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Objections to Traffic Order - Blackpits Road & Edenfield Road, Rochdale

Executive Summary

- 1.1 Advertisement of proposals to introduce parking restrictions on parts of Blackpits Road and Edenfield Road (A680) has generated five objections.
- 1.2 This report explains the background to the proposal and comments upon the points made by the objectors to assist the Committee in coming to a decision about the proposed Order's introduction.

Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee should consider whether the proposed Traffic Regulation Order, Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No.126) Order be
 - implemented as advertised, or
 - referred for Cabinet to determine should the Committee not feel fully able to support the proposal.
- 2.2 It is the recommendation of Highways Officers that the Order should be introduced as advertised to address junction and bend parking issues.

Reason for Recommendation

- 3.1 **Copy of Statement of Reasons**
 - 3.1.1 Consideration has been given to extending the No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on Blackpits Road at the junction of Edenfield Road, Norden Ward.
 - 3.1.2 Parked vehicles can cause obstruction and reduce sight lines for vehicles turning into and out of Blackpits Road. In addition to this, parked vehicles are obstructing dropped kerbs preventing access to the garages of nearby properties and access by emergency vehicles.

- 3.1.3 Blackpits Road is a non-strategic highway and residential cul de sac.
- 3.1.4 There is currently 15 metres of No Waiting At Any Time restriction on both sides of Blackpits Road from its junction with Edenfield Road providing junction protection; it is those that require extending to a distance of 40 metres to ease traffic movement, residential access, improve forward visibility and create a more efficient and safer highway.
- 3.1.5 The proposals also include an extension of No Waiting At Any Time restrictions further to the west along Edenfield Road near to and beyond Hutchinson Road.
- 3.1.6 An increasing number of vehicles have been observed to park where Edenfield Road bends and climbs away from Rochdale.
- 3.1.7 These vehicles create a hazard to other users of the highway prejudicing the safe movement of traffic where the narrow road has limited forward visibility due to the bend west of Greenbooth Road.
- 3.1.8 Parked vehicles on the southerly side of the bend force westbound motorists to straddle the centre of the carriageway and enter the opposite side of the carriageway into the path of oncoming vehicles.
- 3.1.9 Edenfield Road (A680) is strategic highway and a bus route and No Waiting At Any Time restrictions are intended to eliminate indiscriminate parking and allow vehicles to remain on the correct side of the carriageway, thus creating a more efficient and safer highway.
- 3.1.10 Existing marked unrestricted parking bays on the south side of Edenfield Road beyond the bend are not affected by the proposed restrictions.
- 3.1.11 There have been no recorded injury accidents in the last 3 years on Blackpits Road and Edenfield Road.
- 3.1.12 ***Further to that stated in 3.1.11 immediately above a slight injury accident was recorded in December 2016 which took place after these proposals had been devised and prior to their advertisement. It is described in more detail in paragraph 4.12 to 4.15.***
- 3.1.13 The proposals devised and advertised are intended to address the identified problems (see Appendix A)

Key Points for Consideration

- 4.1 During the consultation period the Authority received five objections.
- 4.2 To comply with the Local authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 the Authority must consider all objections received during the consultation period of 21 days before 'Making' a Traffic Regulation Order.

- 4.3 It should be noted that in considering the report because it involves part of Edenfield Road (A680), the proposed Order is deemed strategic in nature and should be dealt with in accordance with Section 8.2.3 of the Scheme of Delegation to Township Committee.
- 4.4 Committee has the delegated power to confirm and give instruction to implement the Order as advertised or refer the matter to Cabinet for determination should the Committee not feel fully able to support the proposal.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 The Council in its role as Highway Authority, has 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.
- 4.7 The Objectors' comments and the Director of Neighbourhoods response are attached at Appendix B of this report. Their names and precise addresses, if known, have been redacted.
- 4.8 In addition to the formal objections received a total of four supportive messages have been received and are attached at Appendix C of this report. Their names and precise addresses, if known, have been redacted.

