

Delegated Decision

MAY 2022

BELMONT, CARRVILLE AND GILESGATE

PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2022

Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.



Report of Major Projects - Strategic Traffic Management, Regeneration, Economy and Growth.

Electoral division(s) affected:

Belmont

Purpose of the Report

To request approval to progress a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce parking and waiting restrictions in Belmont, Carrville and Gilesgate.

Executive summary

Following requests from a local County Councillor and local residents, concerns have been raised regarding obstructive parking in the settlements of Belmont, Carrville and Gilesgate. It is therefore recommended to make an amendment to the Belmont, Carrville and Gilesgate TRO.

The proposals are to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the junctions of :

Grinstead Way and High Street

Wantage Road and Broomside Lane

It is anticipated that these changes will improve road safety and visibility at these locations.

It is also proposed to extend the existing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on Fallsway to improve access for residents.

Existing 'restricted waiting' restrictions will be amended to 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the junction of Buckinghamshire Road and Devonshire Road to improve road safety and visibility.

The response from Statutory Consultees and directly affected frontages was favourable with two objections being received. These related to the proposals at the junctions of Wantage Road and Broomside Lane, and Buckinghamshire Road and Devonshire Road. During the initial consultation, amendments were made to the proposals for these areas . This resulted in one of the objectors removing their objection.

Recommendation

To approve the progression of the TRO as requested.

Background

Grinstead Way & High Street

Grinstead Way is a residential road located in Carrville approximately three miles from the centre of Durham. Grinstead Way shares a junction with High Street which is one of the main routes for vehicles in the area to access the A690. Traffic data from 2015 recorded that approximately 1,700 vehicles use Grinstead Way, suggesting that this junction has a high daily usage in comparison to other residential roads in the area.

Durham County Council have received multiple requests from local residents, as well as a local County Councillor to look into the issues regarding obstructive parking at the junction of High Street and Grinstead Way. It has been reported that vehicles park on either side of the road and the footway causing concerns relating to accessibility and road safety. Site visits have been undertaken and it was recorded that these problems do exist at this location.

To address the issues, 'no waiting at any time' restrictions have been proposed at the junction of High Street and Grinstead Way.

The proposals were sent to statutory consultees between 26/11/21 and 17/12/21 and received no objections, with Durham Constabulary being fully in support of the proposals.

Wantage Road & Broomside Lane

Wantage Road is a residential road with a high density of traffic due to its link to and from the A690 through Grinstead Way. The southernmost end of Wantage Road shares a junction with Broomside Lane. Broomside Lane is one of the main routes for vehicles in Belmont and Carrville to travel to Durham City via Gilesgate.

Durham County Council received a request from a local resident, as well as a local County Councillor to look into issues regarding obstructive parking at the junction of Wantage Road and Broomside Lane. Vehicle's parking in an obstructive manner in this location create issues with access and road safety.

To address the issues in this location, 'no waiting at any time' restrictions have been proposed at the junction of Wantage Road and Broomside Lane.

The proposals were sent to statutory consultees between 26/11/21 and 17/12/21 and received no objections, with Durham Constabulary being fully in support of the proposals. During the initial informal consultation stage, one

objection was received. The original plans were amended and re-consulted on, resulting in the resident withdrawing their objection.

Fallsway

Fallsway is a street in a residential estate in Carrville. As part of a previous traffic regulation order, 'no waiting at any time' restrictions were installed opposite the accesses for numbers 22-24 Fallsway to improve access to and from their garages. A further request was received from residents at this time to extend the restrictions further. It was not agreed that the area would be monitored, and the lines extended if further issues became apparent.

Vehicles are being parked at the end of the current restrictions and this is causing issues with access for the residents. To prevent this obstructive parking, it is proposed to extend the existing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions a length of 4 metres.

The proposals were sent to statutory consultees between 26/11/21 and 17/12/21 and received no objections, with Durham Constabulary being fully in support of the proposals. During the informal consultation stage, no objections were received from the directly affected frontages.

Buckinghamshire Road and Devonshire Road

Buckinghamshire Road is a residential road in Belmont and also the location of Belmont Community School and Belmont C of E Primary School. There has been a history of issues regarding obstructive parking in this area, particularly at school times. In the past this has resulted in 'restricted waiting' restrictions and 'school keep clear' restrictions being introduced.

Reports of obstructive parking were received regarding the junction of Buckinghamshire Road and Devonshire Road from a former local County Councillor – Cllr Katie Corrigan. Obstructive parking at this junction causes issues with visibility, access, road safety and pedestrian safety.

To address these issues, it was proposed that a section of 'restricted waiting' restrictions are amended to become 'no waiting at any time'. These restrictions would prevent the obstructive parking at this junction at all times, rather than just the specified times currently indicated.

The proposals were sent to statutory consultees between 26/11/21 and 17/12/21 and received no objections, with Durham Constabulary being fully in support of the proposals. During the initial informal consultation stage, one objection was received. The original plans were amended and re-consulted on, resulting in the resident withdrawing their objection.

Main implications

What's the problem and how it will be resolved with restrictions.

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

To introduce:

'No waiting at any time' restrictions on the junctions of Grinstead Way/High Street and Wantage Road/Broomside Lane to improve road safety, visibility and traffic flow whilst reducing obstructive parking issues.

To amend:

The current 'no waiting, Monday to Friday between 8am – 9am and 2pm – 4pm' restriction to introduce 'No waiting at any time' restrictions on the junction of Buckinghamshire Road/Devonshire Road to improve road safety and visibility whilst reducing obstructive parking issues.

The current 'No waiting at any time' restrictions on Fallsway, by extending them to improve access whilst reducing obstructive parking issues.

Conclusion

It is recommended to progress to formal advertising of the TRO subject to satisfactory consultation, proceed to seal and the creation of an enforceable TRO.

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.