

Highways Committee

6 March 2020

Wheatley Hill, Wingate, Quarrington Hill
and Deaf Hill – Parking & Waiting
Restrictions ORDER 2020



Report of Corporate Management Team

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Councillor Carl Marshall, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Economic Development.

Electoral division(s) affected:

Wingate and Coxhoe

Purpose of the Report

- 1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Members are asked to make a decision in principle only which will then guide the Corporate Director in the exercise of delegated decision making. The final decision is therefore one for the Corporate Director, under delegated powers.
- 2 To advise Members of objections received to the consultation concerning changes to the traffic regulation order in Wingate and Quarrington Hill.
- 3 To request that members consider the objections made during the informal and formal consultation period.

Executive summary

- 1 Durham Road, North Road and Haswell Road, Wingate

A request was received from the local County Councillor on behalf of concerned residents and business owners to address obstructive parking and improve access, visibility and safety issues on the sections of highway near the Cooperative Foods. There has been 1 objection and 8 responses in favour of the proposals.

2 Moor Lane, Wingate

A request was received from the local County Councillor on behalf of Wingate Junior School to introduce formal restrictions to address obstructive parking, improve visibility and safety issues around the school. There has been 1 objection, with 6 residents and the School in favour of the proposals.

3 Quarrington Hill

A request was received from the local County Councillor to introduce formal restrictions in Quarrington Hill to address obstructive parking, improve visibility and safety issues around the crossroads connecting Front Street (B6291) and Church Street (C22) in the centre of Quarrington Hill. There has been 5 objections and 1 resident in favour of the proposals.

Recommendation(s)

Committee is recommended to:

- (a) Endorse the proposal and recommend that the council proceed with the implementation of the Wheatley Hill, Wingate, Quarrington Hill and Deaf Hill: Waiting and Parking Restrictions Order. With the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

Background

- 1 Within Civil parking Enforcement operational guidance the County Council are committed to regularly reviewing traffic regulation orders to ensure that the restrictions held within them are relevant and appropriate.
- 2 Requests were received to address ongoing obstructive parking, visibility and safety issues within the Wingate and Quarrington Hill area.

3 Durham Road, North Road and Haswell Road, Wingate

- 3.1 A request was received from the local County Councillor to address obstructive parking and improve access, visibility and safety issues on the sections of highway near the Cooperative Foods.
- 3.2 Proposals were made to introduce 'no waiting and no loading at any time' (double yellow line markings on the highway with kerb ticks on the kerb line to indicate no waiting and no loading at any time). The initial consultation exercise was undertaken with statutory consultees and directly affected frontages between September 2019 and October 2019. There was 1 objection and 8 responses in favour of the proposals.
- 3.3 A decision was made to progress with the TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) and move to the formal consultation stage.
- 3.4 The proposals were advertised formally on site, online and in the local press between 23rd January 2020 – 13th February 2020. There were no formal objections.

4 Moor Lane, Wingate

- 4.1 A request was received from the local County Councillor on behalf of Wingate Junior School to introduce formal restrictions to address obstructive parking, improve visibility and safety issues around the school.
- 4.2 Proposals were made to introduce 'Restricted waiting and loading Mon-Fri 8am-5pm' (Single yellow line markings on the highway with kerb ticks on the kerb line to indicate restricted waiting and loading within the times stated). The initial consultation exercise was undertaken with statutory consultees and directly affected frontages between September 2019 and October 2019. There was 1 objection and 6 responses in favour of the proposals.
- 4.3 A decision was made to progress with the TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) and move to the formal consultation stage.

4.4 The proposals were advertised formally on site, online and in the local press between 23rd January 2020 – 13th February 2020. There were no formal objections.

5 Quarrington Hill

5.1 A request was received from the local County Councillor to introduce formal restrictions to address obstructive parking, improve visibility and safety issues around the crossroads connecting Front Street (B6291) and Church Street (C22) in the centre of Quarrington Hill.

5.2 Proposals were made to introduce 'No waiting at any time' (double yellow line markings on the highway to indicate no waiting at any time). The initial consultation exercise was undertaken with statutory consultees and directly affected frontages between September 2019 and October 2019. There were 5 objections and 1 response in favour of the proposals.

5.3 A decision was made to progress with the TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) and move to the formal consultation stage.

5.4 The proposals were advertised formally on site, online and in the local press between 23rd January 2020 – 13th February 2020. There was one resident who objected at both the informal and formal stages.