Alternatives Considered

- 4.9 Highways Officers do not feel that reduction in the scale of the proposals is appropriate on either of Blackpits Road or Edenfield Road.
- 4.10 Consideration has been given to reducing the scale of the proposals to just one side of Edenfield Road on the bend situated between Greenbooth Road and Rose Avenue.
- 4.11 There is insufficient road width available for parking and any relaxation in the proposals would reduce forward visibility and remove one of the key parts of the advertised proposals.

General comments about the objections

- 4.12 The accident which took place at the junction of Rose Avenue and Edenfield Road involved a vehicle emerging from Rose Avenue making a right turn onto Edenfield Road.
- 4.13 In this location the proposals do include No Waiting At Any Time restrictions to the right of Rose Avenue where there are currently white hatch markings indicating that drivers should not park there.
- 4.14 If introduced, these restrictions would assist the emerging drivers' view to the right on the inside of a bend.

- 4.15 The carriageway width of Edenfield Road is not sufficient to allow parking and maintain two way traffic flow where forward visibility is limited by the bend and gradient.
- 4.16 The restrictions proposed on Edenfield Road outside the Bridge Inn public house are intended to remove parked vehicles which obstruct visibility of vehicles emerging from Hutchinson Road, and hinder forward visibility heading towards the bend and cause larger vehicles to stray across the centre line potentially into the path of oncoming traffic.
- 4.17 Due to vehicles parking on and narrowing Blackpits Road close to its junction with Edenfield Road this causes difficulty when an emerging vehicle meets a vehicle trying to enter the street.
- 4.18 A small increase in parking space at the former bus terminus is included in this proposal by removing a redundant bus stand marking.
- 4.19 The parking capacity at the former bus terminus is not capable of extension due to the need to allow vehicles to turn safely into and out of the established parking bays.
- 4.20 The scheme proposals are supported by Greater Manchester Police.
- 4.21 Some of the objectors refer to the possibility of extending this TRO scheme or introducing other measures in preference to this scheme.
- 4.22 The proposal under consideration has been advertised, objections received, and needs to be considered on its own merits.
- 4.23 It is not possible to add other areas of Norden to this proposal at this stage.
- 4.24 Should Committee wish to support other TRO measures then this is something that could be commissioned separately.

Costs and Budget Summary

- 5.1 The cost of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order is estimated to be £3500 and will be met by Rochdale Township Capital funding.

Risk and Policy Implications

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

Consultation

- 7.1 Consultation required by the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders, (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 has taken place.
- 7.2 The Emergency Services, Transport for Greater Manchester, The Freight Transport Association and The Road Haulage Association were consulted on

9th January 2017.

7.3 Notices of Intention were posted on site and advertised in the local newspaper on 11th January 2017.

7.4 The objection period ran until 8th February 2017.

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
8.1 None	

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APPENDIX A – Notice of Intention and plan

TRO Ref No H60/1182

**BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE
((CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTRAVENTIONS)
(VARIOUS STREETS) (ROCHDALE TOWNSHIP) ORDER 2008)
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 126) ORDER**

Blackpits Road and Edenfield Road, 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:-

- (i) 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**

Blackpits Road, Norden Ward

- (ni) both sides from its junction with Edenfield Road for a distance of 40 metres in a south westerly direction

Edenfield Road, Norden Ward

- (niii) the southerly side from its junction with Shepherd Street to a point 90 metres west of its junction with Hutchinson Road
- (niv) the northerly side from its junction with Heap Road to a point 117 metres west of its junction with Greenbooth Road

**Schedule No 5.3
No Loading 8.00 - 9.00am And 4.30 - 6.00pm**

Edenfield Road, Norden Ward

- (ni) the northerly side from its junction with Greenbooth Road to its junction with Heap Road
- (ii) Revoke those parts of the Borough of Rochdale (Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008, as follows:-

