

Report of the Strategic Director (Regeneration) to the meeting of Shipley Area Committee to be held on 27 July 2016.

Subject:

Saltaire Junction Improvement Scheme - Objection to proposed waiting restrictions on Hirst Lane

Summary statement:

This report considers one objection received following the advertisement of proposed waiting restrictions on Hirst Lane, Saltaire.

It is recommended that:

- That the objection to the proposal to 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions, as shown on plan no. HDB/CM//101307/TRO-1B, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, be overruled. That the orders be sealed and implemented as advertised and the works be implemented.
- That the objector be notified accordingly.

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1. Summary

1.1 This report considers an objection received following the advertisement of proposed waiting restrictions on Hirst Lane, Saltaire.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Saltaire Junction Improvement Scheme was approved by Executive on 14 January 2011. That approval required any objections to supporting traffic orders to be considered by Shipley Area Committee and also for the Committee to be informed prior to the implementation of any associated works.
- 2.2 Following completion of the Saltaire junction alteration works and ongoing monitoring of operation at its meeting of 15th January 2015, this Committee was informed of proposals to advertise minor amendments to waiting restrictions "*To assist turning movements for long vehicles and to rationalise (unrestricted) parking bays on Hirst Lane. Any objections will be referred to Shipley Area Committee".*Following approval by Executive by Decision Sheet (18 March 2015), a Traffic Regulation Order (as shown within Drawing HDB/CM//101307/TRO-1B and attached as Appendix 1 of this report) was advertised on 8 January 2016 for a three week period.
- 2.3 The Council believes that the proposals as shown on plan HDB/CM//101307/TRO-1B (Appendix 1 refers) will ensure that the junction of Hirst Lane and Clarence Road is kept clear of parked vehicles which will specifically aid the movement of long vehicles.
- 2.4 Prior to the removal of the roundabout, vehicles could access Hirst Lane directly from the roundabout using Clarence Road. In doing so they did not have to negotiate a relatively tight turn. Following construction, it was found that due to parked vehicles, some longer vehicles (travelling north from Bingley Road) were having difficulties in turning left at the give way junction of Hirst Lane and Clarence Road due to the presence of parked cars. The proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions should ease this manoeuvre and by doing so reduce the risk of damage to parked cars and dissuade HGVs from occasionally using other side roads to access Hirst Lane. Safer access / egress to the area is provided by the new signals at the junction of Hirst Lane and Bingley Road; this being the signed HGV access route to the area.
- 2.5 Following advertisement of the proposed TRO as shown within Appendix 1 of this report, a single letter of objection was received to proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' waiting restrictions on Hirst Lane. No objections to proposals to make existing parking bays on Hirst Lane subject to limited waiting were received.
- 2.6 The objector's concerns, along with Officer comments are outlined within Appendix 2 of this report.





3. Other considerations

- 3.1 The proposals are within the principals and scope of the overall Saltaire roundabout project as approved by Executive.
- 3.2 Ward Councillors have been consulted in developing these proposals.

4. Options

4.1 Members may propose to follow a different course of action to that proposed in the recommendations and, in that case, will receive appropriate guidance from officers.

5. Financial and resource appraisal

Financial

5.1 The Saltaire Roundabout project is included in the Council's capital Investment Plan. Funding for implementation of the above works is available from the £2m allocation for the overall Saltaire Roundabout Improvement Project from the West Yorkshire Strategic Programme of Schemes and £1.3m specific grant from the Department of Transport.

Resource

5.2 The scheme can be processed within existing staff resources.

6. **Legal appraisal**

6.1 There are no specific legal issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in general accordance with the Council's powers as Highway Authority.

7. Other implications

7.1 Equal Rights

There are no significant Equal Rights implications.

7.2 Sustainability implications

There are no significant sustainability implications.

7.3 Community safety implications

The proposals allow for safer turning movements at a give way junction; encouraging traffic to use a wider, less residential route with access/egress via a signal-controlled junction.

7.4 Human Rights Act

There are no implications on the Human Rights Act.

7.5 **Trade Union**

There are no Trade Union implications.

8. Not for publication documents

8.1 None.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 That the objection to the proposal to 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions, as shown on plan no. HDB/CM//101307/TRO-1B, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, be overruled. That the orders be sealed and implemented as advertised and the works be implemented.
- 9.2 That the objector be notified accordingly.

