. more than 50%).
- 6.5 Non-resident motorist have no consideration for parking in the area.
- 6.6 Free movement of traffic is impeded due to current parking problems.
- 6.7 Larger vehicles struggle to pass.
- 6.8 Resident are considering re location due to the problems with parking however they fear their houses have been de valued.
- 6.9 Residents would like to see the car park being used and income being generated for the council.

7.0 PETITION 2 REPOSE

- 7.1 Other streets in the area will not be subject to restricted parking therefore residents who are struggling to park on Stamford Grove will be able to park on other streets within the vicinity.
- 7.2 Unfortunately, West Street, like other streets in the area did not qualify for the introduction of a Controlled Parking Scheme.
- 7.3 Signs will be provided for the new car park on Darnton Road.
- 7.4 The consultation documents clearly stated that there needed to be a majority of the residents of all 10 streets in order for residents parking to be installed. That said, West Street only has 36% in favour of the introduction of the scheme so would not have met the criteria individually.
- 7.5 Tameside MBC cannot manage who parks on the public highway unless there are legal orders in force.

- 7.6 Traffic movements along Stamford Grove and at the junctions of West Street and Norman Road will be significantly improved by only allowing parking on one side of Stamford Grove and by the introduction of junction protection at the junctions.
- 7.7 The scheme will also ensure that any size of vehicle will be able to travel along Stamford Grove without being obstructed. West Street and Norman Road will remain single lane along the lengths but with the junctions protected there will be a safe area for vehicles to wait for oncoming traffic to pass.
- 7.8 There is no evidence to show that houses are losing value along these streets, or that waiting restrictions affect house prices.

8.0 FUNDING

- 8.1 All funding will be met by the Traffic Operations annual Traffic Regulation Order Budget 2020/2021.

9.0 CONCLUSION - PROPOSALS / SCHEDULE OF WORKS

- 9.1 It is recommended that the proposals are introduced as amended, set out in the table below:

Original Proposals: Drawing No. 001

'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions on:

Astley Road east side	from its junction with Darnton Road to its junction with Stamford Grove
Ash Grove both sides	from its junction with Stamford Grove for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction
Stamford Grove north side	from its junction with Astley Road to its junction with Ridge Hill Lane
Stamford Grove south side	from a point 70 metres east of its junction with Astley Road for a distance of 8 metres in an easterly direction
Stamford Grove south side	from a point 190 metres east of its junction with Astley Road for a distance of 22 metres in an easterly direction
Stamford Grove south side	from a point 16 metres east of its junction with Norman Road to a point 10 metres west of that junction
Stamford Grove south side	from a point 10 metres east of its junction with West Street to a point 10 metres west of that junction
Norman Road both sides	from its junction with Stamford Grove for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction
Norman Road west side	from a point 140 metres south of its junction with Stamford Grove up to and including its cul de sac end
Norman Road	from a point 130 metres south of its junction with Stamford Grove up to and

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West Street both sides	from a point 10 metres north of its junction with Stamford Grove for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction
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'Limited Waiting 4 hours, Monday – Sunday 9am to 5pm, no return within 4 hours' restrictions on:

Stamford Grove south side	from a point 20 metres east of its junction with Astley Road for a distance of 50 metres in an easterly direction
Stamford Grove south side	from a point 78 metres east of its junction with Astley Road for a distance of 35 metres in an easterly direction.
Stamford Grove south side	from a point 136 metres east of its junction with Astley Road for a distance of 54 metres in an easterly direction
Stamford Grove south side	from a point 212 metres east of its junction with Astley Road for a distance of 15 metres in an easterly direction
Stamford Grove south side	from a point 260 metres east of its junction with Astley Road for a distance of 14 metres in an easterly direction
Stamford Grove south side	from a point 301 metres east of its junction with Astley Road for a distance of 34 metres in an easterly direction.

Amended Proposals: Drawing No. 002

'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions on:

Astley Road east side	from its junction with Darnton Road for a distance of 43 metres in a south westerly direction
Astley Road east side	from a point 60 metres south west of its junction with Darnton Road for a distance of 52 metres in a south westerly direction
Astley Road east side	from a point 121 metres south west of its junction with Darnton Road to its junction with Stamford Grove.
Ash Grove both sides	from its junction with Stamford Grove for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction
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10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

As set out at the front of the report.