

Delegated Decision Report

Decision below £250k



Subject:	Proposed Prohibition of Waiting – Huddersfield Road and Equitable Street, Oldham
Decision maker: Senior Officer	Director of Environment, Nasir Dad
Decision maker: Cabinet Member	Transport and Highways
Decision date:	
Report author:	Andrew Cowell
Ward (s):	Waterhead

Reason for decision

To consider the introduction of prohibition of waiting restrictions on Huddersfield Road and Equitable Street, Oldham.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that prohibition of waiting restrictions be introduced in accordance with the plan and schedule at the end of this report.

Background

Huddersfield Road is a principal road (A62) which links Oldham with Saddleworth. In the vicinity of Redgrave Passage there is a central pedestrian refuge island. There are currently no parking restrictions in the vicinity of the island on the north side. This was identified by officers following a complaint about the difficulty in crossing Huddersfield Road in this area.

On the south side of Huddersfield Road the island is protected with waiting restrictions but on the north side there are no restrictions. On the north side there are dedicated parking bays at each side of the island and these terminate around 15 metres short of the island. Whilst the bays promote parking away from the island, there are no restrictions to prevent this. Motorists park alongside the island itself in the gap between the two bays. Parking alongside the island affects the intervisibility between motorists and pedestrians and vice versa, which puts pedestrians at risk and discourages the use of the crossing. There are a number of residential properties fronting the road which creates a demand for on-street parking in the area.

Officers have serious concerns over vehicles parked at the crossing and therefore propose new restrictions to improve pedestrian safety and to encourage its use.

A ward member had also previously reported issues with vehicles parking at the nearby junction of Equitable Street. There are currently no restrictions in place at this junction although the Council has installed some hatching markings to deter parking here. Formal enforceable parking

restrictions are now proposed alongside the hatching to further deter parking. The restrictions would improve visibility for motorists entering Huddersfield Road and allow vehicle to enter and exit the junction unhindered.

It is proposed to promote new 24 hour waiting restrictions on Huddersfield Road and Equitable Street, Oldham, as detailed on plan 47/A3/1790/1.

If approved, the proposal would improve safety for pedestrians using the refuge island to cross Huddersfield Road and motorists using the junction of Equitable Street.

Alternative option(s) to be considered *(please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s))*

Option 1 – To approve the recommendation

Option 2 – Not to approve the recommendation

Consultation *(include any conflict of interest declared by relevant Cabinet Member consulted)*

The Ward Members have been consulted and no comments were received.

G.M.P. View - The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no objection to this proposal.

T.f.G.M. View - The Director General has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

G.M. Fire Service View - The County Fire Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

N.W. Ambulance Service View - The County Ambulance Officer has been consulted and has no comment on this proposal.

Risks

The introduction of waiting restrictions at this location will improve safety for pedestrians crossing Huddersfield Road and motorists using the junction of Equitable Street. There could be reputation risks around the scheme in terms of residents and business reactions to the proposals. These can be mitigated by effective communications, the publication notice and review of any objections received before introducing the restrictions.

Implications

Financial	The cost of introducing the Order is show below:-	
		£
	Advertisement of Order	1,200
	Introduction of Road Markings	200
	TOTAL	1,400
The advertising & road marking expenditure of £1,400 will be funded from the 2025/26 Highways TRO & road markings budgets within the Highways Service (CC40916).		

	(John Edisbury)
Legal	The Council must be satisfied that it is expedient to make the Traffic Regulation Order in order to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic, including pedestrians, or for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property or for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs. In addition to the above, under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, it shall be the duty of the Council so to exercise the functions conferred on them by the Act as to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. Regard must also be had to the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises, the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run, the strategy produced under section 80 Environmental Protection Act 1990 (the national air quality strategy), the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles and any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant. (A Evans)
Equality impact including implications for Children and Young People	None

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?	Yes
Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?	Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?	No
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Schedule

