

Delegated Decision

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NEWTON AYCLIFFE



PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS AMENDMENT ORDER 2021

Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.

Report of Regeneration, Economy and Growth

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Electoral division(s) affected:

Aycliffe East, Aycliffe West and Aycliffe North & Middridge.

Purpose of the Report

An amendment is required to the Newton Aycliffe Traffic Regulation Order to manage and control parking within the settlement.

Executive summary

Humphrey Close

- 'Restricted waiting and loading (Monday – Friday 8-9am and 3-4pm)' to be introduced to reduce congestion at peak school times and improve safety.
- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced to improve road safety at the entrance/exit to Humphrey Close.
- 'No stopping 8am-6pm Monday-Friday' to be relocated to improve road safety at the school at times at the entrance to Woodham Burn Community Primary School.
- Blue Badge Holders Only Bay to be introduced to facilitate access for blue badge holders.

Grindon Way

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced to address obstructive parking and improve accessibility to the units.

Carlbury Road

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced to address obstructive parking and improve accessibility.

Greenfield Way

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced to address obstructive parking and improve road safety around Greenfield School Community & Arts College.

Newton Park Services

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced on both sides of the entrance of the Newton Park Services Estate to improve accessibility.

West Terrace

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be extended around the junction from High Street into West Terrace to improve visibility and accessibility.

Leaside

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced around the junctions from Leaside to Warren Road to prevent obstructive parking associated with HGVs.

Royal Mail Sorting Office

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced around the Royal Mail Sorting Office in line with planning conditions.

Vane Road, Central Avenue

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced around the junction of Central Avenue/Vane Road to improve visibility.
- 'No stopping restrictions' to be amended from Monday-Friday 8am-6pm to Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:30 am to address obstructive parking during school peak times.

Rose Lodge Care Home

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced on the access road to Rose Lodge Care Home to address obstructive parking.

Agnew Way

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced on the junction of Agnew Way and Well House Drive to improve visibility.

Staintondale

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced on the junction of Staintondale and Hurworth Hunt to improve visibility and accessibility.

North Terrace

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced around the junction of North Terrace to Atkinson Gardens to improve visibility.

Sheraton Road

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced between two 'school keep clear' lines to increase road safety for the children entering or exiting Sugar Hill Primary School.

Garburn Place/Stephenson Way

- 'No waiting at any time' restrictions to be introduced at the junction between Garburn Place and Stephenson Way to improve visibility at the junction.

A167

- A Police Hardstand is proposed to be introduced in order to assist Durham Constabulary's enforcement of traffic laws.

Woodham Park

- A limited waiting bay with a 2-hour limit and no return within 3 hours is to be introduced to encourage turnover of parking availability and prevent long stay parking.

Recommendation

Progress to advert.

Background

Humphrey Close

Humphrey Close is located to the north west of Newton Aycliffe town centre and is the only access road to Woodham Burn Community Primary School. Reports were received from the local parish and county councillors that vehicles associated with school traffic obstruct access on this route. No stopping restrictions were initially placed in this location as an immediate measure to deter vehicles from parking at the access to the school.

It is proposed to amend the existing layout of 'No Stopping Monday-Friday 8am-6pm on entrance markings' restrictions, introduce a 'blue badge holders only' restricted bay adjacent to the entrance to the access to Woodham Burn Primary School, introduce 'No waiting at any time' restrictions and introduce 'Restricted loading and waiting' restrictions Monday-Friday 8-9am and 3-4pm'. These restrictions were at the request of county and parish councillors in order to improve road safety at peak school pick up and drop off times.

The response received from residents was largely positive as most residents have issues with obstructive parking at school times. One objection was received to these proposals without reason. With this in mind it has been agreed to proceed with these proposals and advertise them to the wider public as consulted upon.

Grindon Way

Grindon Way is located to the south of Newton Aycliffe and services multiple business yards. Reports were received about issues regarding access to service yards as well as, turning and access issues for HGVs due to obstructive parking. No waiting at any time restrictions were proposed to address these issues.

There are existing no waiting at any time restrictions in place, however the local businesses felt they didn't sufficiently assist the access to their businesses. Further restrictions were proposed to cover the access to the service yard of Tekmar Energy.

The owner of Sabre Rail did not believe these restrictions went far enough to prevent obstructive parking in the area. However, it was agreed to proceed with the original proposals as, should further restrictions be introduced, the parking issue would be displaced elsewhere.

Carlbury Road

Carlbury Road is located to the south of Newton Aycliffe town centre, in Aycliffe business park and is the access to the yard that services North East Truck and Driver. Complaints were received from this business regarding the obstructive parking at the access to their yard, which was making access to and egress from the yard extremely difficult for HGV's.

No Waiting at Any Time restrictions have been proposed to address this issue. When consulting the affected business, they were supportive of the proposals and it has been agreed to progress these proposals to the formal stage of consultation as the requester supports the restrictions proposed.

Greenfield Way

Greenfield Way is located to the east of Aycliffe town centre and west of Middridge. The area was investigated at the request of a local county councillor due to road safety concerns caused by traffic associated with Greenfield Way School Community & Arts College.

