

Bolton Council

Report to: Executive Member Environmental Services

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Report of: Director of Environmental Services

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Report Title: **Victoria Road, Oakwood Drive. Proposed Waiting Restrictions (Traffic Order 303782 ECMES/54/15) Objections Report**

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 1 expression of support, 1 comment and 5 objections to the experimental waiting restrictions for the aforementioned locations.

Recommendations: In consideration of objections received, it is now recommended that the amended waiting restriction proposals be confirmed as outlined under the recommendations paragraph of this document and that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make this order.

Decision:

Signed:

Leader / Executive Member

Monitoring Officer

Date:

Summary:

The report summarises expressions of support, comments and objections to the proposed waiting restrictions and in consideration thereof recommends that the Order be implemented as shown in the recommendation paragraph of this order.

Background

1. Following requests from Ward Members to promote waiting restrictions on Victoria Road and Oakwood Drive, along with Armadale Road, Birchfield Grove, Winton Grove, & Crossford Drive, Bolton, an order was approved by the Director under the Scheme of Delegation. The order was advertised and placed on the above named roads in December 2014 with an intention to review in February 2015. Some expressions of objections and support were received during this period which were collated and as a result:-
2. Objections for the part of the experimental order referring to Victoria Road and Oakwood Drive, Bolton were received from:

RE	Leicester	Acting on behalf of Victoria Inn
AL	48 Oakwood Drive	
KM	59 Oakwood Drive	
SB	40 Oakwood Drive	
CP	10 Cherry Gardens	

3. Support for the part of the experimental order referring to Victoria Road and Oakwood Drive was received from:

RCJ	Oldham
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4. Comment on the proposals for Victoria Road and Oakwood was received from

WM	9 Cherry Gardens
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Objections

Victoria Road, Oakwood Drive, Bolton

5. An objector expresses concern that parking will be relocated to areas already under pressure for parking.
6. Some objectors believe the proposed restrictions are unfair on residents with visitors being unable to park.
7. Some objectors believe motorists will park on the opposite side of Oakwood Drive blocking driveway access.
8. Some objectors express concern that vehicles will be parked at end of restrictions opposite others and on the grass verge causing damage and obstructing the through route. Also narrowing access for drives.

Support

Victoria Road, Oakwood Drive, Bolton

9. Supporter believes it will resolve an issue of parking on a blind bend on Victoria Road.

Comment

Victoria Road, Oakwood Drive, Bolton

10. One respondent suggests that the funding for this would be better spent dealing with speeding motorists on Oakwood Drive.

Observations

11. The Executive Member is reminded that there is no facility on a Traffic Regulation Order to extend proposed restrictions, only to reduce or remove them.
12. Parking is restricted throughout this area and it is likely that parking will merely be displaced further along Oakwood Drive.
13. The restrictions were requested by Ward Members to address complaints of parking in this area causing obstruction to residents. There remains however concern that the restrictions will merely displace parking to the north side of Oakwood Drive where all properties have driveways which may be blocked by thoughtless parking.
14. There may be benefit in reducing the restrictions proposed on Oakwood Drive to allow residents visitors to park as some have requested. Ward Members have been consulted and are now in favour of reducing the length of restrictions on the south side of Oakwood Drive to replicate the north side.

Recommendation

15. Taking into account views expressed during the consultation and the lack of parking in this area it is proposed to reduce the proposed restrictions at Oakwood Drive, and the below amendments are now proposed:-

Deletions from Proposed Restrictions

No Waiting at Any Time

Oakwood Drive, south side	from the extended easterly kerbline of Markland Hill for a distance of 176 metres in a easterly direction
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Additions

No Waiting at Any Time

Victoria Road, north side	from the extended westerly kerbline of Markland Hill for a distance of 199 meters in a westerly direction.
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Victoria Road, south side	from the extended westerly kerbline of Markland Hill for a distance of 15 metres in a westerly direction.
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Victoria Road, south side	from a point 130 metres west of the extended westerly kerbline of Markland Hill for a distance of 67 metres in a westerly direction
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Oakwood Drive, north side

from the extended easterly kerbline of Markland Hill
for a distance of 15 metres in a easterly direction.

Oakwood Drive, south side

from the extended easterly kerbline of Markland Hill
for a distance of 15 metres in a easterly direction

View of Ward Members

16. Ward Members have been consulted over the changes to the proposals and fully support them.

Financial Implications

17. The estimated cost of promoting this Traffic Regulation Order is £4635, which includes promotion, consultation and works costs. This will be funded by the Heaton & Lostock Area Forum.

Implementation

18. If the recommendation that the proposed Order as amended be confirmed and that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order should be made as soon as the remaining legalities have been completed.