

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Executive Member for Environmental Services  
**Date:** December 2022  
**Report for:** Approval  
**Report of:** Principal Engineering Manager, One Trafford.

### Report Title

**Wythenshawe Road area, Sale  
Proposed Waiting Restrictions  
CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS**

### Summary

The Council has been contacted by residents and Ward Members who have requested that consideration be given to the introduction of a 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction (double yellow lines) in the form of junction protection in the Wythenshawe Road Area.

Wythenshawe Road at its junctions with Northenden Road, Worthington Road and Rutland Lane is experiencing high levels of parking demand from parents/guardians of pupils at schools in this locality.

The proposal seeks to introduce a 'No Waiting At Any Time' restriction in the form of junction protection at the above locations to deter the reported parking issues and to improve access and visibility for all road users. This will also facilitate a new pedestrian refuge island that has recently been installed on Wythenshawe Road.

The proposals, shown on drawing number CO00201302-01-D Rev 1 appended to this report, were formally advertised on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and received 4 objections and 2 representations in support.

Having considered the objections received, approval is sought to introduce the restrictions as advertised in accordance with drawing CO00201302-01-D Rev 1 and Schedule.

### Recommendations

Approval is sought to the following:

- 1) That the results of the consultation and objections received be noted.
- 2) That following careful consideration of the objections and comments received, authorisation be given to make and introduce the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised, as detailed in Schedule 1 within this report and as shown on drawing CO00201302-01-D Rev 1, as soon as is practicable.
- 3) That the objectors be informed of the decision made.

### Contact person for further information:

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## Implications:

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	None
Financial	The cost of providing the restrictions is £1000 and can be funded from the Traffic Regulation Orders Capital Programme allocation – 9265549.
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 2002 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.

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Problems caused by parking related to local schools and daytime, on-street parking by non-residents in the Wythenshawe Road area of Sale have been the subject of complaints made by residents to the Council and Ward Members for several years.
- 1.2. It is considered that the area would benefit from the introduction of junction protection and that its introduction would alleviate obstructive and potentially hazardous parking and make the area safer for all road users.

## 2.0 INFORMAL CONSULTATION

- 2.1 In July 2019 the Council carried out an informal consultation with residents and affected frontages in the Wythenshawe Road area, who all received a consultation letter and plan regarding a proposal to introduce junction protection double yellow lines at the junctions of Wythenshawe Road/Northenden Road and Wythenshawe Road/Worthington Road/Rutland Lane.
- 2.2 All comments were recorded and fully considered as part of the scheme's informal consultation period.
- 2.3 Summary of comments;

- Wythenshawe Road / Old Hall Road junction to have restrictions introduced.
- No waiting at any time restriction extents to be reduced at Wythenshawe Road / Worthington Road junction.
- No waiting at any time restriction extents to be extended at Wythenshawe Road / Northenden Road junction.

2.4 Following consideration of these comments. the introduction of waiting restrictions on Wythenshawe Road/Old Hall Road has been added to the council's list for future consideration.

2.5 In Spring 2020 a pedestrian refuge was constructed on Wythenshawe Road at its junction with Northenden Road. The proposed 'No Waiting at any time' restriction was therefore extended by 10m on the east side of Wythenshawe Road to ensure the narrower carriageway is kept clear of parked vehicles.

### **3.0 FORMAL ADVERTISEMENT**

3.1 The formal advertisement of the proposals was undertaken on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 for three weeks, which included advertisement in a local newspaper, on the Council's website, and letters and plans being delivered to residents in the area.

3.2 During the formal advertisement, 6 comments were received and 4 were objections to some aspect of the proposals.

### **4.0 CONSIDERATION OF THE OBJECTIONS**

4.1 The Council has given careful consideration to the representations received and has provided the detail of the objections and the Council's response in the table in Appendix 2. The points raised can be summarised as follows.

- One says the restrictions would exacerbate the problem of speeding traffic on Wythenshawe Road.
- Two do not want restrictions outside their properties / across their driveways.
- One is concerned that parked vehicles will be displaced across their driveway.