At peak school times (Monday-Friday 8-9am and 3-4pm) vehicles park up both sides of the road servicing the school. This causes concern when children are entering and leaving the school as they will have to step out, onto a busy main road, to check for oncoming traffic. There is also a crest of a hill on this road and when approaching Greenfield Way School Community & Arts College from the south, when it is double parked on both sides of the carriageway, it causes traffic to move into the middle of the road to avoid the vehicles parked on the crest of the hill, impeding oncoming traffic.

No Waiting at Any Time restrictions have been proposed to address this issue. However, at the informal stage of consultation an objection was received to progressing with these proposals as the objector believes it would reduce the number of students applying to join Greenfield Way School Community & Arts College. However, due to the road safety concern associated with the traffic parking in this location, it has been agreed to proceed with formally advertising these proposals to the wider public.

Newton Park Services

Newton Park Services is located to the south of Newton Aycliffe town centre, close to the A1 turnoff for Newton Aycliffe. It is also situated close to the boarder of County Durham. The area was investigated after complaints were received that vehicles parking and waiting on the access road to the services

were causing access issues. No Waiting at Any Time restrictions were proposed in order to improve accessibility to the services for all road users.

Due to its location close to the turn off for a motorway many long-haul drivers use these services and could potentially cause an obstruction to the access to the services for other road users. There are further development plans in the immediate area which will also increase the amount traffic visiting the area.

Circumstantial objections were received from the businesses, due to the ongoing pandemic and the closure of the Jet Garage for repairs. HGVs are parking on the access road as that is the only space for the visitors to park. The McDonalds restaurant objected based on this and mentioned that should the lines be introduced prior to the opening of the Jet Garage it would affect their business.

As the objection received is entirely circumstantial and these proposals would help the access to the services in the future, with the plans for further development it will allow for greater accessibility for all road users in the near future. It has been agreed to progress these proposals to formal advert.

West Terrace

West Terrace is located in Aycliffe Village on the junction of the A167. The area adjacent to this junction and is used as an unofficial car park for the Joy Marie hairdressers. The vehicles parked here cause an obstruction to the vehicles pulling out of west terrace as, it prevents them from seeing oncoming traffic and is a road safety issue.

No Waiting at Any Time restrictions were proposed to cover the junction at this location in order to improve visibility when exiting Aycliffe Village onto the A167. These proposals were fully supported by the directly affected residents and it has been agreed to proceed with the formal advert for these proposals.

Leaside

Leaside is located directly south of Newton Aycliffe town centre in Aycliffe Business Park. The area was investigated after receiving complaints from local businesses regarding obstructive parking associated with HGVs in Aycliffe Business Park.

Due to its location in Aycliffe Business Park vehicles frequently park in the location, causing an obstruction to the access points to Units 5-17, Leaside. No Waiting at Any Time restrictions are proposed to cover the junctions on

Leaside to prevent vehicles from blocking access to these yards and improve road safety in the area. The responses received were in favour of these proposals.

With this in mind it, has been agreed to progress these proposals to formal advert to be shown to the wider public.

Royal Mail Sorting Office

The Royal Mail Sorting Office is located in the south of Newton Aycliffe, in Aycliffe Business Park on the junction between Horndale Avenue and Hilton Road. Planning conditions that required the introduction of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions were present at this location in order to prevent obstructive parking and allow for the sorting office to receive and send out deliveries without any obstructions.

An objection was received to this plan. The objector requested for the length of proposals to be reduced but, due to the reasons for introducing these proposals, it is not possible to amend these proposals any further.

With that in mind, it has been agreed to progress these proposals to formal consultation.

Vane Road/Central Avenue

Vane Road and its junction with Central Avenue are located north east of Newton Aycliffe town centre. Requests were received from a local county councillor to amend the timings on the existing School Keep Clear restrictions from “No Stopping on Entrance Markings Monday-Friday 8am-6pm” to “No Stopping on Entrance Markings Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:30pm”. This was due to the high volume of parking present at the school prior to when the existing restrictions would come into effect.

Complaints were also received from a local county councillor about vehicles parking on the junction of Vane Road and Central Avenue, causing a visible obstruction to vehicles leaving Vane Road to turn onto Central Avenue. No Waiting at Any Time restrictions were proposed to cover this junction in order to improve visibility for road users turning out of Vane Road and the general road safety in the area for all road users and pedestrians.

The response received from the affected school was positive and they are in agreement with these proposals. With that in mind it has agreed to progress these proposals to formal advert.

Rose Lodge care home

Rose Lodge Care home is located north of Newton Aycliffe Town Centre and adjacent to the Cobblers Hall Retail Park. Requests were received from a local county councillor to introduce No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on the access road, Carers Way, to Rose Lodge care home. There were existing No Waiting at Any Time restrictions present on the junctions of Carers Way and Burn Lane as well as the junction of Carers Way and Alan Gray Court. The Councillor requested that these restrictions were joined up to prevent obstructive parking on Carers Way.

