1 Purpose of the report

1.1 This report is to advise Members of objections received to a proposed introduction of ‘No Waiting At Any Time’ restrictions on parts of Bury Road, Rochdale B6222 and some of its side streets in Bamford Ward.

2 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee considers whether the proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No. 94) Order outlined in Section 7 of this report be implemented in light of the representations made.

3 Reason for recommendation

3.1 To comply with the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders, Regulations 1996 the Authority must consider all objections submitted during the consultation period of at least 21 days (see Section 7) before ‘Making’ a Traffic Regulation Order.

3.2 The Committee should consider the objections received and make a decision as to whether the scheme should be progressed and the new restrictions introduced.

3.3 It should be noted that in considering the report, the proposed Order is deemed strategic in nature and should be dealt with in accordance with Section F2 of the Scheme of Delegation to Township Committee. Committee has delegated power to confirm the proposals and the Order. However, if the Committee wish not to confirm the proposals and the Order, the matter must be referred to Cabinet for decision.
4 Alternative considered

4.1 Consider recommending to Cabinet that the proposal be abandoned

4.1.1 The proposal to make a Traffic Regulation Order affecting parts of Bury Road, Lansdowne Street, Leopold Street, and Beatrice Street has been developed for and commissioned by Rochdale Township Action & Resources Committee.

4.1.2 Should Committee decide not to introduce the restrictions then the issues of junction visibility will not be addressed.

4.1.3 It should be noted that this Traffic Regulation Order is proposed as a consequence of indiscriminate parking at the junctions of each of the three side streets with Bury Road affecting driver visibility and road safety. To address this issue it is necessary to introduce the proposed Order as originally advertised (see Appendix A).

5 Consultation Undertaken

5.1 Consultation required by the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders, Regulations 1996 has taken place.

5.2 The Emergency Services, Transport for Greater Manchester, the Freight Transport Association and the Road Haulage Association were consulted on 12th November 2014.

5.3 Notices of Intention were posted on site and published in the local newspaper on 12th November 2014.

5.4 The objection period ran until 10th December 2014.

6 Background:

6.1 Statement of Reasons

6.1.1 Bury Road B6222 is one of Rochdale’s strategic highways situated to the west of the town centre.

6.1.2 Side streets Lansdowne Street, Leopold Street, and Beatrice Street situated to the north of and only accessed from Bury Road suffer from junction visibility being obscured by parked vehicles.

6.1.3 The introduction of No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on parts of Bury Road, Lansdowne Street, Leopold Street, and Beatrice Street are intended to improve junction sight lines and reduce the risk of accidents.

6.1.4 A bus stop on the north side of Bury Road to the west of Lansdowne Street is protected by a bus stop clearway restriction and this is to be the western limit of proposed restrictions.

6.1.5 There has been one recorded slight injury accident in the last three years on the section of Bury Road under consideration.

6.1.6 The Notice of Intention and associated plan illustrate the proposal at Appendix A of this report.
7  Report

7.1 During the consultation period the Authority received 4 objections.

7.2 The Objectors’ comments and the Director of Economy & Environment’s response are attached at Appendix B of this report.

7.3 In considering these objections the Committee should be mindful that the only right the general public has on the highway is a right of passage along it. The Authority has both a duty of care to ensure the safety of the travelling public and duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to maintain the expeditious movement of traffic.

7.4 Rule 243 of the Highway Code states that motorists should not park within 10 metres of a junction, and this is the distance along each of the three side streets Lansdowne Street, Leopold Street, and Beatrice Street where restrictions are proposed.

8  Legal Implications

8.1 The Council has a statutory duty to ensure that its highways operate safely for the safe passage of all traffic including pedestrians.

9  Financial Implications

9.1 The proposed Traffic Regulation order is a Rochdale Township Revenue Scheme, and is therefore funded from Township funds. The estimated cost is £3,500.

10 Personnel Implications

10.1 This scheme has no implications.

11 Corporate Priorities

11.1 The proposed scheme is generated by Rochdale Township Action & Resources Committee.

12 Risk Assessment Implications

12.1 There are no risk assessment implications.

13 Equalities Impacts

13.1 Workforce Equality Impacts Assessment

There are no workforce equality issues arising from this report.

13.2 Equality/Community Impact Assessments

The Equality Impact Assessment at Sections 10, 11, 12, and 13 identifies

- Disabled persons as being likely to benefit from the proposed scheme by a reduction in the obstruction of junctions and visibility by parked vehicles making it easier to cross the roads.
- It further identifies the proposed restrictions as potentially restricting where disabled persons may park. This is mitigated by having minimized the extent of proposed restrictions on the side streets to 10 metres, the minimum length given in the Highway Code (Rule 243) for reasonable highway safety and the
fact that the proposed restrictions will not prevent motorists stopping to allow a passenger to board or alight, or to load and unload.