**Schedule No. 1.1
No Waiting At Any Time**

Edenfield Road, Norden Ward

- (i) the north side from a point 43 metres east of its junction with Greenbooth Road to its junction with Heap Road
- (x) the south side from a point 50 metres east of its junction with Hutchinson Road to its junction with Blackpits Road

- (xi) the south side from its junction with Blackpits Road to a point 17 metres east of its junction with Blackpits Road
- (xii) the south side from a point 17 metres east of its junction with Blackpits Road to its junction with Shepherd Street
- (ni) the south side from its junction with Hutchinson Road for a distance of 50 metres in an easterly direction

Schedule No 5.3

No Loading 8.00 - 9.00am And 4.30 - 6.00pm

Edenfield Road, Norden Ward

- (vii) the north side from a point 43 metres east of its junction with Greenbooth Road to its junction with Heap Road

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 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 8th February 2017, quoting H60/1182.

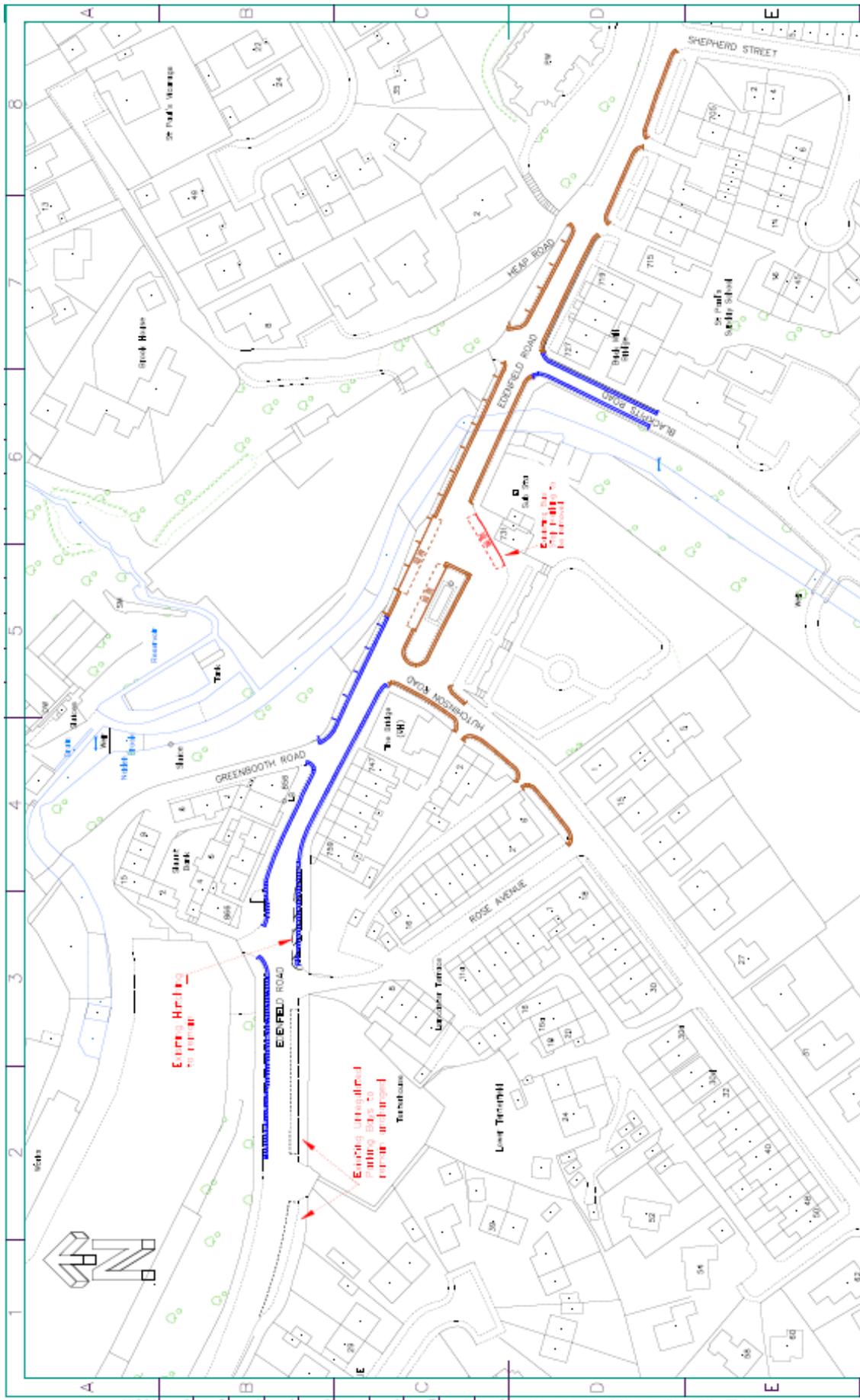
Dated this 11th day of January 2017



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Rochdale Borough Council

Number One Riverside
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ROCHDALE
OL16 1XU



SCALE WITH CAUTION AS DISTORTION CAN OCCUR

KEY Existing Waiting Restrictions Proposed No Waiting at any Time Existing No Loading 8.00-09.00am and 4.30-6.00pm Proposed No Loading 8.00-09.00am and 4.30-6.00pm		ROCHDALE COUNCIL ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENT <small>Member of City</small> NETWORK MANAGEMENT <small>Section 5.104</small>	Project Blackpits Road & Edenfield Road Waiting Restrictions	Drawn 4	Checked & Approved 4	Scale A3 @ 1:1000	Date 17/11/2016	Drawn 4	Checked & Approved 4	Scale A3 @ 1:1000	Date 17/11/2016
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APPENDIX B – Objections Received

Objector 1	[REDACTED]	Chair, Norden Area Forum
Details of objection Objector's comments written as received		Response of the Director of Neighbourhoods
