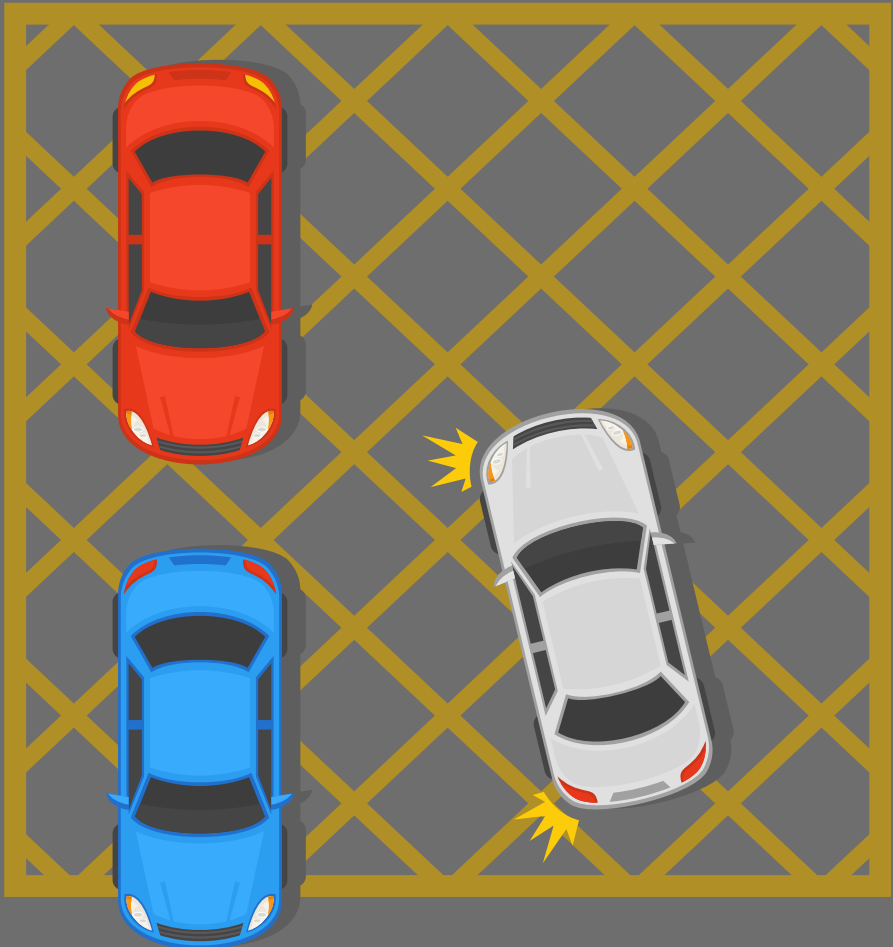


# Moving Traffic Contraventions

## General Information



## 1. What are Moving Traffic Contraventions?

In England and Wales, moving traffic offences are defined in law in [Schedule 7 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 \(as amended\)](#).

Examples include:

- incorrectly driving into a bus lane
- blocking a yellow box junction
- banned right or left turns
- banned U-turns
- driving the wrong way in a one-way street
- ignoring a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)

## 2. What Is Changing?

From 31 May 2022, local authorities in England outside of London have been able to apply to the Secretary of State for new powers to enforce 'moving traffic offences'.

This means that, subject to approval, councils can be granted powers that have previously been held only by the police and will be able to issue fines to drivers for these offences for the first time.

Tameside Council wishes to apply to the Secretary of State requesting enforcement powers as this will help it meet its highway network management duty by enabling improved enforcement with consequential benefits to road safety, congestion and air quality.

## 3. Benefits of the Proposed Changes

Greater enforcement of moving traffic offences will play a part in delivering a range of policy objectives by:

- Increasing compliance with traffic regulations through increased moving contraventions enforcement in Tameside.
- Improved road safety, to reduce the number of collisions.
- Improved road users' perception of road danger.
- Reducing congestion and improved air quality.
- Changing behaviour of drivers disobeying restrictions.
- Creating a more pleasant place to live and work.
- Encouraging more walking and cycling.
- It will also assist the Police with some of their enforcement duties.

## 4. If Successful, Where and When Might the Council Start Using the New Powers?

The council must formally apply to the Secretary of State for a Designation Order which, if granted, will give the powers to enforce “moving traffic contraventions”.

The Government is delivering Designation Orders in tranches and currently timescales are not yet available.

## 5. Proposed locations

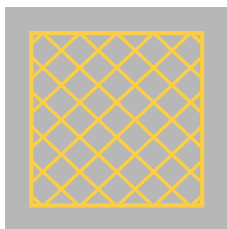
The council is proposing to apply moving traffic enforcement powers at two locations in the borough.

We recognise that there will be other locations where existing moving traffic restrictions may also benefit from further evaluation and possible future enforcement. However, our priority for this consultation is to focus on a small number of locations that will allow us to meet the government’s tranche 4 deadline to apply for the powers.

The two locations are:

### a. Market Street / Greenside Lane junction, Droylsden

#### Moving traffic restrictions - yellow box



View the location and restrictions on google maps:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tamesidemovingtrafficcontraventions>

#### Site background

The yellow box is at a junction controlled by traffic signals in Droylsden. Vehicles travel in multiple directions from this point, so the yellow box is very busy.

#### Contravention history

Observations taken at the site shows that this site suffers from a high number of moving traffic contraventions.

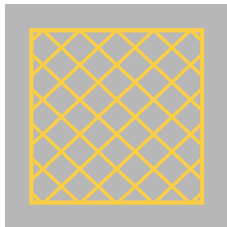
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- support active travel and public transport
- reduce congestion

### b. Manchester Road / Moss Way junction, Ashton-under-Lyne

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#### Site background

The yellow box is at a junction controlled by traffic signals in Ashton-under-Lyne. Vehicles travel in multiple directions from this point, and it is a main access route to the M60 Jcn 23 so the yellow box is very busy.

Vehicles approaching this junction stop on the yellow box and block the turning vehicles causing a high degree of congestion.

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## **6. What Kind of Fines Will Be Imposed?**

The Secretary of State will set out the level of fines that local authorities can issue for moving traffic contraventions and the kinds of cameras that can be used to detect offences. More information will be made available, on this webpage, if a Designation Order is granted.

## **7. How Can Council's Spend Money Raised from the Fines?**

The Government has said that "traffic enforcement must be aimed at increasing compliance and not raising revenue". Surplus funding will need to be ring-fenced, by the council, to spend on the following (as examples):

- Recoup cost of enforcement
- Public transport provision
- Highway improvement projects
- Environmental improvement.