

Highways Committee

10th November 2022

Wheatley Hill, Wingate, Quarrington Hill
& Deaf Hill



**Parking & Waiting Restrictions, Traffic
Regulation Amendment Order 2022**

Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.

Report of Corporate Management Team

**Amy Harhoff Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy &
Growth**

**Councillor Elizabeth Scott, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for
Regeneration, Economy and Growth.**

Electoral division(s) affected:

Wingate

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of objections received to the consultation concerning changes to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Wheatley Hill, Wingate & Deaf Hill.
- 1.2 To request that members consider the objections made during the informal and formal consultation period.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Members are asked to decide, in principle only, whether to proceed with the Amendment Order, which will then guide the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy and Growth in the exercise of delegated decision making. The final decision is therefore one for the Corporate Director, under delegated powers.

2 Executive Summary

- 2.1 The County Council are committed to regularly reviewing Traffic Regulation Orders to ensure that the restrictions held within them are relevant and appropriate.

- 2.2 Representations have been received requesting a review of existing, and provision of additional, restrictions in Wingate.
- 2.3 Having considered these requests, Officers have determined that the changes listed below would be of benefit in terms of improving road safety and reducing congestion. It is therefore proposed to amend the current Wheatley Hill, Wingate & Deaf Hill Parking and Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order to allow the identified changes to be implemented.
- 2.4 Local members fully supported all proposals. Durham Constabulary are in full support.
- 2.5 Consultation Period:

| | From | To |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Statutory Consultees | 17.01.22 | 07.02.22 |
| Informal Consultation | 07.03.22 | 28.03.22 |
| Formal Consultation | 13.07.22 | 03.08.22 |

3 Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 Committee is recommended to:

Endorse the proposal, in principle, to amend the current Wheatley Hill, Wingate & Deaf Hill Parking and Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order, with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

4 Proposal, Objections & Responses

- 4.1 The proposed locations for the TRO that received objections during the consultation stages are detailed below.

- 4.2 **Location 1 – B1280, Front Street** (to extend existing restricted waiting, 8am-6pm, restrictions & to introduce restricted bay restrictions, limited waiting Monday-Saturday 8am-6pm, 1 hour, no return within 2 hours)

- 4.3 Proposal Background

The B1280, Front Street is the main access route through Wingate providing access onto the A19 to the south where it meets the A179 and to the north east via the A181 overpass.

We have received reports, via local member Councillor John Higgins, that the layby on the B1280, Front Street adjacent to the community centre is being used as long stay parking. This in turn is preventing short stay access to the services in the area. The manner of this parking has also encouraged inconvenient parking around the heavily trafficked Front Street which has led to obstruction issues and increased traffic congestion.

It is therefore proposed to introduce ‘limited waiting, Monday-Saturday, 8am-6pm, 1 hour no return within 2 hours’ restrictions for the extent of this layby to facilitate short stay access to nearby services/facilities and reduce obstructive parking. These bays will be unrestricted on an evening to facilitate overnight parking for any surrounding residential properties.

In addition to the above, an extension of existing ‘restricted waiting, 8am-6pm’ restrictions to the south of the Community Centre access are proposed. This will prevent obstructive parking and improve visibility and accessibility for all road users accessing the Community Centre.

4.4 Informal Consultation:

| Total Properties balloted | Number in favour | Number opposed |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 11 | 1 | 2 |

4.5 Formal Consultation:

| Consultation dates | Expressions in favour | Expressions against |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 09.07.22 – 30.07.22 | 0 | 0 |

4.6 Summarised objections & responses:

4.7 Objections:

2 properties have objected to this proposal, the reasons for these objections have been summarised below:

- “Unfair on residents who don’t have off-street parking, would also impact proposed B&B at pub.”

- “People living or visiting Church Street houses park here [*in the layby*].”

4.8 DCC Response:

- These restrictions aim to improve vehicle turnover in the layby which in turn will improve access to amenities and facilities in the area.
- These bays will remain unrestricted on an evening, outside of the designated hours, to facilitate overnight parking for the surrounding residential properties.

4.9 See appendix 4 for full details of the objection(s).

5 Conclusion

5.1 Having considered the evidence of obstructive and inconsiderate parking and the objections to the proposals, Officers remain of the view that it is necessary to introduce the proposals in order to address the identified highway safety issues. Accordingly, it is recommended that Members agree in principle to endorse the proposal to proceed with the implementation of the Wheatley Hill, Wingate & Deaf Hill Parking & Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2022 with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

6 Background papers

6.1 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.

Climate Change

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

Human Rights

Any interference with human rights is considered to be necessary in accordance with the law and proportionate in order to address highway safety issues.

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.

Appendix 2: Location of Proposals



Appendix 3: Request History

Location 1 – Front Street

From: Cllr John Higgins <J.Higgins@durham.gov.uk>
Sent: 06 January 2022 13:44
To: Peter Broxton <peter.broxton@durham.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Traffic Situation

Good afternoon Peter,

Once again thank you for your time this Afternoon and for your help and advice regarding the matters we discussed, it's very much appreciated.

Please see below email Peter that I received yesterday from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Wingate Primary School COG, I have also enclosed the photo of the car that is parking on the new footpath outside the Community Centre.

Regards.

John.

From: Peter Broxton <peter.broxton@durham.gov.uk>
Sent: 06 January 2022 14:22
To: Cllr John Higgins <J.Higgins@durham.gov.uk>; Claire Ford <Claire.Ford@durham.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Traffic Situation

Thanks John,

Not a problem at all.

If you can find out about the bollard installation in that location, and if you have any difficulties please let me know and I will then investigate the matter to see if there is scope for us gaining budget for them.

I have checked the current order for the double yellow lines outside the Community Centre, it seems on our system there should be a single yellow (Mon-Fri 8am-6pm) which is great. So, we can have then installed when the weather permits if your happy with that John. I wish I had a look at the signs now, but I will get one of the lads to check for me. So quick solution there.

For the rest of the items my colleague Ewan will oversee this on my behalf. He works within the same team and is very helpful. I feel it is worth Ewan doing this as he has a bit more flexibility at the moment and will be able to get things moving a little quicker than I can.

I will:

- Community Centre possibility for 2/3 disabled bays to be installed.
- look into making the layby (Mon-Sat 8am-6pm 1hr no return in 2hrs) which will mirror that of the layby further down the road.
- look into double yellows in the back road behind Wingate Nursery with them being over the driveway of the first property and continuous on the Nursery side up to the layby.

Claire,

When Coupeline attend to do the line extension on the industrial estate in Wingate, can they please ensure the section outside the community centre (south of the image in red hatch) is also reinstated. This is on block paving but was previously removed by the last County Councillor. We now want it reinstating as per the TRO. Any questions give me a shout. Image below.



Many Thanks,

Peter Broxton

Site Photos – Taken 25.10.22



Appendix 4: Objection Details

Location 1 – Front Street:

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

- I am in favour of the scheme
 I am opposed to the scheme

REF FRONT STREET

Comments People living or visiting Church
Street houses park here

Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name:

Address:

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

REF front street.....

- I am in favour of the scheme
- I am opposed to the scheme

Comments Unfair on residents who don't have off street parking. Would also impact proposed B&B or pub

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]