<p>Subject: Re; Objection to Rochdale TRO H60/1182.</p> <p>I wish to register my objection to this TRO for a number of reasons;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack Of Proper Consultation ; The situation regarding traffic dangers in Norden has been raised at a number of recent Area Forum Meeting . The specific issues of traffic hazards and parking at the Bus Terminus and other serious traffic matters were brought to the attention of the Meeting by a number of concerned residents. Business owners and local residents were concerned , amongst other issues about the absence of waiting time restriction on the parking bays at the Jubilee Park and the absence of a box junction on Hutchinson Road at the exit to the Bus Terminus (a very obvious and persistent hazard) Mindful of these concerns , the Township Office has requested on more than one occasion that Highways Officers come to the Area Forum or meet with concerned residents on individual matters; each time , they have steadfastly refused these reasonable requests. As a result , instead of using this and other TRO`s to address the serious concerns of Villagers , Highways Officers are using this TRO to address their own agendas . Villagers have demonstrated , in the past , a capacity to have sensible discussions with 		<p>This scheme is a Rochdale Township Action and Resources Delegated sub-Committee scheme and has been promoted as required by the statutory process described in paragraph 4.2 of this report.</p> <p>Should the Committee feel further work merits support in the area then it can commission another Traffic Regulation Order separately from the proposed Order now under consideration. It is not possible to amend the current Order to regulate the use of the parking bays provided adjacent to Jubilee Park.</p> <p>This Traffic Regulation Order was approved and commissioned by Rochdale Township Action and Resources Delegated sub-Committee. Initially the commission was for restrictions on Blackpits Road but following a second request for waiting restrictions on Edenfield Road the two schemes were amalgamated to reduce costs. The scheme was developed and Ward Councillors were notified of the proposals and asked to comment. The proposals were also discussed at Norden Area Forum prior to the statutory legal process commencing.</p>

Highways Officers even on controversial local matters (eg the 20mph around Whitaker Moss School) . In addition, I am very concerned that ,for a number of days following the publication of the TRO Notices in the affected area, the TRO was not available on the Rochdale Council website ,depriving residents and others of the opportunity to comment on the matter.