4.2 While the desire to introduce measures to moderate vehicle speeds on many roads across Trafford is acknowledged, unfortunately the Council does not have the resources to accede to all requests and the actions are noted in table 2 that partly address this matter. The waiting restrictions are proposed to improve safety and access at junctions, and it is considered these proposals should proceed.

4.3 The waiting restrictions on Wythenshawe Road at its junction with Northenden Road are the minimum required to prevent obstruction and ensure safety at the pedestrian refuge installed there in 2020. It is therefore considered that the restrictions at that location cannot be reduced in length. Should any driveway beyond the extent of the waiting restrictions become obstructed by displaced parking, the affected residents can apply for a 'driveway protection' marking in the normal way.

4.4 The waiting restrictions on the south side of Wythenshawe Road west of Worthington Road are proposed at 16 metres long. Reducing the length by 8 metres to stop short of the first driveway as requested would result in the formal restrictions being shorter than the length contained in the Highway Code - that vehicles should not park within 10 metres of a junction. A driver's view from Worthington Road is restricted by private vegetation on the corner of the junction that is not situated within the highway and reducing the length of restriction would compromise road safety.

4.5 The Council concludes that the four objections should be overruled.

## 5.0 COMMENTS

5.1 **Chief Constable's View:** There are no objections.

5.2 **Chief Fire Officer's View:** None received

5.3 **TfGM – Traffic Managers (Bus Operations) View:** After reviewing from a bus perspective, we have no comments or issues to raise.

5.4 **Ambulance Service's View:** None received.

5.5 **Hackney Carriage Driver / Operator Representative's View:** None received.

5.6 **Ward Members' Comments:**

**Councillor Joanne Bennett:** None received.

**Councillor Mike Freeman:** I concur with your conclusions and support the implementation of these no waiting restrictions.

**Councillor Liz Patel:** These restrictions will help support enforcement around Worthington Primary and protect safety of pedestrians as they cross the recently installed island by Northenden Road. There remains concerns from residents and councillors around road safety on Wythenshawe Road and in particular speeding, we are keen to continue working with the road safety team to address this.

## 6.0 CONCLUSIONS

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

6.2 It is also recommended that the objectors be informed of the Council's decision.

## 7.0 SCHEDULES

**This is the suggested Schedule to be implemented.**

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 restrictions**

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

<b>Street</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Code</b>
Northenden Road, Sale	North	A point 20m north west of its junction with Wythenshawe Road	A point 13m south east of its junction with Wythenshawe Road	7A
Rutland Lane, Sale	East	A point 14m north east of its junction with Wythenshawe Road	Its junction with Wythenshawe Road	7A
Rutland Lane, Sale	West	A point 15m north east of its junction with Wythenshawe Road	Its junction with Wythenshawe Road	7A
Worthington Road, Sale	East	Its junction with Wythenshawe Road	A point 12m south west of its junction with Wythenshawe Road	7A
Worthington Road, Sale	West	Its junction with Wythenshawe Road	A point 9m south west of its junction with Wythenshawe Road	7A
Wythenshawe Road, Sale	North	A point 13m south east of its junction with Rutland Lane	A point 14m north west of its junction with Rutland Lane	7A
Wythenshawe Road, Sale	South	A point 14m south east of its junction with Worthington Road	A point 16m north west of its junction with Worthington Road	7A
Wythenshawe Road, Sale	East	A point 18m north west of its junction with Northenden Road	Its junction with Northenden Road	7A
Wythenshawe Road, Sale	West	From a point 17m north east of its junction with Northenden Road	Its junction with Northenden Road	7A

### **Codes:**

7A - No waiting at any time

Appendix 1 – Drawing CO00201302-01-D Rev1

Appendix 2 – Table of comments received and responses

### **Other Options**

Not progressing the proposals would be detrimental to road safety.

**Ward: Sale Moor**

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## **Consultation**

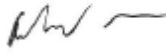
The proposals have been the subject of direct consultation with all affected frontages and with local ward councillors. The proposal was also posted on-line during the formal consultation period.

