TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH (STAMFORD STREET CENTRAL /OLD SQUARE, GEORGE STREET, AND GREY STREET, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE) (ONE-WAY TRAFFIC AND PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN) ORDER 2005

THE TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and 2(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), Part IV of Schedule 9 to the same Act of 1984 and of all enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act hereby makes the following Order:-

- Save as provided in Articles 3 and 4, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police officer in uniform or a traffic warden, cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in any of the lengths of roads specified in Column 1 of the Schedule to this Order in a direction other than that specified in Column 2 of that Schedule.
- Save as provided in Articles 3 and 4, no person shall cause any vehicle proceeding in a northerly direction on Grey Street to make a right turn into Stamford Street Central.
- 3. Nothing in Articles 1 and 2 of this Order shall apply to the driving of any vehicle being used for Ambulance, Fire Brigade or Police purposes if the observance of any provision of this Order would hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose on which it is being used on that occasion.
- 4. THE GREATER MANCHESTER COUNTY (ASTON-UNDE-LYNE TOWN CENTRE)(RESTRICTION OF ACCESS AND TRAFFIC REGULATION) (COUNTY) ORDER 1984 shall have effect as though in Schedule 3 to that Order the following length of road was deleted therefrom:-

Column 1

Column 2

George Street, from Stamford Street Central to Old Street.

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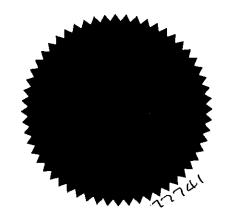
5. THE TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL (STAMFORD STREET, ASHTON)(ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 1992 is hereby revoked.

This Order will come into operation on the 1st. day of July 2005 and may be cited as "THE TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH (STAMFORD STREET CENTRAL/OLD SQUARE, GEORGE STREET AND GREY STREET, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE)(ONE-WAY TRAFFIC AND PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN) ORDER 2005.

THE COMMON SEAL OF TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL was hereunto affixed on the 22nd. day of June 2005.

