

## Highways Committee

2 December 2010

**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order.  
Cooperative Street / C184 Front Street,  
Chester-le-Street.**



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### **Report of Terry Collins, Director of Neighbourhood Services Councillor Bob Young, Cabinet Portfolio Member.**

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#### **1.0 Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the representations received with regard to a Traffic Regulation Order for Cooperative Street / C184 Front Street, Chester-le-Street.
- 1.2 This report requests that the Committee consider and determine the representations made during the informal consultation to the proposals. The Council has not received a response to the statutory consultation.

#### **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 There is currently erected on Cooperative Street a traffic sign which indicates that there is a requirement for all vehicles to turn left from this street into C184 Front Street. The reason for this restriction is to protect the traffic restriction on the C184 Front Street which limits access, to the south of Cooperative Street, to permit holders, buses and taxis and creates what is effectively a Pedestrian Zone.
- 2.2 Therefore, to formalise this restriction it is proposed to make a traffic regulation order to introduce a mandatory left-turn from Cooperative Street into the C184 Front Street.
- 2.3 A consultation exercise was undertaken with the affected residents / businesses. This included Cooperative Street, which acts as a service road into the cul-de-sac containing properties on: Tuart Street, William Street, Hedworth Street, Morningside Court, The View and Green Bank Terrace. Also, properties on Front Street adjacent to the junction of Cooperative Street were consulted.
- 2.4 The consultation was carried out between the 29<sup>th</sup> July and the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010, where identified properties, a total of 121, were issued with details of the proposed scheme and invited to comment.

- 2.5 Out of 121 letters sent out to affected residents / businesses, 26 properties responded, of which 22 indicated that they were in favour of the proposal. There were two respondents whose return was illegible; one who said he was “completely indifferent” and one who opposed the proposal.

### **3.0 Public Representations**

One representation was opposed to the proposal but did not give a reason for the objection.

*Response: It is not possible to provide a response other than to reiterate that the proposed restriction reinforces the existing traffic management arrangements.*

### **4.0 Statutory Representations**

- 4.1 In respect of the statutory consultees, responses of support were received from the North East Ambulance Service, Durham Constabulary, Arriva North East and the Council’s Design and Environment Section. There were no responses opposed to the proposal.

### **5.0 Local Member Consultation**

- 5.1 County Councillors Beaty Bainbridge and John Shiell have not made any representations on the proposal.

### **6.0 Recommendation and Reason**

- 6.1 The Committee is recommended to endorse the proposal, set aside the representation and approve the scheme.
- 6.2 The proposed restriction formalises an existing traffic management arrangement for the town centre.

### **7.0 Background Papers**

The background correspondence is held on the Office File.

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

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**Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance**

Funding will be provided by Chester-le-Street Traffic Regulation Order Revenue Budget.

**Staffing**

None

**Equality and diversity**

None

**Accommodation**

None

**Crime and disorder**

None

**Environment**

None

**Human rights**

None

**Localities and Rurality**

None

**Young people**

None.

**Consultation**

Consultation, both informal and statutory, with affected residents and statutory organisations.