

THE TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH  
(OLDHAM ROAD, BETWEEN CRANBOURNE ROAD AND WILSHAW LANE, ASHTON-  
UNDER-LYNE)  
(BUS LANE) (PEAK HOURS) ORDER 2026

Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effects of which will be to: -

Extend the Bus Lane on Oldham Road (west side) from a point 142 metres north of its junction with Atlas Street to a point 8 metres south of its junction with Clive Street.

A copy of the proposed Order, plan and statement of reasons relating thereto may be inspected online via <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders> or be sent to you at your request by e-mailing [highwayenquiries@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:highwayenquiries@tameside.gov.uk) and asking for the Oldham Road, Ashton-under-Lyne bus lane extension deposited documents.

Objections or comments to the proposals stating the grounds on which they are being made must be submitted in writing to the undersigned or by e-mail to [highwayenquiries@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:highwayenquiries@tameside.gov.uk) by no later than 25 June 2026 , full name and postal address must be included. Objections may be published. If you wish to discuss the proposals please contact Joanne Biddle, Senior Engineer, Engineering Services on 0161 342 2879.

Date: 28 May 2026

E Varnam; Assistant Director of Environment; PO Box 317, Market Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6BH

## **Statement of Reasons**

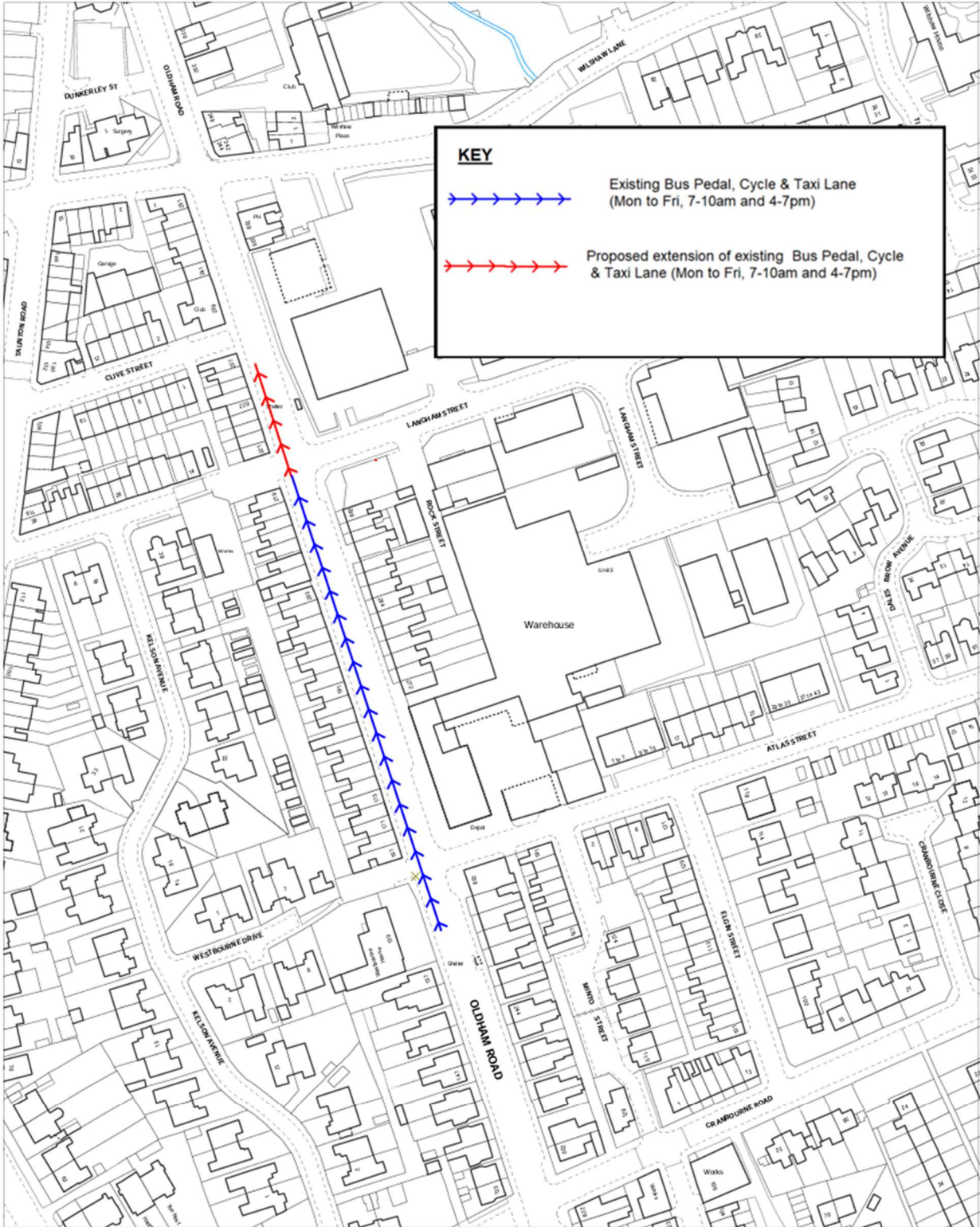
The Greater Manchester authorities are currently working alongside Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to build a fully integrated transport network, otherwise known as the 'Bee Network'. The Bee Network combines active travel options with improved bus, tram and ultimately rail services to deliver reliable and frequent sustainable travel options.

