

## Highways Committee

10<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Pelton, Perkinsville and Ouston

**Parking & Waiting Restrictions  
Amendment Order 2022**

**Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.**



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### 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:**

Pelton

#### **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 Pelton, Perkinsville and Ouston.
- 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 Pelton, Perkinsville and Ouston.
- 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 Pelton, Perkinsville and Ouston Parking and Waiting Restrictions Order 2022 to allow the identified changes to be implemented.
- 2.4 All Local Members and Durham Constabulary have been consulted and raised no objection to the proposal.
- 2.5 Consultation Period:

	From	To
Statutory Consultees	15-Feb-22	08-Mar-22
Informal Consultation	10-Mar-22	31-May-22
Formal Consultation	22-Sep-22	13-Oct-22

## **3 Recommendation(s)**

- 3.1 Committee is recommended to:

Endorse the proposal, in principle, to amend the Pelton, Perkinsville and Ouston Parking and Waiting Restrictions Order 2022. 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 – Newbridge Banks/Pelton Lane Junction (Introduce ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions)

Proposal background

Newbridge Banks is a busy main road leading to Pelton Lane in Grange Villa. The junction area is fronted by several residential properties, a number of which have driveways which access and egress onto / from the junction area. Concerns have been raised in the past regarding visibility issues on this junction and this resulted in Durham County Council adopting land to improve the visibility at this location.

Since the footway width on the northern side of the junction was increased to improve visibility, motorists have started using the area to park on which in turn causes obstruction issues. There have also been concerns raised regarding obstructive parking on the southern side of the junction. There is a business situated here which attracts custom and the manner that they park their vehicles can cause obstruction / visibility issues. There is alternative ample parking within a short walking distance.

It is proposed to introduce ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions on both sides of the junction of Newbridge Banks to Pelton Lane.

Informal Consultation:

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
4	2	1

Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
22/09/22 – 13/10/22	0	0

## Summarised objections & responses:

### Objections:

1 person has objected to this proposal at the informal consultation stage, the reasons for these objections have been summarised below:

- There were no comments available.

### DCC Response:

- N/A

See appendix 3 for full details of the objection(s).

#### 4.3 Location 2 – Station Road to Stony Lane (Introduce no waiting at any time restrictions)

### Proposal Background

Stony Lane approaches its junction with Station Road on a steep incline. Concerns have been raised regarding poor visibility when exiting Stony Lane onto Station Road caused by parking on both sides of the junction.

It is therefore proposed that ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions be introduced at this location to address this.

### Informal Consultation:

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
2	0	2

### Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
22/09/22 – 13/10/22	0	0

## Summarised objections & responses:

### Objections:

2 people have objected to this proposal at the informal consultation stage, the reasons for these objections have been summarised below:

- Would negatively affect any future sales for the property and disadvantages against adjoining property
- Won't be able to park outside their home

### DCC Response:

- Site investigations have shown there to be times when inconsiderate parking around the junction impedes visibility for other road users. The restrictions will ensure the junction area is kept clear whilst the remainder of the street will remain unrestricted. Accordingly, there is no justification to extend the proposed restrictions to the remainder of the street.
- It is considered that the proposed location of the restrictions will address obstructive parking on the mouth of the junction.
- Whilst vehicles are not permitted to park here, they may load/unload and board/alight passengers for as long as necessary.
- Whilst the householder will not be able to park on the highway directly outside of their home, it is considered that the highway safety benefits to be secured outweigh any inconvenience to the householder in this regard.

## **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 Pelton, Perkinsville and Ouston Parking and Waiting Restrictions 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**

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### **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.

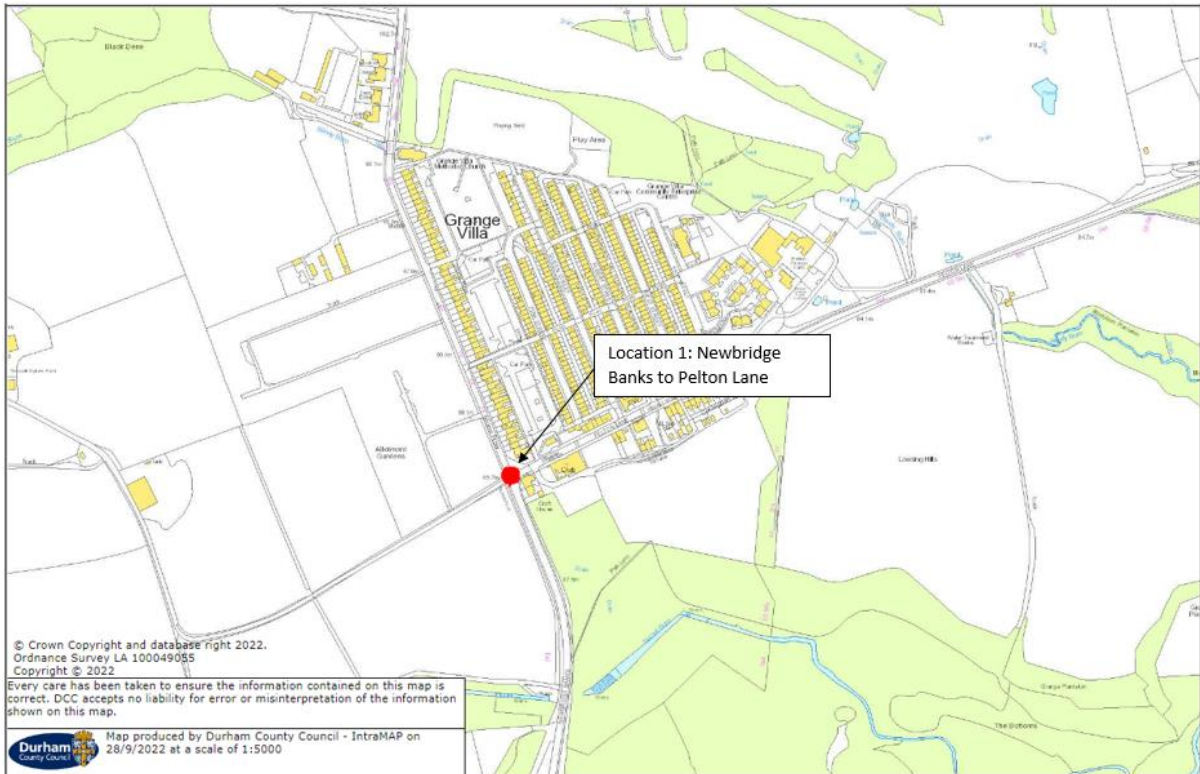
**Risk**

Not Applicable.

**Procurement**

Operations, DCC.

## Appendix 2: Location of Proposals





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## Appendix 3: Objection Details

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### Location 1: Newbridge Banks to Pelton Lane Junction

**PROPOSED SCHEME  
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

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

REF Stone Low .....

Comments .....

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: .....

Address .....

Location 2: Station Road to Stony Lane

PROPOSED SCHEME  
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD



Please tick the appropriate box:

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

REF Stoney Lane.....

*\* CONSIDER MIRRORS \**

Comments *THIS PROPOSAL DIRECTLY & ADVERSELY EFFECTS MY PROPERTY & WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT ANY FUTURE SALE, DISADVANTAGING AGAINST ADJOINING PROPERTY.*

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: .....  
Address: .....  
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PROPOSED SCHEME  
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD



Please tick the appropriate box:

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

REF Stoney Lane.....

Comments *I CANNOT PARK OUTSIDE HOUSE.*

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: .....  
Address: .....  
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