## **Reasons for Recommendation**

To introduce waiting restrictions, in the interests of highway safety and to discourage obstruction of the highway.

<b>Finance Officer Clearance</b>	<b>MH</b> (for Technical Finance Manager)
<b>Legal Officer Clearance</b>	<b>KC</b> (Claire Kefford - Legal Department)
<b>Principal Solicitor Clearance</b>	<b>TR</b> (Timothy Rhodes - Legal Department)

**CORPORATE DIRECTOR PLACE** (electronic)



To confirm that the Financial and Legal Implications have been considered

## Appendix 2 – Table of comments received and responses

Log No	Road Name	Object/Support	Comments	Council's response
1	Wythenshawe Road	Object	<p>I have just read the attached document (the online guide to driveway protection markings) I understand there might be a charge I think that I am so close to the corner people will start to park outside my property.</p> <p>Thanks for the information my only objection is the people who park where the yellow lines are proposed will now park outside my house so I would like the council to put a single no parking line please as I have a double drive.</p> <p>I received a communication through the mail today regarding proposed changes to maybe outside my property I have tried to look online but there is nothing to see at this time I do not want yellow lines in front off my property I would appreciate someone to communicate with us thanks</p>	<p>The Notice was dated and appeared online on 29th April.</p> <p>The proposals are considered the minimum to prevent parking at the junction of Wythenshawe Road/Northenden Road and to prevent obstruction at the new pedestrian refuge but do not extend across this property. The owner has subsequently asked for a 'driveway protection marking' to be installed. These are normally paid for by residents as it is a specific benefit to their property.</p> <p><b>Recommend to over-rule as an objection and suggest that if parking is displaced across this driveway the resident applies for a 'driveway protection marking' in the normal way.</b></p>
2	Wythenshawe Road	Object	<p>But I am rather concerned as I am in disagreement of having any double line covering any part of my drive way access. Also, I will not consent to have double line on the right-hand side pavement between my house X &amp; house number X.</p> <p>I would be grateful if my objection gets taking into account.</p>	<p>The proposals suggested were considered the minimum necessary to 'protect' junctions from parked cars. Visibility from Worthington Road is restricted by vegetation that does not form part of the highway; therefore it is considered unsafe to reduce the length of restriction.</p> <p><b>Recommend to over-rule as an objection</b></p>
3	Wythenshawe Road	Support	<p>I have a few comments regarding the proposed work around Wythenshawe Road, Worthington Road and Rutland Lane junction.</p>	<p>Vehicle speeds are a widespread concern and so the Council receives many requests from residents for physical measures to improve road safety across the borough. We regret that we are unable to allocate</p>

			<p>The double yellow lines would of course be welcome but again the issues of speeding and anti social driving are not being addressed.</p> <p>The fact that Worthington Road School has grown in size over the past few years leading to more parked vehicles spilling onto Wythenshawe Road surely means traffic calming measures should be in place to protect parents and children. This is now a dangerous road and there is not even school or speed signage.</p> <p>Previous campaigns to slow traffic have been ignored by the council and police leave people totally unprotected.</p> <p>I invite you at any time of day to observe the conduct of drivers from my drive at X Wythenshawe Road.</p>	<p>resources to deal with all areas of concern and for this reason the Council has a process for prioritising traffic calming requests in a consistent manner. Wythenshawe Road has been added to the list for consideration alongside all other requests. An electronic 'driver feedback sign' that has LED displays to show the speed of passing traffic and serves a reminder of the speed limit to drivers has historically been installed on Wythenshawe Road, albeit near the bend at New Hall Road. These signs are rotated around the Borough and are used to gather evidence of speeding violations that occur that we can pass to the police where appropriate. Wythenshawe Road is included on the list for consideration when drawing up future programmes.</p> <p>The Council's highways capital programme does have a small allocation in this financial year to investigate road safety on Wythenshawe Road, and whilst this focusses on the bend at New Hall Road where historically there have been speed-related collisions, it will provide some opportunity to consider the whole length of Wythenshawe Road.</p>
4	Rutland Lane	Support	<p>In regards to the proposed "No waiting" restrictions.</p> <p>Whilst we are fully in agreement with the proposal this should be done in conjunction with a 20 mph speed limit down Wythenshawe Road.</p> <p>Cars leaving the Motorway take a short cut down Wythenshawe Road at speeds upto 50 mph.</p> <p>The danger risk to children and elderly people is extremely high and it won't be long before somebody is badly hurt or even killed.</p>	<p>In respect to 20mph speed limits, these are currently introduced only where physical traffic calming measures are installed, as there is national evidence that 'signed-only' 20mph speed limits alone are not effective in reducing vehicle speeds/improving safety. Vehicle speeds are a widespread concern and Wythenshawe Road has been added to the list for consideration alongside all other requests. An electronic 'driver feedback sign' that has LED displays to show the speed of passing traffic and serves a reminder of the speed limit to drivers has historically been installed on Wythenshawe Road, near the bend at New Hall Road. These signs are rotated around the Borough and are used to gather evidence of</p>



