

OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME RECORD OF OPERATIONAL DECISION



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| Date: 14/10/20 | Ref No: 271 | |
| Type of Operational Decision: | | |
| Executive Decision | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Council Decision |
| Status: For publication | | |
| Title/Subject matter: Willow Road, Prestwich – Proposed introduction of No Waiting at Any time restrictions | | |
| Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance – Is the decision: | | |
| (i) within an Approved Budget | √ | |
| (ii) not in conflict with Council Policy | √ | |
| (iii) not raising new issues of Policy | √ | |
| Equality Analysis [Does this decision change or make policy; change or make procedure or working practice? An Equality Analysis must be completed to assess the impact on equality and the relevance of the Public Sector Equality Duty. This should be signed off by your departmental equality representative and accompany this decision form. Please forward a copy to the Equality email for publication]. | No | |
| | Signed: (By EA Officer) | Date: |
| Details of Operational Decision Taken [with reasons]: Taking into account the justification for the proposals for No Waiting at any time restrictions and the objection received to the proposal on Willow Road, to approve for implementation the proposal as advertised. The restrictions are proposed in order to assist delivery vehicles and facilitate turning movements at the junction. | | |
| Decision taken by: | Signature: | Date: |
| D R Giblin Head of Engineering | | 14/10/20 |
| Members Consulted [see note 1 below] | | |
| Cabinet Member/Chair | | |
| Lead Member | | |

Notes

1. It is not generally a requirement to consult with any Members on Operational Decisions but where an Executive Director considers it necessary to consult with the appropriate Cabinet Member and/or Lead Member, they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained to confirm that he/she has been consulted.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**

TM2/19/457:- WILLOW ROAD, PRESTWICH

**COMMENTS ON OBJECTIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE
ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PROPOSALS**

Introduction:

This proposal relates to an issue that has arisen on Willow Road, Prestwich.

Willow Road is protected by double yellow lines on the north side between Bury New Road and Highfield Road, and has traditionally experienced on street parking on the southerly side.

On street parking can on occasion extend to close to the junction of Bury New Road. This has the potential for vehicles emerging from Willow Road to be on the wrong side of the road which could cause a conflict with vehicles turning into Willow Road.

There is a well established business on the corner of Bury New Road and Willow Road which receives deliveries. There is a further unit accessed off Willow Road which was formerly a Vauxhall Servicing centre. The Unit has been closed for the last couple of years, but has now been refitted for a similar use.

Any large delivery vehicles are forced to overrun the footway as a result of the parking on the southerly side of Willow Road, potentially conflicting with pedestrians and risking damage to street furniture.

In view of this it is suggested it would be appropriate to consider the introduction of junction protection to protect the junction and assist delivery vehicles.

This was discussed by the Traffic Management Unit at its meeting of 30 July 2019, the decision being to recommend the introduction of No Waiting at Any time restrictions on the southerly side of Willow Road in order to assist delivery vehicles and facilitate traffic movements at the junction.

The advertised proposals (Bury Times Thursday 07 November 2019) were as follows:-

Introduction of No Waiting at Any time

Willow Rd, Prestwich – South side, from the east kerbline of Bury New Rd for a distance of 28m in an easterly direction

Objections:

Following advertisement of the proposals the Council received one objection as follows:-

Local Resident, 29 Willow Road, Prestwich

I am writing regarding two issues to do with traffic congestion on Willow Road and to two letters I have received regarding the issues raised therein. I am concerned about the no waiting restriction at the end of Willow Road as this will exacerbate an already difficult situation which exists with parked cars on Willow Road. I fear that people will have less space to park and therefore they will congest outside my house. I have raised this issue in the past and refer to a letter dated 8th August reference TM6/18/5595/JG suggesting my drive is widened and the kerb is dropped. If the council agree to sort this out for me so that I don't have people continually blocking my drive then I would be less worried about the proposal to commence no waiting restrictions further up Willow Road.

A copy of the proposed plan and Statement of Justification was provided to the objector, however no further comments were received after this was sent.

Comments on Objections:

The restrictions have been proposed in the interests of all highway users in an effort to improve turning movements.

Restrictions to protect a junction are generally proposed at 10 or 15 metres in length. The restrictions proposed in this case do extend further to a distance of 28 metres from the junction of Bury New Road. However, in addition to protecting the junction it is intended that the restrictions will also assist large vehicle turning movements to the businesses accessed of Willow Road.

Visitors to residential properties, or indeed residents themselves who do not benefit from off street parking on Willow Road, may on occasions be unable to park outside their properties due to other parked vehicles. It is not considered that the extents of the proposal are excessive, and some unrestricted parking will remain on Willow Road and Highfield Road.

Whilst a number of the properties on Willow Road do have driveways, some are narrow and not likely to accommodate all residents vehicles. Whilst the proposed restrictions do not extend directly outside any residential properties, it is appreciated that the introduction of restrictions may increase competition for spaces outside the residential properties. However it is not anticipated that the displacement of vehicles will occur in significant numbers.

