

Delegated Decision

MAY 2022

DURHAM NORTH-EAST

PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER AMENDMENT 2022

Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.



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

Electoral division(s) affected:

Elvet and Gilesgate

Purpose of the Report

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

Executive summary

Following requests from local businesses and Durham County Council teams, concerns have been raised regarding obstructive parking on the access road to Durham Sixth Form / Walkergate and The Sands Multi Story Car Park (MSCP). It's therefore recommended to make an amendment to the Durham North-East TRO.

The proposals are to introduce no waiting and no loading at any time restrictions on the access road to Durham Sixth Form and Walkergate, and The Sands MSCP. It is anticipated that these restrictions will improve access and reduce obstructive parking issues.

It is also proposed that a 'loading only' bay be provided in the layby adjacent to the Premier Inn to provide a service area for local businesses.

Statutory Consultees and directly affected frontages support the proposals. No objections have been received.

Recommendation

To approve the progression of the TRO as requested.

Background

Walkergate

The access roads surrounding Walkergate, and Freemans Quay Leisure do not form part of the Durham County Council (DCC) adopted highway network. DCC Traffic Section were contacted by the site manager of the Walkergate development regarding obstructive parking on the access roads to the area. When congestion occurs in this area it can impact traffic flow on the adjacent adopted highway.

To resolve these concerns, 'no waiting and no loading at any time' restrictions have been proposed to improve access and prevent obstructive parking. It is also proposed to introduce a 'loading only' bay adjacent to the Premier Inn, to provide local businesses and facilities with a service area.

The proposals were sent to statutory consultees on 31/01/22 until 21/02/22 with no objections to the proposals, with Durham Constabulary showing full support of the proposals.

These restrictions have not been informally consulted on due to the lack of directly affected frontages.

The Sands MSCP

The Sands Multi Storey Car Park development is a new parking area located at the northernmost end of Freemans Place. The car park is due to open shortly and Parking Transport and Infrastructure team have requested that restrictions be introduced on its entrance / exit to keep this area clear at all times.

To resolve these concerns, 'no waiting and no loading at any time' restrictions have been proposed to prevent obstructive parking while allowing for traffic flow to be maintained.

The proposals were sent to statutory consultees on 31/01/22 until 21/02/22 with no objections to the proposals, with Durham Constabulary showing full support of the proposals.

These restrictions have not been informally consulted on due to the lack of directly affected frontages.

Main implications

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

To introduce:

'No waiting and no loading at any time' restrictions on the road leading from Freeman's Place to The Sands MSCP. This will improve access and prevent obstructive parking issues.

'No waiting and no loading at any time' restrictions on the road leading from Freeman's Place to the delivery entrance for Durham Sixth Form and, the one-way road leading from Freeman's Place to Walkergate Car Park. This will improve access and address obstructive parking issues.

'Loading only' restrictions in the layby adjacent to the Premier Inn on the one-way road leading from Freeman's Place to Walkergate, to provide a safe area for local businesses to load and unload.

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.