1 Purpose of the report

1.1 This report is to advise Members of objections received to a proposed introduction of a number of ‘No Waiting At Any Time’ and ‘No Loading At Any Time’ restrictions on parts of the Spring Vale Area, Middleton, in North Middleton 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) (Middleton Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No.29) Order be implemented in light of the representations received which are outlined in Section 7 of this report.

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.
Alternatives 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 a number of Streets in the Spring Vale area of North Middleton Ward has been developed for and commissioned by Middleton Township Committee.

4.1.2 Should Committee decide not to introduce the restrictions proposed then issues of goods vehicle access, junction visibility and forward visibility will not be addressed by continuing with the current level of restriction on the highway.

4.1.3 It should be noted that this Traffic Regulation Order is proposed as a consequence of indiscriminate parking along the lengths of roads concerned affecting goods vehicle access, driver visibility and road safety. To address this issue it is necessary to introduce the proposed Order as originally advertised (see Appendix A).

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 18th June 2015.

5.3 Notices of intention were posted on site and published in the local newspaper on 11th June 2015.

5.4 The objection period ran until 9th July 2015.

Background:

6.1 Statement of Reasons

6.1.1 Spring Vale and nearby surrounding streets serve a mainly industrial area which includes the Spring Vale Recycling Centre.

6.1.2 Indiscriminate parking hinders access to premises on parts of Spring Vale, Preston Street, Hanson Street, Hanson Close, and Townley Street in addition to impeding junction visibility.

6.1.3 The industrial nature of these premises means that many vehicles used to gain access are unavoidably large and/or heavy goods vehicles.

6.1.4 The proposals seek to improve vehicular access to these premises by introducing ‘No Waiting At Any Time’ restrictions together with some ‘No Loading At Any Time’ restrictions.

6.2 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 three 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 the 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 a duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to maintain the expeditious movement of traffic.

7.4 Rules 242 and 243 of the Highway Code state that motorists should not cause an unnecessary obstruction of the road or park within 10 metres of a junction.

7.5 The Objectors are interested in the proposals covering the north end of Hanson Street, and all of Preston Street.

7.6 None of the Objectors have expressed concerns about the proposals for restrictions on Spring Vale, Hanson Close or Townley Street.

8 Legal Implications

8.1 The Council has a statutory duty to ensure that its highways operate safely and efficiently for all traffic including pedestrians.

9 Financial Implications

9.1 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order is a Middleton Township Revenue Scheme, and is therefore funded from Township Funds. The estimated cost is £3500.

10 Personnel Implications

10.1 This scheme has no implications.

11 Corporate Priorities

11.1 The proposed scheme is generated by Middleton Township 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

A detailed Equality Impact assessment is attached as an Appendix to this report. The Equality Impact Assessment at Sections 10, 11, 12, and 13 identifies that;

- Disabled persons may benefit from the proposed scheme by a reduction in the obstruction of kerbside, footways and visibility by parked vehicles making it easier to cross roads.
- Disabled persons will be prevented from using the standard ‘up to 3 hours’ concession for blue badge holders on waiting restrictions and loading restrictions proposed on part of Spring Vale between Townley Street and Hanson Street; a section of road where there are no residential properties.
- The remainder of the scheme does not contain any loading restrictions therefore disabled persons would be able to use their ‘up to 3 hours’ parking concessions.
- It further identifies that the proposed restrictions will not prevent motorists stopping to allow a passenger to board or alight.

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Background Papers
APPENDIX A – Notice of intention and plan

TRO Ref No H60/1094

BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE
((CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS)
(VARIOUS STREETS) (MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP) ORDER 2008)
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 29) ORDER

Spring Vale area, Middleton

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:–

(i) Amend the Borough of Rochdale (Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Middleton Township) Order 2008 by inserting the following:–

Schedule No 1.1
No Waiting At Any Time

Hanson Close, North Middleton Ward

n(i) both sides from its junction with Hanson Street for a distance 40 metres in an easterly direction

