

TRAFFORD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Executive Member for Environmental and Regulatory Services
Date: March 2021
Report for: Approval
Report of: Principal Engineer, Traffic and Transportation, One Trafford.

Report Title

**Grange Road, York Road, Ash Grove & Eaton Road, Bowdon
Proposed waiting restrictions
Objections Report**

Summary

Proposals for the introduction of waiting restriction Grange Road, York Road, Ash Grove & Eaton Road, Bowdon were formally advertised on 23rd June 2020.

Following the 21-day statutory consultation in the vicinity of the proposals, 2 response expressing an objection were received.

The purpose of this report is to overrule the objections received and to seek approval to implement the restrictions as advertised as described in schedule 1 to this report and as shown on drawing **E9066B**

Recommendations

Agreement is sought to the following:

- 1) That the results of the consultation be noted.
- 2) That following careful consideration of the objection and comments received, authorisation be given to overrule the objections received and introduce the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised as described in schedules 1 and as shown on drawing number **E9066B** within this report, as soon as is practicable.
- 3) That the objectors are notified of the Council's decision.

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Background Papers: None

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1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Waiting restrictions were introduced on Grange Road by a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to regulate parking in the area. At the school entrances 'School keep clear'(No stopping, Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm) markings were installed as well as 'No waiting Mon – Fri 8am – 5pm' and 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Grange Road.
- 1.2 On the completion of the school's expansion works in April 2017, it was considered that the temporary restrictions were effective in maintaining road safety and access close to the school and therefore a Traffic regulation order (TRO) was advertised to make the restrictions permanent.
- 1.3 During the advertisement of the permanent TRO which was carried out in April 2017, objections were received to the proposals. Amongst the objections received there were requests to make amendments to the TTRO before making it permanent.
- 1.4 In June 2020, the council formally advertised the scheme. The council had revised the previously advertised scheme predominantly the timings of the restrictions & additional waiting restrictions on nearby junctions such as York Road / Eaton Road, York Road / Ash Grove were proposed as requested by residents, as it was considered that parking severely obstructs visibility at the junctions to the detriment of the safety of pedestrians and motorists alike.
- 1.6 It was considered that 2 sections of the existing single yellow along north west side of Grange Road that currently operates Mon - Fri 8am – 5pm be amended to a permanent restriction, operative Monday to Friday 8 to 9.30am & 2.30 to 4.30pm from 1st September to 31st July the following year. Therefore, these revised waiting restrictions would be less restrictive on parking for residents during times when traffic flows are relatively low whilst not adversely affecting road safety and vehicular access during the busy school opening and closing periods.
- 1.7 On the remainder of the north west side of Grange Street It was proposed to introduce a mixture of single yellow line restriction 'No Waiting Mon – Friday 8am – 5pm' and 'No waiting at any time' restrictions as shown on the attached drawing **E9066B**. This restriction will be operative all year round and will maximise parking for residents outside the working day when traffic flows are low whilst maintaining safe vehicular access when flows are higher. In addition, the council intend to introduce 'No waiting at any time' restriction on the north west side of Grange Road to prevent parking at the bend in the road, furthermore to install waiting restrictions in the turning head, to maintain road safety and vehicular access.
- 1.8 It was also advertised to introduce a permanent order for the 'No waiting at any time' restrictions along Grange Road and its junctions. This prevents parking on both sides

of Grange Road, which if occurred would result in the road being blocked or parking entirely on footways.

1.9 In addition it was intended to make the existing school keep clear markings permanent and legally enforceable. The school keep clear marking have been effective in keeping the school entrances clear during school opening and closing times which maintains road safety especially for pedestrians.

2.0 The proposals are illustrated on drawing **E9066B** and are described in schedule 1 to this report.

2.0 Objections

ROAD	LOG	OBJECTS	SUPPORTS	NATURE OF OBJECTION	COUNCIL'S RESPONSE
Grange Road	01	YES	NO	<p>The reason for the objection is due to the proposed 'No waiting at any time' waiting restrictions on the North west side of Grange Road on the bend which is situated outside the objector's property. The objector states the below 5 points;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The current system works well 2. It allows some flexibility 3. The absence of double yellow lines has not caused any traffic problems thus far 4. It seems a 'sledgehammer to crack a nut' approach 5. Traffic flows freely generally and any interference is not due to the lack of double yellow lines. <p>Considered as an objection</p>	<p>It is important to note the location of the 'No waiting at any time' waiting restrictions are to be installed on a narrow section of Grange Road where the road bends with high hedges</p> <p>The proposed treatment is to restrict vehicle parking to improve forward visibility and road safety. Engineers have investigated the site and have confirmed that vehicles parking in this area do impede visibility of drivers travelling towards Langham Road.</p> <p>We have taken into consideration that the parking issues are connected with the school hence why we have proposed to introduce a softer waiting restriction allowing vehicles to park outside of school hours and during the summer holidays. This parking is available where is it not decreasing the level of road safety.</p>