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Appendix A - Notice of Intention and Plan

TRO Ref No H60/1161

BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE
((CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS)
(VARIOUS STREETS) (ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP) ORDER 2008)
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 94) ORDER

Bury Road, Lansdowne Street, Leopold Street, and Beatrice Street, Rochdale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Rochdale Borough Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1), 2 and 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, intend to make an Order, the effect of which would be to amend the Borough of Rochdale (Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008 by inserting the following:-

Schedule No. 1.1
No Waiting At Any Time
Bury Road, Bamford Ward
n(i) the north side, from its junction with Lansdowne Street for a distance of 19 metres in a westerly direction
n(ii) the north side, from its junction with Lansdowne Street for a distance of 15 metres in an easterly direction
n(iii) the north side, from a point of 15 metres west of its junction with Leopold Street to its junction with Beatrice Street

Lansdowne Street, Bamford Ward
n(i) both sides, from its junction with Bury Road for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction

Leopold Street, Bamford Ward
n(i) both sides, from its junction with Bury Road for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction

Beatrice Street, Bamford Ward
n(i) both sides, from its junction with Bury Road for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction

A copy of the proposed Order and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned, together with the Council’s Statement of Reasons for making the Order, may be inspected at the Customer Services Centre, Ground Floor, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU during normal office hours.

Objections to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made, must be made in writing and forwarded to trafficroders@rochdale.gov.uk or, alternatively, to Network Management, Floor 4, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU to reach the Council on or before 10th December 2014, quoting H60/1161.

Dated this 12th day of November 2014

Linda Fisher
Acting Chief Executive
Customers and Corporate Directorate
Rochdale Borough Council

Number One Riverside
Smith Street
ROCHDALE
OL16 1XU
### Appendix B

#### Objections Received

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<td>I have a Rochdale Business (Interior Holme Design) 334 Bury Road Oakenrod OL11 4EB A notice to change parking arrangements at the side of my business Beatrice St/Bury Rd. Please can you let me Know the proposed changes &amp; why. If I can not park &amp; my client/visitors can not park this would have a detrimental effect on my business. This would effect Graces Sandwich Shop (336 Bury Rd) and all the residents living in the area. Please can you advise me a.s.a.p as this could send me out of business. I purchased the property in 2003 with parking and that was why I created my business here, have survived the resection but if parking is changed I could not survive in Rochdale.</td>
<td>Introducing restrictions on parts of Bury Road, Lansdowne Street, Leopold Street, and Beatrice Street is intended to improve junction sight lines and reduce the risk of accidents. The 10 metre restriction length proposed along each of the 3 side streets is the minimum distance stated in Rule 243 of the Highway Code. The only right the general public has on the highway is a right of passage along it. There can be no guarantee that restrictions wont be introduced in any location in the future.</td>
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**Proposed changes to parking Bury Rd/Beatrice St**

**That would be detrimental to the majority of people**

Some residents on Chadwick St / Glencoe Place have complained that they have difficulty turning on to Bury Road, They claim that is due to parked cars on Bury Road.

**How many people requested any changes?**

1/ They will retain their parking/But if parking is restricted it will affect them too.

2/a, Residents on Bury Rd would have nowhere to park.

b. Interior Holme Design Business would have nowhere to park.

c. Grace’s Sandwich Shop Business would have nowhere to park.

Vehicles parked close to or at junctions hinder visibility and do not assist highway safety.

This parking referred to is not reserved.

The only right the general public has on the highway is a right of passage along it.
Has any alternative arrangement been made?

3/ The main problem for anyone turning onto Bury Rd is that this straight stretch of road, people driving on Bury Rd speed on this section.

4/ Can I suggest that a speed camera is placed in this section of road. (Between the Cemetery and Beatrice Street)

5/ A road crossing is placed half way down, Possibly near Pegasus that would also suit the elderly people crossing the road and hence slowing the traffic.

6/ A mirror is placed opposite Beatrice St to aide visibility.

7/ A no right turn sign placed on the side roads.

8/ Traffic Calming system on this busy section.

All these suggestions would help ALL the residents and businesses.

Changing the parking arrangements would not solve the problem of speeding cars on Bury Road.

Just recently a fatal car crash happened due to speeding. (Further up the road that has double yellow lines)

The residents have no access to the rear of their properties no garages, no drive ways & nowhere else to park. Working people have vans and cars that they depend on to work

They mainly need evening parking

Poor junction visibility caused by parked cars is an identified problem.

The proposed restrictions seek to address the issue of parked cars obscuring junction visibility.