TfGM's bus services form the single largest component of the Bee Network and have received funding from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) to make improvements across the city region, to support quicker, more reliable and accessible bus journeys, to connect people to town centres, schools, hospitals, employment sites, wider transport facilities and active travel infrastructure.

TfGM are concentrating on developing highway infrastructure to support the improvement of bus stops, adjacent facilities for active travel and connections to rail and Metrolink services.

The proposed extension to the northbound Oldham Road bus lane is a part of a wider programme to develop and improve highway infrastructure, supporting better quality journeys by bus, bike, walking and wheeling between Rochdale, Royton, Oldham, and Ashton-under-Lyne town centres.

The proposed bus lane extension aims to enhance the overall bus travel experience along Oldham Road which forms part of the Greater Manchester Quality Bus Transit scheme. The extension is designed to reduce waiting times for northbound bus services by allowing them to pass through the Wilshaw Lane junction within a single traffic signal cycle, thereby improving journey time reliability.



	<b>OLDHAM ROAD, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE</b> <b>PROPOSED BUS LANE EXTENSION</b>	
	SCALE	1 : 1373
	DATE	09/04/2026
	DRAWING No.	
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**TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**UNDER-LYNE)**  
**(BUS LANE) (PEAK HOURS) ORDER 2026**

THE TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1), 2(1), 2(2), and 4(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") and of Part IV of Schedule 9 to the said Act and all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act hereby makes the following Order:-

1. (1) In this Order:-

"bus lane" has the same meaning as in Schedule 1 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (or any amendment thereof), and is indicated by the road marking complying with diagram 1049A and sign(s) to diagram 959B in Schedule 9 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (or any

"specified road" means any road or length of road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

2. Save as provided in Article 3 to this Order no person shall except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform or of a civil enforcement officer, cause or permit any vehicle other than a bus, pedal cycle or taxi, to enter, proceed or wait in the bus lane between the hours of 7am to 10am and 4pm to 7pm on Monday to Friday inclusive other than for the purpose of crossing it, on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

3. (1) Nothing in Article 2 to this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed or wait in the bus lane so long as may be necessary to enable:-

(a) persons to board or alight from a vehicle: provided that such boarding or alighting does not cause the vehicle to wait in the same place for more than 2 minutes;

(b) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in connection with any of the following operations, namely:-

(i) building, industrial or demolition operations;

(ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;

(iii) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the said sides of lengths of roads;

(iv) the laying, erection, alteration or repair in, or the land adjacent to, the sides of lengths of roads of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or any electronic

communications network as defined in the Communications Act 2003;

- (v) in connection with any wedding or funeral.
  - (c) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in the service of a local authority or any other Authority in the pursuance of statutory powers or duties;
  - (d) the vehicle, to be used for the purpose of delivering or collecting postal packets as defined in the Postal Services Act 2000;
  - (e) the vehicle to be used for Fire Brigade, Ambulance or Police purposes;
  - (f) In any case where the person in control of the vehicle:-
    - (i) is required by law to stop;
    - (ii) is obliged to stop so as to prevent an accident;
- (2) Nothing in Article 2 to this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to cross the bus lane to get to or from any road, lay-by, parking place or any vehicular access to premises adjacent to the bus lane provided that the vehicle is in the bus lane only for so long as is reasonably necessary for such purposes.
4. THE TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH (OLDHAM ROAD, BETWEEN CRANBOURNE ROAD AND LANGHAM STREET, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE) (BUS, PEDAL CYCLE AND TAXI LANE) (PEAK HOURS) ORDER 2014 is hereby revoked in its entirety.
5. The prohibitions and restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restrictions or requirement imposed by any regulations made or having effect as if made under the said Act of 1984 or by or under any other enactment.

This Order shall come into operation on the <date> day of <month and year> and may be cited as **"THE TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH (OLDHAM ROAD, BETWEEN CRANBOURNE ROAD AND WILSHAW LANE, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE) (BUS LANE) (PEAK HOURS) ORDER 2026"**

THE COMMON SEAL OF TAMESIDE  
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
was here unto affixed on the <date> day of  
<month and year> in the presence of

**Authorised Signatory**

## SCHEDULE

**Bus Lane**  
(Mon to Fri, 7-10am and 4-7pm)

**Oldham Road**  
(west side of road)

From a point 21 metres south of its junction with Atlas Street to a point 8 metres south of its junction with Clive Street.