ROAD	LOG	OBJECTS	SUPPORTS	NATURE OF OBJECTION	COUNCIL'S RESPONSE
York Road	02	YES	NO	<p>The reason for the objection is due to the proposed 'No waiting at any time' waiting restrictions proposed at the junction of York Road / Ash Grove.</p> <p>The objector would like the length of the waiting restrictions to be shortened to allow the residents to park their vehicle outside their home.</p> <p>They also mentioned if it is not possible to decrease the length of the</p>	<p>Engineers have visited the location on several occasions and have found that inconsiderate parking is taking place at the above-named junction.</p> <p>Therefore, it is proposed to install waiting restrictions at these junctions in line with the highway code to ensure no vehicle is parked within 10m of the junction</p>

			<p>waiting restriction, then the council should consider installing a one-way system instead. The objector believes the installation of a one-way system should negate the installation of waiting restrictions.</p> <p>Lastly the objector states that if none of the above are attainable the council should provide permit parking to the residents of the affected streets to guarantee parking outside their homes</p> <p>Considered as an objection</p>	<p>to increase safety for all road users and to ensure visibility is maintained when exiting Ash Grove on to York Road.</p> <p>It is also important to note that the highway is intended to maintain traffic flow and no right of parking exists on the highway. The only rights you have on a highway are to pass and repass. Parking provision is therefore a concession and, however desirable, should not be at the expense of traffic flow & safety of other road users. Parking restrictions aim to resolve specific local issues.</p>
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3.0 COMMENTS

3.1 **Chief Constable's View:** 'GMP have no objections to these proposal'

3.2 **Chief Fire Officer's View:** No comments received

3.3 **Transport for Greater Manchester's View:** No comments received

3.4 **Ambulance Services' View:** No comments received

3.5 **Hackney Carriage Driver / Operator Representative's View:** No comments received

3.6 **Ward Members' Comments:** No comments received to this objections report. However when Members were asked initially Cllr Anstee did provide a comment of support for the scheme during the informal consultation.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

4.1 All relevant matters referred to by the objectors have been taken into account and the Council concludes that the objections should be overruled, and the proposals should be implemented as advertised.

4.2 It is therefore recommended that authorisation be given to make and introduce the Traffic Regulation Order as detailed in Schedule 1 & 2 to this report and as shown on drawing **E9066B** as soon as is practicable.

4.3 It is also recommended that the objector be informed of the Council's decision.

5.0 SCHEDULE

Borough of Trafford (Prohibition of Waiting and Loading and Provision of Parking) Order 2001, as amended: **to be amended to include the following: -**

SCHEDULE 1 – PROPOSED WAITING / STOPPING RESTRICTIONS

Street	Side	From	To	Code
Grange Road, Bowdon	North-East	Its junction with South Downs	A point 270 metres south-east of its junction with South Downs Road	7A
Grange Road, Bowdon	North-East	A point 270 metres south-east of its junction with South Downs Road	A point 292 metres south-east of its junction with South Downs Road	5S
Grange Road, Bowdon	North-East	A point 292 metres south-east of its junction with South Downs Road	A point 302 metres south-east of its junction with South Downs Road	5S
Grange Road, Bowdon	North-East	A point 302 metres south-east of its junction with South Downs Road	A point 347 metres south of its junction with South Downs Road	5S
Grange Road, Bowdon	North-East	A point 347 metres south-east of its junction with South Downs Road	A point 369 metres south-east of its junction with South Downs Road	5S
Grange Road, Bowdon	North-East & South-West	A point 369 metres south-east of its junction with South Downs Road to and around its cul-de-sac end	A point 38 metres south-east of its junction with Fletcher Drive on its south-west side	7A
South Downs Road, Bowdon	North	Its junction with Langham Road	A point 27 metres east of its junction with Langham Road	7A
South Downs Road, Bowdon	South	Its junction with Grange Road	A point 12 metres east of its junction with Grange Road	7A
Grange Road, Bowdon	South-West	Its junction with Langham Road	A point 12 metres south of its junction with Langham Road	7A
Grange Road, Bowdon	South-West	A point 12 metres south of its junction with Langham Road	A point 52 metres south of its junction with Langham Road	5S
Grange Road, Bowdon	South-West	A point 52 metres south of its junction with Langham Road	A point 76 metres south of its junction with Langham Road	5WW N
Grange Road, Bowdon	South-West	A point 76 metres south-east of its junction with Langham Road	A point 118 metres south-east of its junction with Langham Road	5S
Grange Road, Bowdon	South-West	A point 118 metres south-east of its junction with Langham Road	A point 151 metres south-east of its junction with Langham Road	7A
Grange Road, Bowdon	South-West	A point 151 metres south-east of its junction with Langham Road	A point 174 metres south-east of its junction with Langham Road	5S
Grange Road, Bowdon	South-West	A point 54 metres south-east of its junction with York Road	A point 13 metres south-east of its junction with York Road	5WW N