6 Objections

6.1 Durham Road, North Road and Haswell Road, Wingate

- 8 response in favour of the proposals
- 1 response against the proposals

6.11 Objector 1

Objector 1 is a local resident. They state if the scheme is regarding safety, that the speeding on Durham road and vehicles entering off the bypass the wrong way needs to be addressed.

6.12 Response

The proposed waiting restrictions are aimed at improving visibility and hence safety on this busy junction. Issues relating to speed and vehicle movement can be addressed by others and do not relate to the parking issues.

Speed issue should be reported via the Durham Constabulary's local Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings. Details of the meetings taking

place can be found online or by telephoning Durham Constabulary on their non-emergency telephone number 101.

Information from the resident regarding the comment about vehicles entering off the bypass the wrong way, has been sent to the Traffic Assets team to be investigated.

The local County Councillor and Wingate Parish Council fully support the proposals.

6.2 Moor Lane, Wingate

- 6 response in favour of the proposals
- 1 response against the proposals

6.21 Objector 1

Objector 1 is a local resident. They state there is limited parking and that school staff park in a manner that reduces access for homeowners. There is a need to park for children to be dropped off, shopping and access.

6.22 Response

The proposals will close the gap between the existing double yellow lines from North Road up to the school keep clear marking directly outside of the school premises.

There have been reports of issues with vehicles not being able to pass along the narrow road during the school pick up and drop off times, causing congestion and safety issues for pupils from the school to cross the road.

The restrictions are only to be introduced on the north side of Moor Lane and will be in place Monday to Friday 8am-5pm to improve the safety for road users, pedestrians and pupils from the school. Outside of the restricted times the residents/ delivery's/visitors will be able park in this location.

The south side of Moor Lane will remain unrestricted. There are alternative unrestricted sections to park and to drop off pupils to the east of the school as well as further unrestricted sections on North Road.

The local County Councillor and Wingate Parish Council fully support the proposals.

6.3 Quarrington Hill

- 1 response in favour of the proposals
- 5 responses against the proposals

6.31 Objector 1

Objector 1 is a local resident. They state that they are 90% in favour of a scheme to introduce formalised restrictions, however the objector believes that the waiting restrictions should only replace the existing advisory markings rather than the extents of the proposals.

Objector 1 also objected at the formal consultation stage adding they believe there is no danger to safety. They allege that installing double yellows across the garage entrance will make reversing the car extremely hazardous as drivers will not be expecting a car coming out of the drive. They state in 30 years there has never been an accident on Church Street, and that accidents have only occurred on the Front Street. They continue to state the lines will cause congestion further up the road.

6.32 Objector 2

Objector 2 is a local resident. They state that they are 90% in favour and that lines on Front Street North into Church Street should replace existing white line.

6.33 Objector 3

Objector 3 is a local resident. They state that they are 90% in favour of the scheme except the white lines in place already should be where the yellow lines should go.

6.34 Objector 4

Objector 4 is a local resident. They state that there is not enough parking around these new houses, the proposals are an absolute disgrace.

6.35 Objector 5

Objector 5 is a local resident. They state that they are strongly opposed, and that their property was sold with on street parking and the proposals will remove this.

6.36 Response

The proposals have been requested by the local Councillor due to reports of obstruction, visibility and safety issues surrounding the junction.

There are currently white advisory markings which are unenforceable and are regularly ignored and being parked on.

There is one recorded accident in this location where a vehicle failed to give way and collided with another.

There are alternative unrestricted sections of the highway away from the crossroads in close proximity to all properties.

All local County Councillors and Coxhoe Parish Council support the proposals.

7 Conclusion

- (a) It is recommended that Members endorse the proposal and recommend that the council proceeds with the implementation of the Wheatley Hill, Wingate, Quarrington Hill and Deaf Hill: Waiting and Parking Restrictions Order. With the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

8 Background papers

(a) Correspondence and documentation in Traffic Office File

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

All orders have been advertised by the County Council as highway authority and will be made in accordance with legislative requirements.

Finance

LTP Budget.

Consultation

Is in accordance with SI:2489.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

It is considered that there are no Equality and Diversity issues to be addressed.

Human Rights

No impact on human rights.

Crime and Disorder

This TRO will allow effective management of traffic to reduce congestion and improve road safety.

Staffing

Carried out by Strategic Traffic.

Accommodation

No impact.

Risk

Not Applicable.

Procurement

Operations, DCC.

Climate Change

This TRO will allow for effective management of traffic to reduce congestion, reducing the overall amount of CO2 emissions.

Appendix 2: Location of Proposals

Wingate



Quarrington Hill