2. Loss Of Parking For Villagers and Visitors Alike ; The imposition of this TRO involves the loss of a number of parking spaces ,within walking distance of shops, businesses and other local amenities. This in a Village desperately short of parking spaces .
3. Justification; It is not unreasonable to expect that Officers expending scarce resources should do so on the basis of objectively verifiable evidence for their proposals. In the case of this TRO , the Officers admit that there have not been any accidents on this part of Edenfield Road and Black Pitts Road during the last 3 years. There is no traffic survey evidence in to support their conclusions , nor is there any photographic evidence to support the contention that vehicles cross the centre of the road frequently. Is it merely a " happy" coincidence that the imposition of the proposed TRO would remove a major impediment to any proposed development at Greenbooth?; if so,such matters surely require proper discussion prior to implementation.
4. An Opportunity Lost; Every TRO costs Rochdale Council £3,500 of increasingly scarce resources . Measures could be incorporated in this TRO to address more pressing concerns expressed by Villagers ; as well as those mentioned above,

Publication of proposals on the Council's website is not a statutory requirement. The scheme has been promoted as required by the statutory process described in paragraph 4.2 of this report.

Nobody has the right to park on the highway, the only right a person has is to travel along it. Although parking on the highway is an accepted practise vehicles should be parked in a safe and courteous manner that does not hinder peoples use of the highway. The purpose of the scheme under consideration is to address safety concerns at junctions and on bends which pose a hazard to motorists.

An injury accident has taken place after the scheme was devised and a short time before it was advertised. Paragraphs 3.1.12 and 4.12-4.15 refer.

There is photographic evidence to demonstrate that vehicles do cross the centre line marking, in addition to some of the scheme supporters in Appendix C who mention this issue too. The photos also show that vehicles also park in a manner that obstructs the footway

The Greenbooth development has no relevance to the TRO under consideration.

Having advertised this proposal it is not possible to alter its scope to include other topics. Any further TRO's would need separately investigating and if thought fit could be

measures could be incorporated ,for instance, to address dangerous parking on Ashborne Street (which already give rise to life-threatening situations) and obstructive and dangerous parking on Hutchinson Rd. Because Highways Officers refuse to attend the Forum or meet with concerned residents groups , they are not aware of local concerns or priorities ;_ at the same time they seem content to expend scarce resources on measure which do not address local safety concerns. This causes further additional costs,delays and frustrations .

5. Lack Of Enforcement Resources; For a TRO to be effective in addressing problems ,there needs to be adequate resources available to insure that Regulations can be enforced. There is already considerable evidence that there are not sufficient Parking Enforcement Officers to adequately enforce existing yellow line in Norden without adding more . Villagers frequently express their frustration at lack of enforcement at both Area Forums and PACT Meetings

For the reasons explained above , I object to this TRO both as an individual and as a representative of a number of Forum participants who have repeatedly raised concerns. The level of concern about this TRO is such that it seem sensible for the matter to be referred to a Township Committee Meeting for further discussion and scrutiny.

Kind Regards [REDACTED]
Chair
Norden Area Forum

commissioned by the Committee.

The restrictions proposed are 'No Waiting At Any Time' to be indicated by double yellow lines, and if approved and implemented stand the best chance of successful compliance without undue use of enforcement resources because they are a simple restriction that is generally well understood by drivers.

Having received objections to the TRO proposal, the formal process to consider them is by Rochdale Township Action and Resources Delegated sub-Committee which is the entire reason for this report.

Objector 2

[REDACTED]

**Details of objection
Objector's comments written as
received**

**Response of the Director of
Neighbourhoods**

**Reference: Rochdale MBC TRO
H60/1182.**

I am highly concerned as to the loss of opportunity and continuing enjoyment this order intends to quash.

