

Delegated Decision

SEPTEMBER 2021

ANNFIELD PLAIN

PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2021

Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.



Report of Corporate Management Team

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Electoral division(s) affected:

Annfield Plain

Purpose of the Report

Set aside objections and the making of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) following the Highways Committee conducted on 6th September 2021 to introduce parking and waiting restrictions in Annfield Plain.

Executive summary

Following requests from local members and residents, an amendment to the Annfield Plain Parking and Waiting Restrictions TRO was formally advertised between 15/07/21-05/08/21.

The proposal is to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions (double yellow lines) on West Road to improve road safety, access, visibility, and traffic flow whilst reducing obstructive parking and congestion issues.

The response from Statutory Consultees and directly affected frontages was favourable with one objection raised in relation to the 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on West Road.

There was support from local members regarding the proposals.

The objection was considered by Highways Committee on 6th September 2021. Committee voted unanimously to set aside the objection and endorse the proposed TRO. With the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

Recommendation

Set aside objection and make TRO.

Background

Several requests have been received from local residents to address ongoing obstructive parking, visibility and safety issues on West Road, Annfield Plain.

The area of concern is a busy section of carriageway providing access to several businesses, a school and residential addresses. There have been reports of vehicles parking along the footway and in some cases fully off the carriageway (on the footway) outside of the businesses on West Road. This has led to concerns with access, visibility and safety issues for pedestrians, forcing wheelchair and push chair users onto the carriageway.

The existing restrictions do not fully cover this section of carriageway and footway. The proposals will resolve this issue and improve pedestrian safety, visibility and access. Its therefore proposed to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions in this location.

The initial consultation exercise was undertaken with statutory consultees and directly affected frontages between December 2020 and January 2021 with comments requesting amendments along with an objection from a local business owner.

Amendments were drafted, and proposals were reconsulted with statutory consultees and directly affected frontages (14/05/21-31/05/21) with all responses received in favour of the proposals.

No further correspondence was received from the initial objector or no response indicating that they were willing to withdraw their objection either.

It was agreed to progress with the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and move to the formal consultation stage.

The proposals were advertised formally on site, online and in the local press (15/07/21-05/08/21). No further objections were received at this point. Majority of responses were favourable with 1 objection from a local business owner in relation to the proposed double yellow lines near their business.

Objection: Objector 1 is a local business owner who states that the double yellow lines will affect their business and strain them in these hard times.

Officers Response: The proposed restrictions have been requested by residents and are supported by local members. Site visits and photographic evidence have proven that the area is currently subjected to obstructive parking which reduces visibility and impedes access for road users whilst obstructing the footway for pedestrians.

A report was taken to Highways Committee on 6th September 2021 where the Committee endorsed the proposal in principle to proceed with the implementation of the Annfield Plain Parking and Waiting Restrictions Order 2021. With the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

Highways Committee, having considered the objection raised, voted unanimously in support of the proposals.

Main implications

Consent to the progression of the following parking and waiting restrictions:-

To introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions (double yellow lines) on West Road, Annfield Plain to improve road safety, access, visibility, and traffic flow whilst reducing obstructive parking and congestion issues.

Conclusion

Having considered the view of members with regards to objections received, said objections to be set aside, proceed to seal and bring into force the proposed TRO.

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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.