Borough Solicitor

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SCHEDULE

Column 1

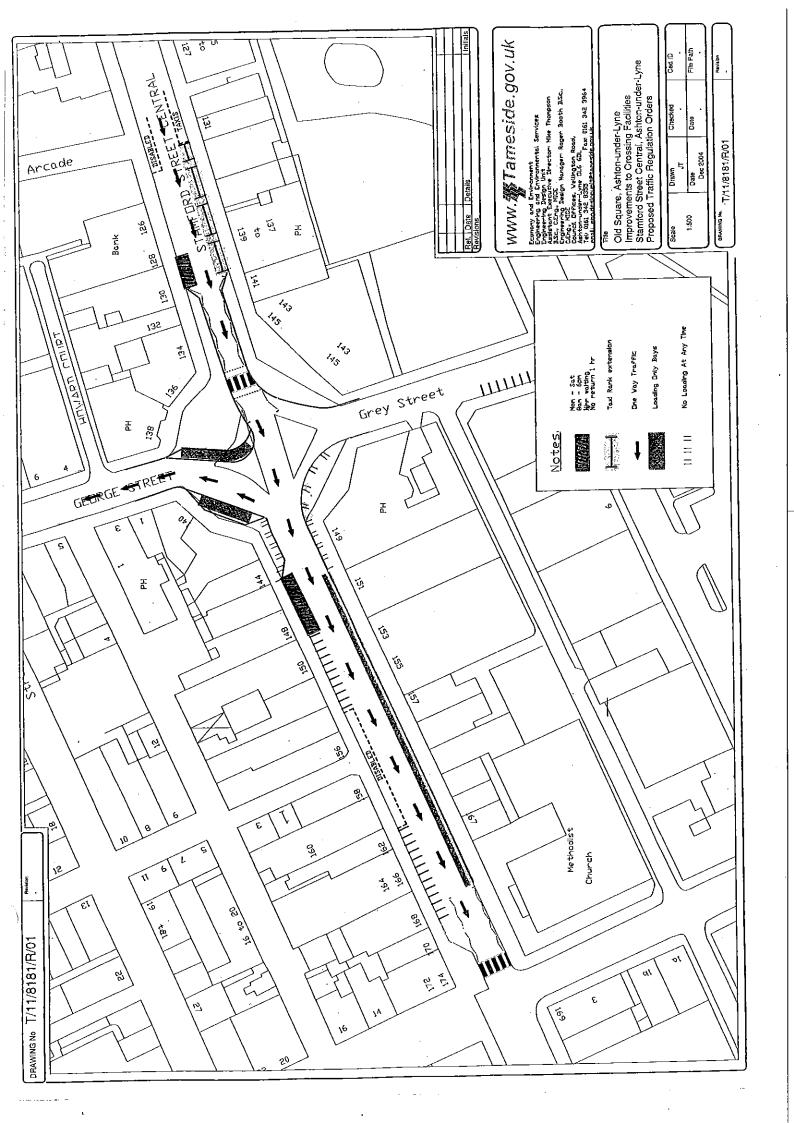
Column 2

GEORGE STREET from its junction with Stamford Street Central/Old Square to its junction with Old Street.

in a northerly direction

STAMFORD STREET CENTRAL (incorparating OLD SQUARE) from its junction with Scotland Street at the Telephone Exchange Roundabout (Park Parade) to its junction with Oldham Road.

in a westerly direction



Assistant Executive Director - Engineering and Environmental Services

Delegated decision in consultation with Cabinet Deputy – Technical Services Councillor A. Whitehead

SUBJECT

Old Square - Ashton-under-Lyne

Proposal

As part of the series of environmental improvement projects encompassed by the Ashton Gateways Initiative, it is proposed to alter the layout and refurbish Old Square. In conjunction with these proposals, alterations to the Traffic Regulations Orders in the vicinity of the Old Square, along Stamford Street Central, George Street and Grey Street are proposed.

Old Square Layout and Refurbishment (See Plan No. HS5352/003C)

The current layout of the roads joining Old Square (ie. Stamford Street Central, George Street and Grey Street), whilst dealing effectively with the flow of traffic, creates a poor 'sense of place' for the pedestrian and does little to present this space in the light of its history or potential contribution to an upgraded image of Ashton.

The proposals will provide a more pedestrian friendly space by reducing the amount and width of carriageways within the Square and increasing the extent of footways. The narrowing of the carriageway will reduce vehicle speeds and benefit pedestrians crossing Stamford Street Central.

The heritage context of the proposal has been given particular attention, in view of the linkage between the old centre and the current commercial centre. Street lighting will be improved and the footways will be paved with natural stone flags, to emphasise the identity of this area within the 'Old Town'. The hope is that similar materials can be utilised in future years to radically improve the street scene within the Old Town area.

Consultation has taken place with ward members and with adjacent businesses, the feedback from which has been generally supportive. It is anticipated that work can start in January 2005 and will take approximately 12 weeks to complete.

Traffic Regulation Orders (See Plan No. T/11/8181/R/01)

Loading only bays will be provided at the corners of Stamford Street Central and George Street. However, it will be necessary to discontinue the existing night time taxi rank located on Grey Street and amend existing traffic regulation orders to take account of the revised layout, and to extend the existing night time taxi rank located on Stamford Street Central and amend the existing one-way traffic regulation order to take account of the revised layout.

Consultation with the local traders has highlighted difficulties they are experiencing with regards to loading and unloading on the south side of Stamford Street Central. The situation has apparently become more of a problem since the closure of Old Cross Street car park (for the construction of the Phoenix Market Hall), as it is claimed that the disabled drivers have now migrated onto Stamford Street Central. It is therefore proposed to introduce a working day (Monday to Saturday, 8am-6pm) 'Loading Only' bay on the south side of Stamford Street Central, from its junction with Grey Street to its junction with Warrington Street.

The proposed junction improvement of Old Square will afford the opportunity to provide more on street parking on Stamford Street Central as the new junction improvements will formalise lay-bys on the north side of Stamford Street Central. It is therefore proposed to extend the existing 30 minutes limited waiting on Stamford Street Central by some 10 metres on the west side of its junction with Old Square and by some 5 metres on the east side of Old Square.

Issue No: 3 (To be completed by Sealing Officer) **Issue Date: 1.4.98** TAMESIDE LEGAL SERVICES SEALING AUTHORITY I certify that the documentshould be sealed under the following authority:- (Delete as necessary) 1. Resolution of Committee on OR DOPULY, -TECHNICAL SELVICES. Delegated Power exercised by CABINET 2. Nominated Officer