

# Bolton Council

**Report to:** Executive Member Environmental Services

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**Report of:** Director of Environmental Services

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**Report Title:** **Threadfold Way, Cottonfields, Scholars Rise, School Street, Eagley. Report on Experimental Waiting Restrictions (Traffic Order 303748)**

**Non Confidential:** This report does **not** contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the press or members of the public

**Purpose:** To report and comment upon 60 expressions of support and 25 objections to the experimental waiting restrictions for the aforementioned locations.

**Recommendations:** In consideration of comments received, it is now recommended the current waiting restrictions placed experimentally be confirmed as outlined under the recommendations paragraph to this document and that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make the experimental order permanent.

**Decision:**

**Signed:**

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Leader / Executive Member

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Monitoring Officer

**Date:**

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**Summary:**

The report summarises expressions of support, comments and objections to the experimental waiting restrictions and in consideration thereof recommends that the Order be implemented in full.

## Background

1. Following requests from Ward Members to promote experimental waiting restrictions on Threadfold Way, Cottonfields, Scholars Rise, School Street, Eagley and Birtenshaw Crescent & Bromley Cross Road, Bromley Cross, Bolton, an experimental order was approved by the Director under the Scheme of Delegation. The order was advertised and placed on the above named road in October 2013 with an intention to review in April 2014.. Some expressions of objections and support were received during this period and in April 2014 a further consultation was undertaken. Responses from this consultation were collated with expressions previously received and as a result:-
2. Objections for the part of the experimental order referring to Threadfold Way, Cottonfields, Scholars Rise & School Street, Eagley were received from:

G&B. E	206 Brook Mill
Anon	No address
JH	31 Booth Rd Little Lever
AW	1 Brook Mill
AB	2 Brook Mill
C&D. T	204 Brook Mill
VH & CK	207 Brook Mill
MH	309 Brook Mill
MC	402 Brook Mill
TWR	410 Brook Mill
A&R. S	20 Cottonfields
SJ	22 Cottonfields
AW	Cottonfields
AB	50 Cottonfields
RP	376 Darwen Road
COE	14 Scholars Rise
AMM	120 Valley Mill
RR	304 Valley Mill
RB	306 Valley Mill
JH	310 Valley Mill
Anon	No address
HT	8 Valley Mill
HS	Brook Mill
MM	valley Mill
CM	No address

3. Support for the part of the experimental order referring to Threadfold Way, Cottonfields, Scholars Rise & School Street, Eagley were received from:

RF	3 Brook Mill
RG	6 Brook Mill
A&L. R	102 Brook Mill
JF	106 Brook Mill
IP	202 Brook Mill
DA	210 Brook Mill
RC & PG	212 Brook Mill
DH	303 Brook Mill
THK	304 Brook Mill

MC	307 Brook Mill
LH & TW	401 Brook Mill
AS	407 Brook Mill
GA	408 Brook Mill
KW	411 Brook Mill
KW	24 Cottonfields
JB	26 Cottonfields
AE	36 Cottonfields
DH & JP	46 Cottonfields
PC	6 Scholars Rise
AJ	8 Scholars Rise
CM	11 Scholars Rise
RFB	12 Scholars Rise
SB	Appt. 4 The School House
PM	Appt. 5 The School House
ES & AC	22 School Street
A&N M	2 Threadfold Way
PW	6 Threadfold Way
S&S M	16 Threadfold Way
JR	20 Threadfold Way
GF	30 Threadfold Way
MS	37 Threadfold Way
SK	40 Threadfold Way
VI	46 Threadfold Way
MW	47 Threadfold Way
SH	48 Threadfold Way
LJ	50 Threadfold Way
SM	106 Valley Mill
L&M W	114 Valley Mill
RS	116 Valley Mill
PR	118 Valley Mill
AS	122 Valley Mill
GM	126 Valley Mill
RLH	203 Valley Mill
JD	205 Valley Mill
JAH	212 Valley Mill
RID	214 Cottonfields
LR	215 Valley Mill
FJF	218 Valley Mill
JA	308 Valley Mill
EB	309 Valley Mill
TN	313 Valley Mill
AMF	6 Wakefield Mews
GG	15 Wakefield Mews
A	Valley Mill
RAK	8 Valley Mill
MJH	No Address
MC	No address
LW	Threadfold Way
SL	No address

4. Responses stating neither objection or support for the part of the experimental order referring to Threadfold Way, Cottonfields, Scholars Rise & School Street, Eagley were received from:

Anon	No address
FH	105 Valley Mill

5. A response of support for the part of the experimental order referring to Threadfold Way, Cottonfields, Scholars Rise & School Street, Eagley was received from a stakeholder:

PW            9 Thomham Drive:

## **Objections**

### Threadfold Way, Cottonfields, Scholars Ride, School Street, Eagley

6. The majority of objectors do so on the grounds of loss of available parking within the area, this also being an issue for visitors and workmen in the area
7. Some objectors have expressed support for some restrictions but feel that in their current form they are excessive.
8. Some objectors have expressed concern that with the roads clear of stationary traffic, this has led to an increase in vehicle speed in the area.
9. There has been concern expressed by some objectors that the yellow lines showing the restrictions have aesthetically ruined the outlook of the area and that this together with lack of parking will lead to a decrease in valuation of their properties.
10. One objector has expressed concern for their personal safety in having to walk further to their property.
11. An objector has questioned how the scheme is being funded.

## **Support**

### Threadfold Way, Cottonfields, Scholars Ride, School Street, Eagley

12. A large number of those expressing support have commented that they would like to see the experimental restrictions be made permanent in their entirety.
13. A small number of those in support of the restrictions have requested we consider reducing the lines in some areas to assist in parking for residents, visitors & workmen.
14. A small number of those expressing support for the restrictions have requested that we consider increasing the areas covered by waiting restrictions to deal with displacement issues following the introduction of the restrictions.
15. A number of those expressing support have stated that introducing the restrictions has resulted in it being a safer environment to walk through.

16. One supporter has requested we consider the introduction of speed humps to reduce vehicle speed which has resulted now the area is clear of traffic
17. One supporter has expressed that the road is now safer without vehicles racing for gaps in parked vehicles to pass oncoming traffic.

### Observations

18. The Executive Member is reminded that the Experimental Restrictions are as follows:-

#### Deletions:-

##### No Waiting At Any Time

Threadfold Way, both sides- from its junction with Eagley Brow to its junction with the new un-named car park access road.

#### Additions:-

##### Experimental No Waiting at Any Time.

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| Threadfold Way, southwest side | - | from its junction with Hough Lane for a distance of 188 metres in a north westerly direction.                                      |
| Threadfold Way, northwest side | - | from its junction with Hough Lane for a distance of 194 metres in a north westerly direction                                       |
| Cottonfields, north side       | - | from the projected westerly kerblines of Threadfold Way for a distance of 15 metres in a westerly direction.                       |
| Cottonfields, south side       | - | from the projected westerly kerblines of Threadfold Way in a westerly direction for a distance of 167 metres to its cul de sac end |
| School Street, both sides      | - | from a point 85 metres west of its junction with Hough Lane in a westerly direction around its Cul De Sac end.                     |
| Scholars Rise, west side       | - | from the projected northerly kerblines of Threadfold Way for a distance of 92 metres in a northerly direction                      |
| Scholars Rise, east side       | - | from the projected northerly kerblines of Threadfold Way for a distance of 29 metres in a northerly direction                      |

19. There has been a larger proportion of supporters to the restrictions than objectors, however some of these along with objectors have expressed a wish for the length of restrictions to be reduced to assist delivery / workmen to park .It is however felt that relaxation of any of the current restrictions would in all likelihood lead to permanent resident parking. The Executive Member is reminded that dispensation for workmen parking can be obtained in advance from Parking Services. Parking purely for the purpose of loading / unloading is still permitted.

20. The Executive Member is reminded that the experimental restrictions were introduced at the request of Ward Members to address indiscriminate parking issues in the area causing obstruction/access issues to residents and in this respect they would appear to be a success.
21. The Executive Member is reminded that under the conditions of Experimental Restrictions, it is not possible to increase the length of restrictions only to approve or reject restrictions in an area. If they were to be relaxed in an area without some form of time restriction being imposed it is likely that this would result in long term resident parking taking place. There is no additional funding available to consider an extension of the restrictions this at this time.

### **Recommendation**

22. Taking into account views expressed during the consultation, it is now recommended that the experimental restrictions approved in their entirety. It is further recommended that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make the revised order.

### **Views of Consultees**

23. Representatives of the Chief Constable, County Fire and Ambulance Officers have been consulted on the introduction of the Experimental Order and have not commented on the proposal.
24. Parking Services & The Licensing Unit have been consulted and have not commented on the proposal.
25. Ward Members have been consulted on this report and fully support the recommendation requesting that the experimental order be made permanent in its entirety.

### **Financial Implications**

26. The estimated cost of promoting this Traffic Regulation Order is £6,850, which includes promotion, consultation and works costs. This will be funded by the Bromley Cross Area Forum.

### **Implementation**

27. If the recommendation that the Experimental Order be confirmed and that the Traffic Regulation Order should be made as soon as the remaining legalities have been completed.