Hanson Street, North Middleton Ward

n(ii) the west side from its junction with Preston Street to its junction with Spring Vale

n(iii) the west side from its junction with Spring Vale to a point 20 metres north of its junction with Spring Vale

n(iv) the west side from a point 84 metres south of its junction with John Lee Fold to a point 115 metres south of its junction with John Lee Fold

n(v) the east side from a point 30 metres south of its junction with Spring Vale to a point 40 metres south of its junction with Spring Vale

n(vi) the east side from its junction with Spring Vale to its junction with John Lee Fold

Preston Street, North Middleton Ward

n(i) the north side from a point 32 metres east of its junction with Townley Street to its junction with Hanson Street

n(ii) the south side from its junction with Townley Street to a point 64 metres east of its junction with Townley Street

n(iii) the south side from its junction with Hanson Street for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction
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Spring Vale, North Middleton Ward

n(iii) both sides from its junction with Townley Street to its junction with Hanson Street

n(iv) the north side from its junction with Hanson Street to a point 22 metres west of its junction with Green Street

Schedule No 4.1
No Loading At Any Time

Spring Vale, North Middleton Ward

n(i) both sides from its junction with Townley Street to its junction with Hanson Street

Schedule No 1.1
No Waiting At Any Time

Spring Vale, North Middleton Ward

both sides from its junction with Townley Street to a point 13 metres east of its junction with Townley Street

Schedule No 2.2
No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm

Hanson Close, North Middleton Ward

both sides from its junction with Hanson Street to a point 9 metres east of its junction with Hanson Street

Hanson Street, North Middleton Ward

(i) the east side from its junction with Hanson Close to its junction with Spring Vale

(ii) the east side from its junction with John Lee Fold to its junction with Hanson Close

(iii) the west side from a point 84 metres south of its junction with John Lee Fold to a point 115 metres south of its junction with John Lee Fold

(iv) the west side from its junction with Spring Vale to a point 20 metres north of its junction with Spring Vale

(ii) Revoke those parts of the Borough of Rochdale (Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Middleton Township) Order 2008, as follows:-
Preston Street, North Middleton Ward

(i) the north side from a point 32 metres from its junction with Townley Street to its junction with Hanson Street

(ii) the south side from its junction with Townley Street to a point 64 metres east of its junction with Townley Street

Spring Vale, North Middleton Ward

(i) the north side from its junction with Hanson Street to a point 12 metres east of its junction with Hanson Street

(ii) the north side from its junction with Hanson Street to a point 16 metres west of its junction with Hanson Street

(iii) the south side from a point 13 metres east of its junction with Townley Street to its junction with Hanson Street

Schedule No 5.15
No Loading Monday-Friday 7.30-9.30am & 4.00-6.30pm

Townley Street, North Middleton Ward

(i) the east side from a point 21 metres north of its junction with Spring Vale to its junction with Spring Vale

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 Service Centre, Middleton Library, Long Street, Middleton M24 6DU 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 trafficorders@rochdale.gov.uk or, alternatively, to Network Management, Floor 2, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU to reach the Council on or before 9th July 2015, quoting H60/1094.

Dated this 11th day of June 2015

David Wilcock
Head of Legal and Governance Reform
Legal Services
Rochdale Borough Council

Number One Riverside
Smith Street
ROCHDALE
OL16 1XU
### Objector 1: Committee Member, John Lee Fold Allotments