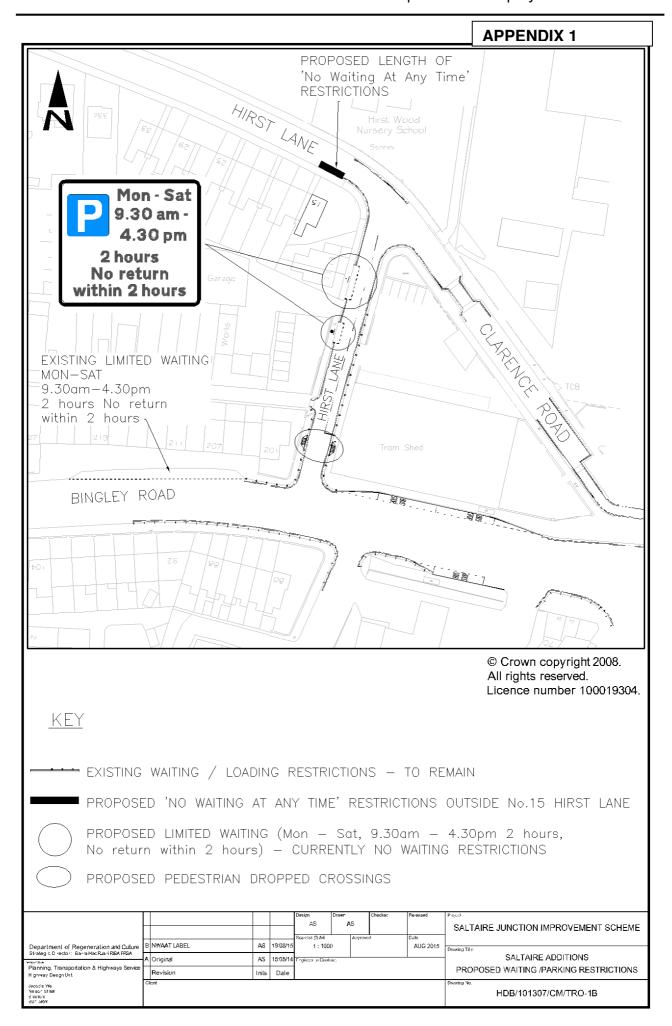
10. **Appendices**

10.1 Appendix 1 Plan No. HDB/CM/101307/TRO-1B

10.2 Appendix 2 Objectors and officer comments

11. Background documents

- 11.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Reference: R/N/AS/101307
- 11.2 Report to a meeting of the Shipley Area Committee on 1st May 2013: Including Report to inform and update the Shipley Area Committee about the current position, scheme content and programme for the Saltaire Roundabout Improvement Project.
- 11.3 Report to a meeting of the Shipley Area Committee on 15 January 2015:



APPENDIX 2

Objector's Comments

• The objectors are concerned that they would no longer be able to park directly outside their property.

 The objector raised the issue of the design of the junction that was deemed suitable before the major junction improvement scheme.

• The objectors state they have seen HGVs negotiate the bend easily and this could be improved further if said vehicles slowed down. They raised concerns regarding the speeds especially with the nearby school and do not believe that facilitating an even easier turning circle is a sensible approach.

Officer Comments

 No one has an automatic right to park outside their house. It is not always possible and other road users have as much right as residents to park outside properties providing they are not contravening the Highway Code or an existing Traffic Regulation Order, or obstructing access/egress to/from off-street parking facilities.

Parking on roads in the local vicinity is generally for short periods of time and survey results (included within a report presented to this Committee on 1 May 2013) show that overall, there is sufficient parking capacity in the area for displaced car parking to be accommodated.

There is evidence (identified by existing dropped kerbs and what appear to be gates) that the objector may have had (or has) access to off-street parking facilities on the eastern side of their property. On-street parking is also available immediately opposite the proposed restrictions.

- The approved design remains safe and acceptable. It aims to accommodate the turning of all vehicles whilst minimising the impact on local on-street parking. However post construction monitoring of operation and comments from transport operators indicates that minor changes to the parking restrictions would improve junction operation for larger vehicles and reduce the risk of damage to parked vehicles.
- Officers believe the proposals will ensure the junction of Hirst Lane and Clarence Road is kept clear of parked vehicles which will specifically aid HGV movements and traffic management.

The area is within a 20mph zone. Average speeds on the lengths of road in the vicinity of the junction have been recorded at 17.50 mph and 20.50 mph.