Due to Carer's Way servicing both a retail park and a care home, unobstructed access is required by emergency services, deliveries and the wider public. Proposals to extend the existing No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on both lengths of Carer's Way were put forward to address the reports of obstructive parking in this area.

The response received from consultation was entirely positive and the management of Rose Lodge care home were in favour of extending the existing restrictions and with this in mind it has been agreed to proceed these proposals to formal advert.

Agnew Way

Agnew Way is located north of Newton Aycliffe town centre, and east of Woodham Services. Requests were received to introduce No Waiting at Any Time on the junction of Agnew Way and Well House Drive. Reports of obstructive parking on the junction were received from the local county councillor and the area was investigated. There are existing No Waiting at Any Time restrictions stretching down both lengths of Woodham Way but stop just before the junction of Agnew Way and Well House Drive.

Proposals to extend the existing No Waiting at Any Time restrictions around the junction were put forward to improve visibility and the road safety for vehicles using the junction. When consulting on these proposals one objection was received from one resident, however, when asked the reason for their objection no response was received.

With no responses received it was agreed that these proposals would be progressed as consulted upon and sent out for formal consultation.

Staintondale

Staintondale is located north west of Newton Aycliffe town centre and is situated close to Byerly Park Primary School. Requests were received from a local resident that vehicles were parked on the junction of Hurworth Hunt and Stationdale.

This location was investigated following reports of obstructive parking and general road safety concerns for those accessing Hurworth Hunt. No Waiting at Any Time restrictions were proposed around the junction of Hurworth Hunt and Stationdale to address this issue.

When consulting on these proposals the affected residents responded in favour of the proposals. One resident, although in favour, requested amendments to the plan but upon further investigation of the requested amendments it was found that extending the proposals further into Hurworth Hunt would not be feasible as it would cause further parking displacement.

Following further investigation, it was agreed to progress these proposals to formal consultation.

North Terrace

North Terrace is located in the south of Aycliffe Village, south of Newton Aycliffe town centre. Reports of obstructive parking on the junction of Atkinson Gardens and North Terrace were received from local residents.

This was investigated, and No Waiting at Any Time restrictions were proposed around the junction of Atkinson Gardens and North Terrace. These restrictions were proposed to improve the visibility and road safety around the junction.

The responses received from the consultation stage was positive and with this in mind it was agreed that these proposals would be progressed to formal advert.

Sheraton Road

Sheraton Road is located south of Newton Aycliffe town centre, this road services Sugar Hill Primary School. In this area there are existing No Stopping Monday-Friday 8am-6pm on Entrance Markings restrictions servicing Sugar Hill Primary School. Reports were received from Durham Constabulary that vehicles were parking in a gap between the existing restrictions, causing an obstruction to students and parents crossing the road at peak school times.

Due to the restrictions regarding the length that these markings can be, No Waiting at Any Time restrictions were proposed to be introduced in this gap to address this road safety concern.

Consultation with the school returned a supportive response from Sugar Hill Primary School and with that in mind it was agreed to progress these proposals to formal advert.

Garburn Place/Stephenson Way

Garburn Place is located East of Newton Aycliffe Town Centre. This location services St Joseph's Primary School. There are existing No Stopping Monday-Friday 8am-6pm on Entrance Markings restrictions in this area.

Requests were received from the local county councillor for No Waiting at Any Time restrictions due to obstructive parking on the junction of Garburn Place and Stephenson Way associated with the neighbouring St Joseph's Primary School. No Waiting at Any Time restrictions were proposed to extend around the west side of the junction as the east side is already covered by existing No Stopping restrictions, in order to ensure both sides of the junction are kept clear of parked vehicles. This allows greater visibility for road users entering and exiting Garburn Place.

The response received from consultation was positive and it has been agreed to proceed with these proposals to formal advert.

A167 Police Hardstand

The A167 is an A road that runs alongside and through Aycliffe Village. It is a national speed limit road. A police hardstand has been requested in order to assist Durham Constabulary in their enforcement of traffic laws where appropriate.

Woodham Park

Woodham Park is located to the north east of Newton Aycliffe. Reports were received from a local county councillor regarding inconsiderate use of a layby adjacent to the park.

Proposals to introduce A limited waiting bay with a 2-hour limit and no return within 3 hours restricted parking bay between the hours of 7am-7pm every day were put forward to encourage turnover of available parking space and prevent long stay parking.

Main implications

Creation of an enforceable traffic regulation order.

Conclusion

It is recommended to progress to advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order and subject to satisfactory consultation, proceed to seal the Traffic Regulation Order.

From time to time consolidation of orders may be required following amendment of an Order. If this is considered necessary, then this Authority may be used for the advertising and sealing of both Orders.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Enforceable TRO

Finance

Strategic Traffic.

Consultation

Statutory Instrument 2489

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

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

Climate Change

It is considered that there are no Climate Change issues to be addressed.

Human Rights

No impact on Human Rights.

Crime and Disorder

No impact on Crime and Disorder

Staffing

No impact on staffing.

Accommodation

No impact.

Risk

No change to the risk impact.

Procurement

Durham County Council Legal Services.