

# Bolton Council

**Report to:** Executive Member  
Environmental Services

**Date:** 29th June 2009

**Report of:** Director of Environmental  
Services

**Report No:** EMES/257/09

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**Report Title:** Old Hall Clough, Lostock – Proposed Waiting Restrictions (Traffic Order 303607) – Objections

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**Recommendations:**

Having considered the objections and letters of support, and the views of Ward Members, the Director of Environmental Services recommends the Executive Member to agree to the implementation of the proposals as advertised.

**Decision:**

**Background Doc(s):**

Copy letters of objection an support held on file in the Highways and Engineering Development Services Section.

**Signed:**

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Leader / Executive Member

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Monitoring Officer

**Date:**

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**Summary:**

The Director of Environmental Services agreed the introduction of waiting restrictions on Old Hall Clough and The Woodlands, Lostock under the Scheme of Delegation.

The proposal was advertised in December 2008 and a number of letters of objection and qualified support were received from residents in the area and from the Beaumont Hospital. This report sets out the reasons for the objections and gives a response to them. Having considered the objections, the Director of Environmental Services recommends the Executive Member to agree to the implementation of the proposals as advertised.

## Background information

1. The Director of Environmental Services agreed the introduction of waiting restrictions on Old Hall Clough and The Woodlands, Lostock under the Scheme of Delegation.
2. The proposal was advertised in December 2008 and letters of objection were received from:-

SH, 10 The Woodlands,  
SY, the Beaumont Hospital  
Mr and Mrs JB, 1 The Shrubbery, Old Hall Clough,  
Dr and Mrs MR, 1 Old Hall Clough

3. Letters of qualified support were received from:-

PB, 11 Holly Dene Drive  
MT, Redvale, Old Hall Clough  
RB, 4 Holly Dene Drive  
TJ, 2 Holly Dene Drive  
BD, 7 Old Hall Clough  
TK, Hollinhurst Farmhouse, Old Hall Clough  
KS, 2 The Shrubbery, Old Hall Clough  
CC, 21 The Woodlands  
SW, The Barn, Hollinhurst Drive  
HG, 25 The Woodlands

## Objections

4. Concerns have been expressed by objectors and supporters that vehicles will be displaced onto other nearby residential streets and that access for emergency vehicles and refuse disposal vehicles will be prevented. RB has supplied photographs to show the extent of the parking that takes place at present on Holly Dene Drive.
5. There is a general concern among residents that the provision of parking spaces at the Beaumont Hospital has not kept pace with the increase in services provided at the hospital and as a result there is insufficient space for all the vehicles within the site. Planning approval was granted some time ago for an extension to the car park but this has not been implemented. The current economic situation is given as the chief reason for this by the Hospital Executive Director. Some residents feel that a decision on the waiting restrictions should be deferred until such time as these additional parking spaces have been provided.
6. Residents of Holly Dene Drive have requested waiting restrictions on their road at the same time as Old Hall Clough. One of the residents of Holly Dene Drive complained that they had not received direct notification of the proposals
7. The Hospital Executive Director refers to his attempts to alleviate the parking and associated traffic circulation problem by arranging for 'bollards' to be placed on the road and patrolling the area outside the hospital to assist drivers. The hospital has undertaken a survey of car park usage and intend to use the results to implement a limited traffic plan.

## **Observation**

8. The proposal for waiting restrictions was put forward following concerns about the number of parked vehicles on Old Hall Clough, and the resulting obstruction to residential traffic using the road. Observations confirmed that the problem is caused mainly by visitors to the Beaumont Hospital who park on Old Hall Clough especially when the hospital car park is full. This causes an obstruction to users of Old Hall Clough which gives access to residential properties beyond the hospital. The parking problem is exacerbated when a large scanner vehicle visits the hospital. This vehicle is parked in the car park which causes a reduction in the number of parking spaces.
9. Overflow parking takes place on Old Hall Clough and also on other adjoining roads. The photographs supplied by RB show three vehicles parked on Holly Dene Drive although it is suggested that this number is exceeded at times. These vehicles do not appear to be causing any obstruction. Random observations have also taken place to try to gauge the extent of this parking. The extent of any displacement due to the introduction of the currently proposed restrictions cannot be predicted. It is therefore suggested that the introduction of any restrictions on Holly Dene Drive and further restrictions on The Woodlands is deferred until the effect of the current proposals is known.
10. With regard to the complaint that direct notification was not given to residents of Holly Dene Clough it is customary for copies of the advertisement and a plan of the restrictions to be sent only to the residents of the streets directly affected by the proposal and not to those in adjoining streets.

## **Consultation**

11. Representatives of the Chief Constable, County Fire and Rescue Service, Greater Manchester Ambulance Service, Director General of the Passenger Transport Executive and Head of Parking Services were consulted when the scheme was put forward and there were no objections to the proposal.

## **Recommendation**

12. Having considered the objections and letters of support, and the views of Ward Members, the Director of Environmental Services recommends the Executive Member to agree to the implementation of the proposals as advertised.

## **Views of Ward Members**

13. The views of Ward Members will have been requested on the report and recommendation. Councillor Allen agrees with the recommendation but suggests that an assessment of the scheme is carried out soon after implementation so that the necessity for additional restrictions on adjacent roads can be considered. As most of the vehicles which park on Old Hall Clough belong to staff or visitors to the hospital the effects of the new restrictions should be obvious after just a few days. In addition he feels that pressure needs to be maintained on the Hospital to increase the amount of parking within the grounds.
14. Councillors Shaw and Rushton are in favour of the proposals..

## **Financial implications and implementation**

15. The estimated cost of the proposal is £3,500.00, including staff costs and legal fees. At the time the scheme was approved for advertising this cost was to have been met from the Aids to Movement allocation of Revenue Expenditure. However, this funding stream no longer exists and there is currently no mainstream budget available for the scheme. It will not be possible therefore to introduce the lines and signs until such time as a funding stream is identified. An approach will be made to the Area Forum for consideration to be given to funding the proposal.

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