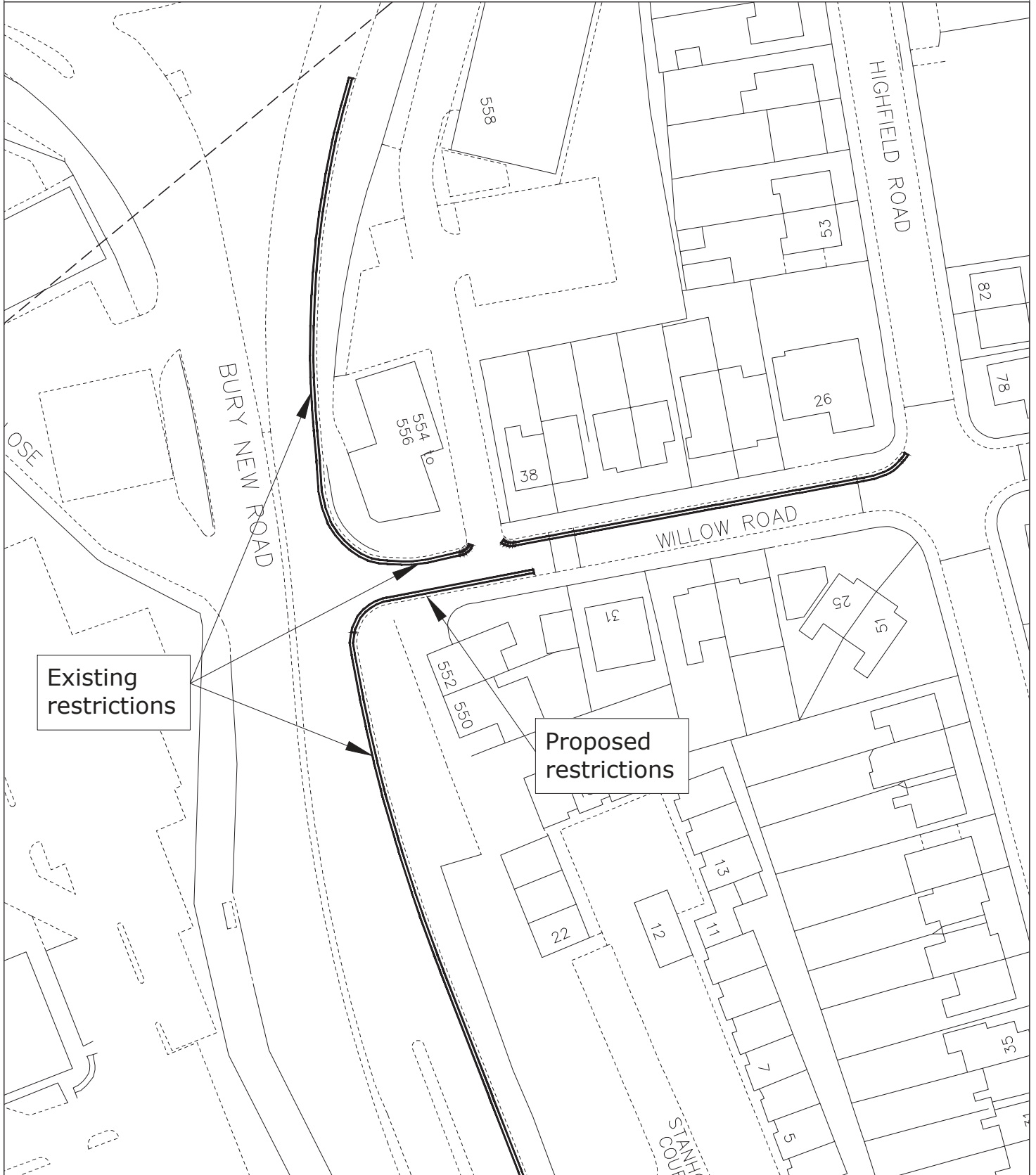
Residents suffering with driveway obstruction problems could consider placing a small polite sign on their property, highlighting the driveway and requesting it be kept clear. The Council have corresponded previously with the objector and have advised that there may be scope for them to consider widening their driveway, or placing a notice to request access is maintained. To date it does not appear that the resident has pursued any such action. In addition it is suggested that the access protection marking be renewed to the driveway of number 29 Willow Road, however the Council would not fund an extension to existing dropped kerbs.

Notwithstanding the objections/comments received it is still thought that the restrictions are justified and will address concerns to improve turning movements and reduce overrunning of the footway by large vehicles.

Therefore it is recommended that the proposal is implemented as advertised, with the renewal of access protection marking(s).

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Willow Road, Prestwich Existing & Proposed Restrictions Plan



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