Norden is a small, vibrant and compact community, which to maintain its fluidity of services and incoming resources, needs its space and parking to ensure its continued growth and valuable track record of safety remain constant.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

The generalisations contained in this objection are not sufficiently detailed to comment upon.

The proposed locations of the waiting restrictions are to remove vehicles which are parked in a dangerous and unsafe manner which pose a risk to users of the highway.

In the vicinity of the proposed scheme formal parking bays are provided on the former Bus Turning Circle and also on parts of Edenfield Road where there is sufficient width and it is safe to do so.

Objector 3	[REDACTED]	
Details of objection Objector's comments written as received	Response of the Director of Neighbourhoods	
<p>Subject: H60/1182</p> <p>I write with regard to the proposed TRO on Edenfield Road.</p> <p>The proposals put forward are going to have a devastating effect to the residents of Hutchinson Road - who are already having problems with access for emergency and agricultural vehicles, due to people parking on both sides of the road over the brow of the hill towards the original playing fields.</p> <p>Rather than putting MORE lines down, surely now there are no busses using the old terminus, there is no requirement for the double yellow lines against the building inside the terminus (where the old toilets entrance used to be). It is clear from the number of badge holders which park on the double yellow lines in any case, that there is ample access to the parking spaces at the perimeter, so clearly these lines need removing.</p> <p>There is no need to have the lines outside the Bridge Inn pub, I have never had an issue with visibility with vehicles parked there, and your own evidence states there has been no injurious accidents reported. Surely only on the very corner itself need there be any restrictions placed? Likewise I have never seen any issue with vehicles parked on the North side of Edenfield Road between Greenbooth Road and the old Terminus. If anything, it is a benefit to the Village for people coming down the hill to</p>	<p>Some worn yellow lines on Hutchinson Road are due to be remarked.</p> <p>The bus stand road marking outside the Chip Shop is intended to be removed as part of this scheme and will provide a modest increase in available kerb space. Any alteration to other restrictions cannot be included within the advertised TRO presently under consideration. Should the Committee feel this is worth investigating it would need separately commissioning.</p> <p>The restrictions proposed on Edenfield Road outside the Bridge Inn pub are intended to improve visibility at the junction with Hutchinson Road and improve forward visibility in the direct of the gradient and bends and for traffic travelling towards Rochdale. They will also benefit vehicles emerging from Rose Avenue onto Edenfield Road.</p>	

have to slow on approach to the village. This would also provide a lead up to busses stopped in the bus stops, rather than the speeding vehicles coming down the hill suddenly being brought to a stop as they currently do.

The council need to provide MORE spaces to park, rather than pushing people to park on the side roads, which are already busting at the seams.

I would agree the need for lines on the outside of the bend between Greenbooth Road and Slaunt Bank due to the sharp bend and width of the road. However I have never had issue with vehicles parked further up the hill.

Blackpits Road is too narrow for parking on both sides in any case, so I am surprised the wallside of the road does not have lines already.

I have previously asked for a box junction to stop vehicles blocking the entrance to Hutchinson Road from Edenfield Road by vehicles exiting the old terminus. Surely as this is a major risk to health this should take priority over someones urge to fill the area with double yellow lines.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The scheme seeks to address junction visibility and forward visibility issues on Edenfield Road.

The scheme does not seek to remove parked vehicles from established marked unlimited parking bays beyond Rose Avenue.

The scheme seeks to address obstruction issues on Blackpits Road close to the junction with Edenfield Road.

A box junction is not appropriate for the modest numbers of vehicles using the former bus terminus.