				<p>speeding violations that occur that we can pass to the police where appropriate. Wythenshawe Road remains on the list for consideration when drawing up future programmes.</p> <p>I can advise that the Council's highways capital programme does have a small allocation in this financial year to investigate road safety on Wythenshawe Road, and whilst this focusses on the bend at New Hall Road where historically there have been speed-related collisions, it will provide some opportunity to consider the whole length of Wythenshawe Road.</p>
5	Wythenshawe Road	Object	<p>I write as I and my family are the occupants and owners of X Wythenshawe which is directly affected by the above proposals and, in particular, the proposal to place a parking restriction order on the East side of Wythenshawe Road from the junction with Northenden Road to a point parallel with the boundary between X and X Wythenshawe Road.</p> <p>Similar proposals were put forward in a consultation document in 2019. In response to those proposals (21 August 2019) I welcomed in general the aim of making the junction with Northenden Road safer, but expressed concern that any parking restrictions might have on the ability of delivery vehicles or visitors to park outside our property. I was then given an assurance that any parking restrictions would be drawn up so as not to inhibit parking outside our property. It was therefore with some annoyance and dismay that I received the proposals now being made, as they ignore the assurances given at that time.</p>	<p>For safety reasons and to prevent obstruction the proposed length of double yellow line on the east side of Wythenshawe from its junction with Northenden Road, at is 18 metres, is slightly longer than the minimum 10 metres quoted in the Highway Code to ensure parked vehicles do not obstruct the passage of large vehicles at the newly installed pedestrian refuge, or cause vehicles to be on the wrong side of the road when approaching the refuge. However double yellow lines would allow for loading and unloading for short periods of time.</p> <p><b>Recommended to over-rule as an objection.</b></p>

			<p>In case I made two years ago is not available, I will re-iterate it here:</p> <p>(1) The only place that a delivery vehicle (much used during lockdown) or a visitor can park for X and X Wythenshawe Road is outside our property - and most do so by parking parallel with our garden wall, as far from the junction as possible.</p> <p>(2) Parking further down Wythenshawe Road is not possible because the next three properties (X, X and X) have double width drives (and each of the occupants have two cars) and there is no space for anyone else to park on the road.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <p>(3) Apart from the inconvenience for visitors and anyone delivering to X and X Wythenshawe Road, we have a regular disabled visitor in a wheelchair. My wife and I are also conscious of our age and have concerns that there may come a time when one or both of us need space for access or carers.</p> <p>For these reasons I strongly object to proposals to extend the parking restriction outside X Wythenshawe Road.</p> <p>May I add that the real problem with road safety on Wythenshawe Road is that too many drivers use the road as a convenient short-cut from the motorway to Northenden Road.</p>	
6	Wythenshawe Road	Object	<p>Many thanks for your detailed response. I think, in light of what you have said, that we do wish to formally oppose the plans for double yellow lines. This is because we feel that if they are introduced without other safety measures, the traffic on the</p>	<p>A number of factors are taken into account when considering requests for waiting restrictions, including the likely impact on safety and congestion, balanced against the desire to maintain some element of on-street parking for residents, their visitors and other parking</p>

