STATEMENT OF REASONS

Woodhead Road/Bramall Lane Accident Saving Scheme
(Affecting Bramall Lane, Harwood Street, Hill Street and Woodhead Road)

This location is high on the city wide accident savings priority list which focuses action to reduce clusters of killed and seriously injured casualties. Most of the 21 recorded injury accidents that occurred between 2012 and 2018 at this location can be attributed to the complex nature of the junction and the demands on drivers to make decisions and undertake manoeuvres safely in a short period of time.

A scheme has been developed which seeks to simplify the junction interactions by physically closing off the end of Woodhead Rd/Hill Street at its junction with Bramall Lane and introducing a prohibition of driving order for motor vehicles. However, a two-way cycle link will be maintained through the physical closure along with access in a westerly direction by coaches for away fans visiting the Bramall Lane football stadium. The coaches will be escorted and at other times, lockable bollards will prevent access by motor vehicles.

Whilst the scheme will improve the pedestrian route on the western side of Bramall Lane, traffic which currently uses the junction to access Hill Street will be displaced onto other roads, principally Harwood Street. Therefore, changes to the existing waiting/loading restrictions are needed in the area,

- additional peak hour waiting and loading restrictions are proposed in Harwood Street with at any time waiting and loading restrictions at its junctions with Hill Street and Bramall Lane to accommodate turning manoeuvres in and out of Harwood Street by larger vehicles and two way movements along it.
- The permit holder only bays outside no. 76 Hill Street and some of the Pay & Display bay between no. 121 Harwood Street and Bramall Lane will also be removed.
- The current uncontrolled parking sections on the south eastern kerb line of Harwood Street will be replaced with Pay & Display Bays Mon-Fri 9:30am-4:00pm; Sat 8:00am-6:00pm (4hr max stay) except Permit Holders.
- No waiting at any time restrictions are also proposed on both sides of Woodhead Road and Hill Street along the new road alignment to maintain forward visibility and the unobstructed movement of traffic.

See plan 2002-DA-TRO1 for details of the scheme and the proposed changes to traffic restrictions.