

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the **Highways Committee** held in the **Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham** on **Monday 17 June 2024** at **9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor R Ormerod in the Chair

Members of the Committee:

Councillors G Hutchinson (Vice-Chair), P Heaviside, J Higgins, R Manchester, K Robson, A Simpson, G Smith, A Sterling, F Tinsley, M Wilson and D Wood.

Prior to the commencement of business, attendees stood for a minute's silence to pay their respects to former County Councillor and member of the Highways Committee, Isabella Roberts.

Further to the membership changes made at the annual Council meeting, the Chair welcomed new Highways Committee member, Councillor P Heaviside, to the meeting.

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Kay, J Howey and D Oliver.

2 Substitute Members

No substitute members were in attendance.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Consett Parking and Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order 2024

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy and Growth regarding representations received during the consultation periods in respect of proposed changes to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Consett (for copy of report see file of minutes).

The Traffic Management Section Manager informed the Committee that following a review of representations received in respect of the TRO in Consett, officers determined that the changes, detailed within the report, would improve road safety and visibility around the junctions. It was therefore proposed to amend the Consett Parking and Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order 2024, to allow the identified restrictions to be implemented.

The Committee viewed a presentation which provided an overview of the location plans of the proposal to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions at three locations in Consett (for copy of presentation see file of minutes).

It was reported that a number of objections had been received in respect of the proposals and the Traffic Management Section Manager outlined the details of the objections, in the absence of the objectors. The Committee noted Durham County Council's response to the objections, which included that, in response to an objection in respect of location 1, the proposed restrictions had been reduced to take account of a disabled resident of Livingstone Street. The Traffic Management Section Manager highlighted that the proposals at all three locations were supported by the local members and Durham Constabulary.

Councillor A Sterling, local member for Delves Lane, spoke of her familiarity with the locations under consideration and she noted the availability of parking at Sherburn Terrace and Victoria Road. Councillor Sterling **moved** that the objections be set aside.

Councillor D Wood **seconded** the proposal, caveating that he would like to see an increase in enforcement activity across the county.

Upon a vote being taken the Committee unanimously

Resolved

To endorse the proposal, in principle, to introduce the Consett Parking and Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2024, with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy and Growth, under delegated powers.

6 Burnopfield, Tanfield, South Moor, Quaking Houses, South Stanley, Craghead and Bloemfontein Parking and Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order 2024

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy and Growth regarding representations received during the consultation periods in respect of proposed changes to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Burnopfield (for copy of report see file of minutes).

The Traffic Management Section Manager informed the Committee that following a review of representations received, officers determined that the changes detailed within the report would be of benefit in terms of improving road safety and visibility. It was therefore proposed to amend the Burnopfield, Tanfield, South Moor, Quaking Houses, South Stanley, Craghead and Bloemfontain (Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Order to allow the identified proposals to be implemented.

The Committee viewed a presentation which provided an outline of the location plans of the proposals to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions at two locations in Burnopfield (for copy of presentation see file of minutes).

A number of objections had been received in respect of the proposals and the Traffic Management Section Manager outlined the representations, in the absence of the objectors, together with the Council's response to the objections. In relation to the location at Busty Bank, an objection was received on the grounds that the restrictions should be increased. The Traffic Management Section Manager stated Durham County Council's response was that traffic flow and cases of obstruction would continue to be monitored and, should any additional restrictions be required, they would be considered during any future amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order. One objection had been received during the informal consultation stage in respect of the proposal at location 2, Valley View, which was not a direct objection to the proposed restrictions however it drew attention to the misuse of existing restrictions in the area. In response, the Council had arranged for targeted enforcement to be deployed, to ensure the restrictions were adhered to.

The Traffic Management Section Manager highlighted that the proposals were supported by local members and Durham Constabulary.

Councillor A Sterling **moved** that the objections be set aside which was **seconded** by Councillor R Manchester

Upon a vote being taken the Committee unanimously:

Resolved

To endorse the proposal, in principle to introduce the Burnopfield, Tanfield, South Moor, Quaking Houses, South Stanley, Craghead and Bloemfontain (Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2024, with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy and Growth, under delegated powers.