

**Part I**

Electoral Divisions affected:  
Rossendale East;  
Rossendale South;  
Rossendale West;  
Whitworth;

**Haslingden Town Centre Parking Restrictions and Various Locations in Rossendale**

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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**Executive Summary**

This report sets out a proposal to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order which includes Prohibition of Waiting, Restrictions of Waiting, Limited waiting, Prohibition of Loading, Taxi Stand, Goods Vehicles Loading and Unloading only and associated revocations at various locations within four Electoral Districts in Rossendale as per the attached schedule and plans at Appendices 'A' and 'B'.

The proposals have been advertised in the local press and no objections have been received.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order 25 have been complied with.

**Recommendation**

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to approve the making of a Traffic Regulation Order as set out in the schedule attached at Appendix 'A' and as shown on the location plans at Appendix 'B 1 - 10'.

**Background and Advice**

Haslingden Town Centre

Lancashire County Council was contacted in June 2014 by Rossendale Borough Council's officer for Health, Housing and Regeneration requesting a review of the waiting restrictions in Haslingden town centre. County Council officers asked for some specific details and locations. Rossendale Borough Council liaised with the Haslingden Task Force and in July 2015 provided a request to reduce the extent of

waiting restrictions on Blackburn Road and Warner Street in Haslingden in order to increase on-street parking outside shops and the Health Centre.

A draft proposal to make changes to the restrictions was discussed at the Rossendale Traffic Liaison Meeting in September 2015. The meeting agreed that this should proceed to informal consultation with Haslingden Task Force via Rossendale Borough Council and with East Lancashire Healthcare Trust via Haslingden Health Centre. The proposal progressed to informal consultation in July 2016 and included the businesses and properties which would also be affected.

#### Cross Street North

The County Council has received complaints of a reduced sight line at the junction of Cross Street North and Blackburn Road due to parking on the footway and on the build out at 270 Blackburn Road. The existing prohibition of waiting does not extend around the build out and therefore enforcement was not effective. The concern was reported to the Rossendale Traffic Liaison Meeting in February 2015 and the meeting agreed that the existing Traffic Regulation Order warranted amending. A proposal to extend the prohibition of waiting around the build out was the subject of an informal consultation in July 2016 and one enquiry was received from the resident of 270 Blackburn Road. The concerns of pavement parking and the resulting reduced sight lines was discussed with the resident and explanations given for the informal proposal; it was agreed to maintain contact with this resident throughout any subsequent consultations.

### **Informal Consultations**

#### Haslingden Town Centre (Appendix B 1, 2 & 3)

Several responses were received during the informal consultation period during July 2016.

It was proposed that the day time restriction outside Nos. 8-18 Blackburn Road was removed and a section of limited waiting introduced instead. A local business asked if the limited waiting bay could be extended to outside No. 4-18. It was agreed to increase the bay by 4 metres to outside Nos. 6-18 – this would allow for extra parking and site visits confirmed that this would not be detrimental to traffic flow on Blackburn Road.

The informal consultation proposed to remove a section of limited waiting Monday to Saturday between 7am and 7pm outside Nos. 56-66 Blackburn Road. The Plumbing and Heating business at 56-60 Blackburn Road asked if this could remain to allow potential parking on a regular basis. It was agreed to retain a limited waiting bay but change the timing to limited waiting Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm to maintain consistency with other restrictions in the area.

Haslingden town centre has sections of restricted waiting on Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm around the signalised junction and along sections of Deardengate. The proposal includes revocations of this day time restriction and introduces a prohibition of waiting to seek to maintain traffic flows in these areas by this increase in the duration of the restrictions. There are limited waiting bays on the west side of Deardengate and this proposal confirms the period of operation as Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm, allowing 30 minutes waiting with no return within 1 hour.

The Health Centre on Warner Street has been extended and rebuilt and now includes a car park with the potential for parking for 40 cars and 5 disabled persons parking spaces. Warner Street has a one way traffic restriction and a restriction of waiting on Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm on both sides along its whole length. The proposal seeks to remove the restrictions on the north side. The removal will provide the potential for on street parking outside the terraced housing between Nos. 2 and 30 Warner Street. The proposal provides for a dedicated bay for goods vehicles on the south side immediately adjacent to the store area of the Health Centre.

The County Council has also received complaints of parking on Warner Street near to the junction of Manchester Road which has caused access problems for buses along this route. The proposal introduces sections of no loading and unloading at any time on both sides of Warner Street near its junction with Manchester Road to remove this problem.

The proposal also confirms an existing taxi stand on Deardengate.

#### Cross Street North (Appendix B 4)

The changes at Blackburn Road and the junction of Blackburn Road and Cross Street North were the subject of formal consultation and advertising.

#### Confirmation of existing restrictions (Appendix B 5,6,7,8 & 9)

The proposal includes confirmation of restrictions which exist on site at Knowsley Road Haslingden, Manchester Road between North Street and Rawtenstall Road Haslingden, Mount Street Rawtenstall and Rawtenstall Road, Haslingden, and also at Newchurch Road, Stacksteads and Rochdale Road, Bacup. These items were not the subject of informal consultation as they are anomalies which have been identified where the existing lines and signs on site do not have the correct descriptions in the Consolidation traffic regulation order.

#### Removal of Designated Disabled Persons Parking Bay (Appendix B 10)

The order includes the removal of a designated disabled parking space at William Street, Stubbins where the qualifying resident has moved away and the bay is no longer required.

### **Formal Consultation**

Formal consultation was carried out between 30 December 2016 and 27 January 2017 and advertised in the local press. Notices were also displayed on site for the Haslingden Town Centre and Cross Street North proposals. Notices were not placed at the locations of the existing restrictions which were being confirmed as there was no material change to the restrictions. The relevant County Councillors have been informed. No objections have been received.

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

This proposal seeks to improve traffic flows by reducing obstructive parking through the increased provision of more appropriately located on-street parking. It also seeks to confirm existing restrictions to allow effective enforcement and improve junction safety. Failure to implement the proposals could lead to further disruption to traffic flows to the detriment of highway safety and the local economy.

If the proposals are approved, the works on the highway will be carried out in accordance with the County Council's Health and Safety Policy and Guidelines.

## **Financial**

The costs of the Traffic Regulation Order will be funded from the County Council's Revenue Budgets for new signs and lines.

## **List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
NA		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
NA		