Objector 4	[REDACTED]
Details of objection Objector's comments written as received	Response of the Director of Neighbourhoods
<p>Subject: TRO H60/1182</p> <p>I am writing to object to the above proposal relating to parking restrictions on Edenfield and Blackpits Roads. The village has grown considerably over the last 10-20 years and is already struggling for parking spaces. We have a number of excellent local shops who rely on the trade from the local community- by taking away even more parking spaces they run the risk of losing trade as well. The road changes made in order to accommodate the new development at Greenbooth are already causing issues and concerns as when approached from the Owd Betts direction cars are forced over towards the incoming traffic which is an accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>Restricting the parking down towards the village and recreational area of Jubilee Park will also cause issues for young families who come to enjoy the park area. Norden as a village has worked extremely hard over the last few years to develop and strengthen its community - please don't damage to potential sustainability or spoil the progress made by so many hard working individuals and business owners by making it increasingly difficult for people to come and visit and enjoy what we have to offer.</p> <p>Yours sincerely [REDACTED]</p>	<p>The scheme seeks to address obstruction issues on Blackpits Road close to the junction with Edenfield Road.</p> <p>The junction of Over Town Lane and Edenfield Road has been altered to improve visibility for emerging traffic and a repositioning of the centre line.</p> <p>This scheme seeks to address junction visibility and forward visibility issues on Edenfield Road.</p>

Objector 5	█. █. █. Edenfield Road Rochdale OL11 █.	
Details of objection Objector's comments written as received	Response of the Director of Neighbourhoods	
<p>Subject: Objection</p> <p>Borough of Rochdale ((Civil Enforcement of Traffic Contraventions) (Various Streets) (Rochdale Township) Order 2008) (Amendment) (No. 126) Order Blackpits Road and Edenfield Road, Rochdale</p> <p>I would like to raise an objection to the above traffic order.</p> <p>I am the property owner and resident at █. Edenfield Rd. which is situated on the corner of Blackpits Road</p> <p>The 'no waiting at any time' restriction would cause an inconvenience as I would have to walk a significant distance from my property to a legitimate parking place.</p> <p>A similar problem would be created for my neighbours at █. █. and █. Edenfield Road.</p> <p>My elderly mother visits (who is a Blue Badge Holder) and I have young grandchildren whom I care for who are transported to my home by car.</p> <p>In the event of being incapacitated or having reduced mobility the restriction would not allow for grocery deliveries etc. directly to my property.</p> <p>The restriction is likely to affect the 'saleability' of my property and the value of the property.</p> <p>I have lived at this property since 1999 at which time there were no parking restrictions in front of the property or on Blackpits Road.</p> <p>At the time of the Red Row Housing development concerns were raised about</p>	<p>The Council in its role as Highway Authority has no duty to provide parking spaces for individual residents. The only right the general public has is a right of passage along a highway.</p> <p>The proposed 'No Waiting At Any time' restrictions would not prevent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the holders of blue disabled persons badges from parking for up to 3 hours • a vehicle being stopped to allow passengers to board or alight • goods being loaded or unloaded from a vehicle <p>The value of a property cannot include a sum for items that the seller has no control over such as parking on the Public Highway. On-street parking is not considered when a property is valued.</p> <p>There can never be a guarantee that a road without restrictions on it will remain so.</p>	

the width of Blackpits road and the visibility at the junction of Blackpits Road and Edenfield Rd. The plans were passed without widening of the road. Parking restrictions were enforced as currently stand.

The statement of reasons include :
Parked vehicles can cause obstruction and reduce sight lines for vehicles turning into and out of Blackpits Road. In addition to this, parked vehicles are obstructing dropped kerbs preventing access to the garages of nearby properties and access by emergency vehicles.

The only garage in the vicinity is owned by property owner and resident at [REDACTED] Edenfield Rd who has given permission to us as neighbours to park in front of his garage. I have never witnessed a situation whereby emergency vehicles would not be able to access Blackpits Rd due to parking.

As included in the statement there has been no reported incidents / injuries reported in the past three years at the junction of Black Pits Road / Edenfield Rd.

A more satisfactory solution would be to issue resident permits to the residents at [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Edenfield Road.