		<p>road will increase, become faster and more dangerous. If it was part of a guaranteed package including other safety measures we may respond differently but we feel that double yellows may exacerbate the problem of speeding traffic using Wythenshawe Road as a cut through to the motorway.</p> <p>Thank you for your letter dated 28 April 2021 regarding the proposed introduction of the 'No waiting at any time' restrictions on Wythenshawe Road.</p> <p>Since I've been spending more time at home, firstly because of lockdown and more recently due to ill health, I have become increasingly concerned by the speed and volume of traffic on Wythenshawe Road. There have been two serious accidents at the junction of Wythenshawe Road and Northenden Road in recent years, that we are aware of, one involving a motorcyclist and the other a pedestrian who suffered serious, life changing, head injuries. The new island at the junction has slowed some drivers down but others still take the turning at a dangerous speed.</p> <p>I feel the congestion around Worthington Road, when the school is open, is also extremely dangerous. On one afternoon I saw several near misses with cars pulling out into the stream of traffic and parents guiding children between parked cars. Parking around McColls also seems to be an ongoing issue and yet the proposal does not include 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the Old Hall Road end of Wythenshawe Road where there is often serious congestion and dangerous parking. Please could you explain this?</p>	<p>demands. For this reason, we try to focus formal restrictions at junctions, where vehicles are turning and drivers/pedestrians especially need to see other road users, and other locations where it is quoted in the Highway Code, not to park. If long lengths of restriction are imposed, there is a possibility that parking could be displaced to other equally unsuitable or less suitable locations and that might be inappropriate. Parking restrictions at the Old Hall Road end of Wythenshawe Road are the subject of a separate consideration. All requests for waiting restrictions are prioritised alongside all other requests and at the moment that location does not achieve a priority for investigation into amending the waiting restriction present there at the moment. However, funding has been identified from the highway's capital programme for the current year, 2021/22, to install bollards at the Wythenshawe Road/Old Hall Road junction, to deter footway parking. These will be installed as soon as possible.</p> <p>Vehicle speeds and volumes are a widespread concern and although Wythenshawe Road does not currently achieve a priority for traffic calming, the Council's highways capital programme does have a small allocation in this financial year to look at road safety at the bend at New Hall Road, where historically there have been speed-related collisions. This will provide some opportunity to consider the whole length of Wythenshawe Road. An electronic 'driver feedback sign' that has LED displays to show the speed of passing traffic and serves a reminder of the speed limit to drivers has historically been installed on Wythenshawe Road, near the bend at New Hall Road. These signs are rotated around the Borough and are used to gather evidence of speeding violations that occur that we can pass to the police where appropriate.</p>
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		<p>We feel Wythenshawe Road is a residential road and is not designed for the volume of traffic currently using it. It would be wonderful if we could reclaim the road for pedestrians, cyclists, residents and all the children who will soon be walking to and from school each day with their parents.</p> <p>Whilst we welcome any proposal that would make Wythenshawe Road a safer place for residents, cyclists and pedestrians we believe the most serious issue on the road is the volume of traffic and the speed at which it travels. Conversely, although the double yellow lines may help with safety around Worthington Road, we think it may actually exacerbate the problems of speed and volume. If traffic turning into Wythenshawe Road from Northenden Road has no parked vehicles to navigate there is more likelihood for motorists to gain significant speed by the time they reach Fairy Lane. Along with that, knowing that through traffic will have a 'clear run' along Wythenshawe Road, may actually encourage even more people to use it as a cut through to and from the motorway.</p> <p>We believe the double yellow lines will only make a significant improvement to safety on the road if they are used with other traffic calming measures such as road narrowing.</p> <p>Also, could you please explain what you mean by the phrase 'When introducing parking restrictions care has to be taken that measures do not simply transfer a problem from one area to another?'</p>	<p>Wythenshawe Road remains on the list for consideration when drawing up future programmes.</p> <p><b>Recommended to over-rule as an objection as the proposed waiting restrictions are intended to remove parking from the junctions to improve visibility and safety.</b></p>
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