

Highways Committee

4 March 2010

C10A Front Street, Consett Proposed Introduction of Loading Bay



Report of Ian Thompson, Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of representation received with regard to the proposed introduction of a loading bay.
- 1.2 This report requests that Members consider the representations received in relation to the proposals and endorse the recommendations.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Following the construction of Consett bypass, Front Street was improved by reallocating road space and general improvements to footways, crossing points and the formalising of parking lay bys.
- 2.2 The Council received a representation from Durham Constabulary due to ongoing congestion issues related with the loading operations for a business close to the main traffic signals on Front St. Congestion was generated when goods vehicles had to load from the running lane due to the presence of parked cars in the adjacent lay by. A further request was received from a business adjacent to the lay by for it to be converted to a loading bay.
- 2.3 A consultation on introducing a 24 hour/7 day loading bay was carried out with affected properties adjacent to the lay by and also on the opposite side of the road (see attached plan no N81280/02). During the course of the consultation 20 letters were distributed which resulted in 4 responses in favour and one raising an issue.
- 2.4 The formal advertisement of the proposal, in the press and on-site, started on 27th August 2009 and ended on 18th September 2009. During this period no further objections were received.
- 2.5 Alternative parking is available in close proximity to the proposed loading bay for those with or without blue badges.

- 2.6 The police have provided their full support for the proposal.
- 2.7 The Local Members are minded to provide their support for the proposal.

3.0 Representations

3.1 Representation 1

“the scheme is to oblige one trader”
“Ignores the loss of valuable parking”

Response: The proposed loading bay will benefit all traders in the vicinity and three of the responses in favour have indicated that it is a valid requirement. By providing this facility and removing the need for “double parking” when loading/unloading, it will also improve road safety and traffic flows on Front St; also benefiting Public Transport.

Parking facilities are available in close proximity for all general parking requirements and dedicated disabled bays are located in a nearby lay by. Unfortunately the provision of such measures have to be a compromise and the improvements to road safety and general traffic management outweigh the loss of a small number of parking spaces.

4.0 Recommendations and Reasons

- 4.1 It is recommended that Members endorse the proposal to set aside the objection and proceed with the introduction of the loading bay.

Background Papers

Northern Area Scheme File

Copies of correspondence have been placed in the Members’ Resource Centre.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

Funding will be provided by the Area Office Traffic budget.

Staffing

None

Equality and Diversity

None

Accommodation

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Sustainability

None

Human Rights

None

Localities and Rurality

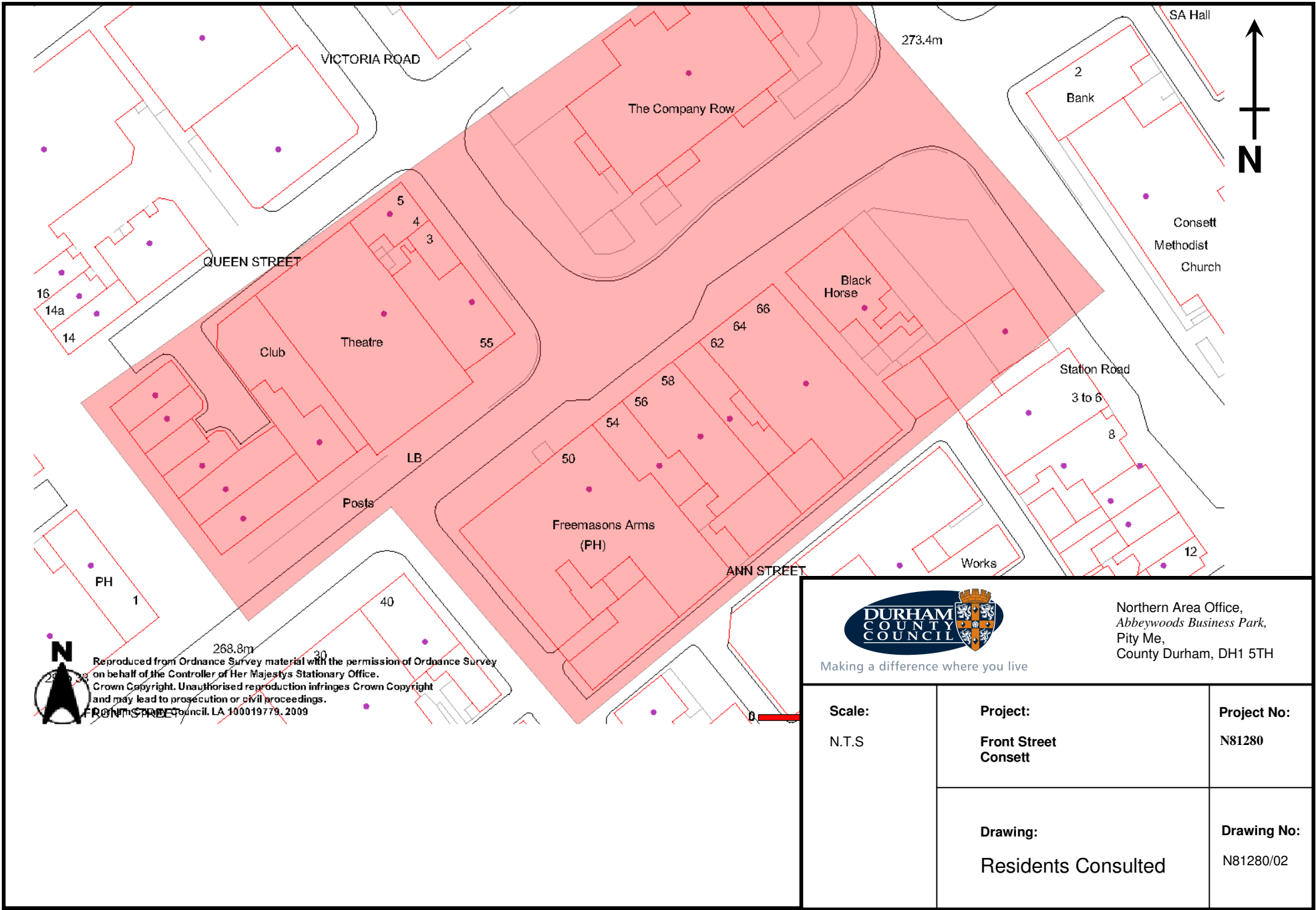
As described in the report.

Young People

None.

Consultation

As described in the report.



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