In an attempt to improve the parking availability and reduce congestion I recently applied for planning permission to erect a 'balcony' from the first floor of my property which was refused by RMBC. Had it been passed I was planning to apply to drop the kerb and use the 'balcony' as a carport so that I could utilise the rear of the property for parking.

Regards, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Edenfield Road, Rochdale OL11 [REDACTED]

Some supporters of this scheme specifically mention that vehicles parked close to the junction of Blackpits Road and Edenfield Road do cause a problem. There are also informal notices placed on gates advising drivers not to block accesses.

Any parking permits specifically for residents' own use would still cause vehicles to park in an undesirable location.

The Council's criteria for 'resident only' parking schemes are intended for use on an area-wide basis of at least 50 properties with a measureable parking problem. A residents' parking permit would not allow the holder to park on No Waiting At Any Time restrictions indicated by double yellow lines.

APPENDIX C – Supportive Comments Received

Supporter 1	■■■■
Supporter's comments written as received	
Subject: Re: Parking restrictions Edenfield Road	
<p>If accepted these proposals will make the road much more safe.</p> <p>I am concerned about the potential for a serious accident on the bend by the Bridge Inn. This is a blind bend but cars are now parking outside the pub and up the hill towards the bend and on the other side coming down the hill (partially blocking the pavement). Additionally cars park on the chevrons just on the bend. This all pushes cars in both directions towards the centre of the road on the bend. They cannot see one another until the last minute. Speeding does not help. There are double yellow lines from Shepherd Street to Hutchison Road but bizarrely not beyond!</p> <p>The extension of the lines up the hill on both sides and around the bend would improve safety. Either that or a double white line up the centre of the road (although judging by the parking near St Michaels school in Bamford this will not stop the parking that narrows the road). ■■■■</p>	

Supporter 2	■■■■ Blackpits Road
Supporter's comments written as received	
Subject: H60/1182 Blackpits Road Restrictions	
<p>Please may I add my approval to this traffic proposal from my personal experience as a resident on Blackpits Road.</p> <p>No matter what time of day or night, cars are parked right up to the junction of Edenfield Road, it is particularly hard to see any oncoming traffic coming from around the junction (either way) due to the nuisance and dangerously parked cars.</p> <p>I have seen a few bumps on that junction over the course of the last 8 years and believe double yellow lines down to St Pauls Church Hall would help to alleviate this problem.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, ■■■■</p>	

Supporter 3

Blackpits Road

Supporter's comments written as received

Subject: H60/1182 Blackpits Road Restrictions

Just for the record, may I add my approval to this traffic proposal from my personal experience as a resident on Blackpits Road.

No matter what time of day or night, with cars parked right up to the junction of Edenfield Road, it is particularly hard to see any oncoming traffic coming from around the junction (either way) due to the nuisance and dangerously parked cars.

I have seen a few bumps on that junction over the course of the last 8 years and believe double yellow lines down to St Pauls Church Hall would help to alleviate this problem.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

Supporter 4

[REDACTED]

Supporter's comments written as received

Parking Restrictions Edenfield Road

I am writing regarding your recent notice displayed in the Rochdale Observer relating to the proposed parking restrictions on Edenfield Road and Blackpits Road.

I would like to add my support to the proposals. Often when turning into Blackpits Road from Edenfield Road I have to stop and allow the vehicles exiting Blackpits Road to pull out before I can turn into the street. This is due to parked vehicles. The restrictions would prevent vehicles from parking there making it easier and safer to access Blackpits Road and the Church Hall.

In recent months I have noticed an increase in cars being parked on Edenfield Road outside the Bridge Inn forcing vehicles heading up the hill to cross the centre line on a blind bend into oncoming traffic which is very dangerous especially as vehicles heading down the hill naturally cut the corner. I believe there was an accident on this bend before Christmas possibly caused by this very issue. Until this dangerous parking has been removed it is highly likely there will be further accidents in the future.

I think the proposals will help to move the dangerously parked cars in the area making it safer to drive

Yours sincerely [REDACTED]