Positioning of pedestrian crossings need to be considered carefully and placed where there is an identified justification.

Highway mirrors are not installed as a matter of policy as they cause motorists to place undue reliance upon them. The problem under consideration is one of junction visibility obscured by parked vehicles.

Banned turns are likely to be ignored.

Significant volumes of traffic use Bury Road B6222 which is one of Rochdale’s strategic highways. It would not be appropriate to introduce traffic calming just to allow more vehicles to park at the kerbside.

The proposed restrictions seek to change the parking arrangements to address the issue of parked cars obscuring junction visibility.

This was located well in excess of 400 metres away at a traffic signal controlled junction. The precise circumstances are not yet known pending the outcome of coroner’s and/or court proceedings.

The only right the general public has on the highway is a right of passage along it.
This would devalue their properties and bring down the area further.

Interior Holme Design Business does not generate a large amount of traffic however it relies on short term day time parking for Clients & myself to survive.

Grace’s Sandwich Shop Business survival depends on available short term parking facilities during the day.

**Are Rochdale council committed to helping LOCAL independent Businesses?**

A full appraisal needs to be made before any decisions are made, that would have a detrimental effect on both residents and local businesses.

Some kerb space without restrictions will remain in the area to the west further along Bury Road, and in the side streets.

Parking is only ever available on a first come first served basis.

The No Waiting At Any Time restrictions proposed will not prevent loading or unloading taking place.

In respect of the local businesses it should be noted that the proposals do not include any loading or unloading restrictions on Bury Rd or the side streets unlike the long established nearby restrictions on other nearby parts of Bury Road.

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**Objector 2**

**Details of objection**

I am writing regarding the proposed addition of yellow lines on Beatrice St/Leopold St & bury rd As a resident of 277 bury rd I strongly object to the proposed double yellow lines as all the side streets are constantly full with parked cars from residents in the area & feel that adding these measures would only increase the chaos we already endure of trying to find somewhere to park close to home. Also I feel it would strongly decrease the value of our home by erasing the only visible place to park. The problem seems to be speed of traffic on bury rd not access onto bury road & I feel the problems would be better addressed by installing a speed camera or other prevention methods used to slow the speed of traffic. To be completely clear the residents of 277 bury road ol114ee strongly object to the proposed double yellow lines in this area.

**Darren Buckley**

**Response of the Director of Economy & Environment**

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<td>I am writing with regard to the double yellow lines which Rochdale Council intends to put on Beatrice Street, Leopold Street and Bury Road As a resident of Bury Road, and the owner of two vehicles, I know that parking spaces in this are already at a premium. The proposed double yellow lines will mean that residents will have nowhere to park. I already have to frequently park on Melrose Street as there are only a few parking spaces opposite my house and double yellow lines directly outside my house. Melrose Street is also being used by residents from lower down Bury Road who already have double yellow lines outside their homes, so Melrose Street has no more room for even more vehicles. Should the Council go ahead with these plans. I feel as someone who pays Council Tax and road tax I should be able to park my cars as near as possible to my home, and that preventing me from being able to do this would also devalue my property should I wish to sell it in the future. Also the two businesses opposite my house will suffer particularly the sandwich shop which relies on passing trade, being able to stop and park nearby, in order to make a living Rochdale is already in a state of decline with many businesses closing. Rochdale Council should be helping small businesses not implementing measures that could close them down. I don’t understand why the council want to put double yellow lines on this part of Bury Road. I have lived on Bury Road for 25 years and I can see no reason for it I can’t imagine where residents will be able to find places to park should the plans go ahead, as obviously further up Bury Road and the side streets off it residents there are using the on street parking for their vehicles. My personal safety will be at risk, as I work unsociable hours, and may be left walking the streets late at night after having to park miles away from my home, after finishing work Also my cars would be more at risk from theft or vandalism if they have to be parked on side streets away from my home. So to sum up I strongly object to these proposed plans.</td>
<td>It is agreed that kerbside parking space is at a premium in the area and cannot meet the expectations of all residents, businesses, and visitors. The No Waiting At Any Time restrictions proposed will allow loading and unloading to take place. Introducing restrictions on parts of Bury Road, Lansdowne Street, Leopold Street, and Beatrice Street is intended to improve junction sight lines and reduce the risk of accidents.</td>
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<td><strong>Details of objection</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Objection’s comments written as received</strong>&lt;br&gt;Please would you reconsider your proposal for Yellow Lines Bury Rd, I work nights and would be unable to park near. as there are 3 small businesses near, those who park in front of my house would park behind, The second problem would be the Lady at 2a leopold St. whos house is in the same block as ours, (it has only the one outer door.) could be in danger if emergency services were needed and could not get near. Thank you for your attention</td>
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