Drawing Number 47/A3/1790/1

Add to the Oldham Borough Council (Oldham Area) Consolidation Order 2003

Part I Schedule 1

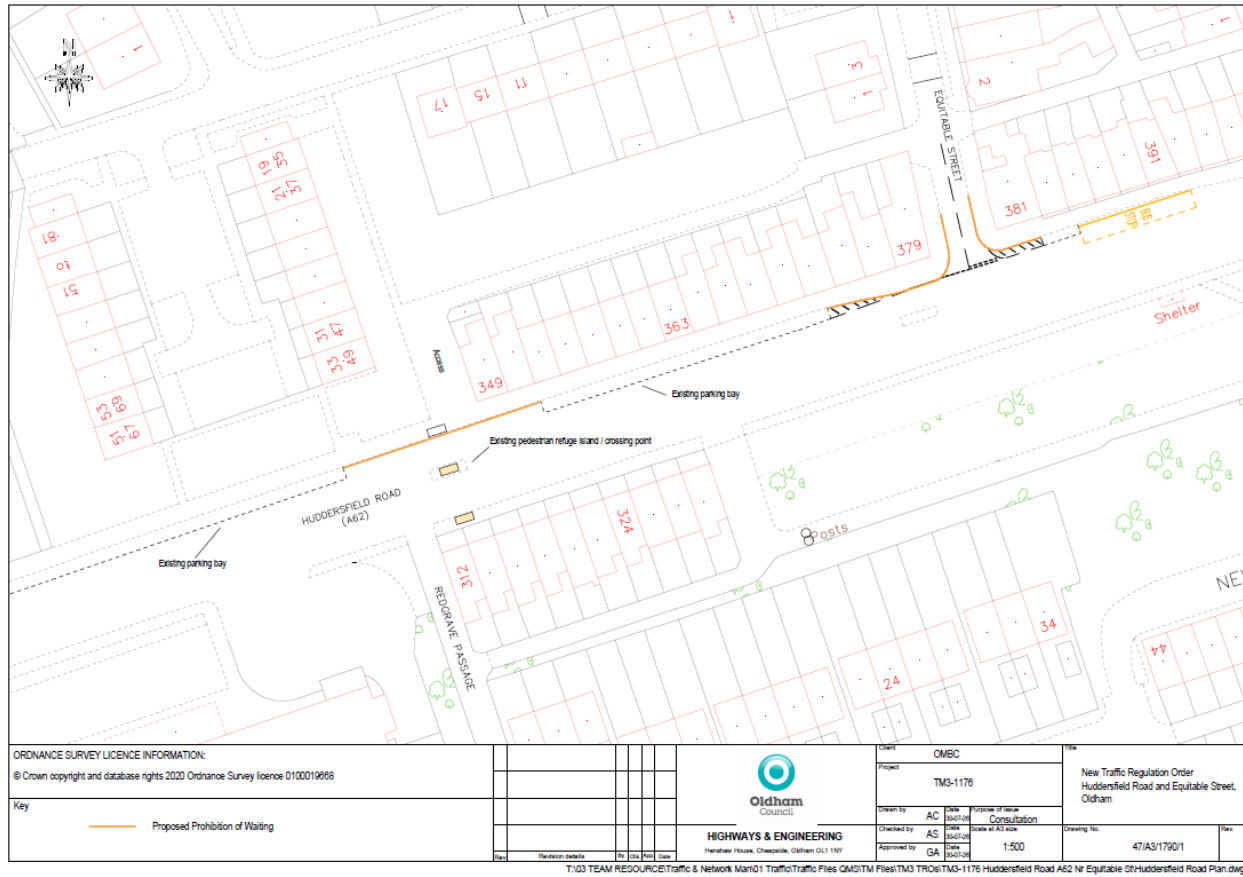
Prohibition of Waiting

Item No	Length of Road	Duration	Exemptions	No Loading
	<u>Huddersfield Road, Oldham</u> (North side) From a point 70 metres west of its junction with Equitable Street for a distance of 34 metres in a westerly direction	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<u>Huddersfield Road, Oldham</u> (North side) From a point 10 metres east of its junction with Equitable Street to a point 21 metres west of its junction with Equitable Street	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	
	<u>Equitable Street, Oldham</u> (Both sides) From its junction with Huddersfield Road for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction	At any time	A, B1, B2, B3, B4, C, E, F, J, K5	

Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

Report author sign-off	Andrew Cowell
Role	Traffic Engineer
Date of sign-off	06 October 2026

Approval	
Officer approval sign-off	Nasir Dad
Role	Director of Environment
Date of sign-off	06 October 2026



Photos of obstructive parking at pedestrian refuge island