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Grange Road, Bowdon	South-West	A point 13 metres south-east of its junction with York Road	To its junction with York Road	7A
York Road, Bowdon	North	Its junction with Grange Road	A point 10 metres west of its junction with Grange Road	7A
York Road, Bowdon	South	Its junction with Grange Road	A point 10 metres west of its junction with Grange Road	7A
Grange Road, Bowdon	South West	Its junction with York Road	A point 33 metres south – east of its junction with York Road	7A
Grange Road, Bowdon	South West	A point 38 metres south – east of its junction with York Road	A point 78 metres south-east of its junction with Grange Road	5S
Grange Road, Bowdon	South West	A point 83 metres south - west of its junction with York Road	Its junction with Fletcher Drive	7A
Grange Road, Bowdon	South	Its junction with Fletcher Drive	A point 15 metres east of its junction with Fletcher Drive	7A
Grange Road, Bowdon	South	A point 15 metres east of its junction with Fletcher Drive	A point 38 metres east of its junction with Fletcher Drive	5S
York Road, Bowdon	North	A point 10m south west of its junction with Ash Grove	A point 10 metres north east of its junction with Ash Grove	7A
York Road, Bowdon	South	A point 10m south west of its junction with Eaton Road	A point 10 metres north east of its junction with Eaton Road	7A
Ash Grove, Bowdon	Both	Its junction with York Road	A point 10 metres north west of its junction with York Road	7A
Ash Grove, Bowdon	East	A point 20 metres north west of its junction with York Road	A point 30 metres north west of its junction with York Road	7A
Eaton Road, Bowdon	South West	Its junction with York Road	A point 5 metres south west of its junction with York Road	7A
Eaton Road, Bowdon	South East	Its junction with York Road	A point 10 metres south east of its junction with York Road.	7A

List of Codes

- 7A - No Waiting at Any Time
- 5S - No Waiting Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm
- SS - School Keep Clear marking – No Stopping Monday to Friday 8am-5pm
- 5WWN - No Waiting Monday to Friday 8am to 9.30am & 2.30pm to 4.30pm from 1st September to 31st July.

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	none
Financial	The cost of providing the restrictions, estimated to be £4000, is to be funded from the Integrated Transport Capital budget. (9265120)
Legal Implications:	The proposed Traffic Regulation Order is being progressed in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Signs Regulations & General Directions 2016 and if implemented will be enforced by the Council's Parking Services or be self-enforcing.
Equality/Diversity Implications	none
Sustainability Implications	none
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	none
Risk Management Implications	Risk of challenge to the High Court is low.
Health and Safety Implications	Improvements to the highway network will improve safety for all road users.

Other Options

The proposals could be implemented as advertised. However, it is considered that the amended scheme will help with those concerns by residents that parking availability is being lost whilst maintaining safety at the junctions.

Consultation

In addition to the statutory advertising the proposals have been the subject of direct consultation with all affected frontages and with local ward councilors. The consultation was also posted on-line during the consultation period.

Reasons for Recommendation

To enable the necessary parking restrictions to be introduced and enforced, to enhance resident amenity, in the interests of highway safety and to discourage obstruction of the highway.

Finance Officer Clearance MH

Legal Officer Clearance CK

CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF PLACE (electronic) 
To confirm that the Financial and Legal Implications have been considered.