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<td><strong>RE IR 6758-HANSON STREET YELLOW LINES</strong></td>
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<td>I AM A COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR JOHN-LEE-FOLD-ALLOTMENTS</td>
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<td>SOME OF OUR MEMBERS PARK ON HANSON STREET, BECAUSE, THERE ARE YELLOW LINES IN FRONT OF OUR ALLOTMENTS</td>
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<td>WE HAVE A CAR PARK, BUT MANY TIMES PEOPLE HAVE TO PARK ON HANSON STREET,</td>
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<td>WE HAVE A LOT OF OAP'S ON OUR ALLOTMENTS. (WHICH THIS IS THEIR ENJOYMENT)</td>
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<td>AND WHEN THEY HAVE TO CARRY STUFF ANY FURTHER THEY WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR ALLOTMENT. (WE DONT WANT THAT DO WE??)</td>
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<td>COULD YOU NOT LEAVE PART OF THE ROAD ON HANSON ST,</td>
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<td>NEAR TO OUR ALLOTMENTS WITH OUT LINES. THAT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP.</td>
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<td>ALSO THERE IS A CAFE, WORK SHOPS, THAT WOULD BE AFECTED,JOBS COULD BE LOST!!!!!!!!!!!</td>
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<td>COULD YOU PLEASE TELL WHY THESE LINES ARE WANTED IN THAT AREA? IT NEEDS THEM AT THE TOP OF HANSON ST NEAR THE R M B C TIP AREA</td>
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John Lee Fold and its allotments are situated to the north beyond the restrictions proposed to be introduced on Hanson Street.
John Lee Fold is fronted by a mix of industrial and residential properties together with the allotments.
There are ‘no waiting at any time’ and ‘no loading at any time’ restrictions on both sides of John Lee Fold.

There is always the possibility at busy times when the allotments car park is busy, to perhaps use it for drop off and collection and then park cars elsewhere to avoid long distance carrying.

The only right the general public including residents has on the highway is a right of passage along it.

On the section of Hanson Street closest to John Lee Fold existing restrictions are on the east side of the street. The west side of the street does not have any restrictions.
The current restrictions apply on Monday to Saturday from 8am to 6pm and the proposals intend to change this to ‘no waiting at any time’.

Indiscriminate parking hinders access to premises in addition to impeding junction visibility. The industrial nature of most premises in the area means that many vehicles used to gain access are unavoidably large and/or heavy goods vehicles.
LEE FOLD.

HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND MY E MAIL, IF NOT MY PHONE NUMBER IS [REDACTED].

KIND REGARDS [REDACTED].
(COMMITTEE MEMBER OF JOHN LEE FOLD ALLOTMENTS)

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**Parking restrictions on Preston street, Middleton**

Quoting H60/1094. I am writing to object too some of the restrictions that are planned for Preston street. My reasons being that I reside at 139a Oldham road, a flat above Ainsley signs to which my only parking options are on Preston street that may I add is used only on the corner of townley street for the two businesses at that end of Preston street this runs along the rear of my property. I used to park on what became unused ground formerly hall street my self and land lord cleared the land to enable of street parking for his business vehicles my vehicle and other close businesses, to which after being given planning permission to use and build a proper car park were unable to do so as the owner of the shutter and railing company had apparently bought the land to which I don’t see how hr could for one because he is not any busier and has maybe 2 delivers at most in any given week, HE has wasted a great deal of land and only parks three staff vehicles at any time. I have lived here for ten years and I have never had to move my car because someone couldn't get past, I agree with the junction of townley street and on the corner of Hanson street but all of the cars parked around the garage are there customers cars and you should talk to them about that because at times they are parked all the way down the street. If I am expected not to park my car on Preston street, where would you suggest as I don't see my parking there causes any problems. Yours. [REDACTED]
149 Oldham Road). 6pm’ is intended to be changed to ‘no waiting at any time’ without restricting loading.

The remainder of the south side of Preston Street is intended to remain without and restrictions towards its junction with Hanson Street except for the final 10 metres up to the junction.

The length of Preston Street without any restrictions on it is therefore intended to be reduced from 95 to 90 metres on its south side.

The proposed No Waiting At Any Time restrictions do not prevent loading and unloading from vehicles, or the ability to allow persons to board or alight from a vehicle.

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I am writing to oppose the proposed parking restrictions on Back Preston Street Middleton. We have a business that we run from 139-141 Oldham Rd, it has been established here at these premises since 1982 there is also private accommodation above our premises which are occupied by tenants.

As a business we do not have any off street parking at all, likewise for the tenants. These restrictions would severely jeopardise our companies future and our tenants being able to park near to their homes.

The road is not used as a cut through and is predominately used by the businesses and residents of Oldham Road who are faced with parking restrictions to the front as well on Oldham Road.

We can see no other option for parking and this would be harmful to the businesses and detriment to the residents that clearly have nowhere else to park.

Regards
Managing Director