

Delegated Decision

November 2022

Pelton, Perkinsville and Ouston

**Parking & Waiting Restrictions
Amendment Order 2022**



Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.

Report of Corporate Management Team

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Electoral division(s) affected:

Pelton

Purpose of the Report

Set aside objections and the making of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) following the Highways Committee conducted on 10th November 2022 to introduce parking and waiting restrictions in Pelton, Perkinsville and Ouston.

Executive summary

Following requests from local members and residents, an amendment to the Pelton, Perkinsville and Ouston Parking and Waiting Restrictions TRO was formally advertised between 22-09-22 and 13-10-22.

The proposal is to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions (double yellow lines) on Newbridge Banks, Twizell Lane, Stony Lane, Pelton Lane and New Road in Grange Villa, Pelton and Beamish. Further additions include, 'no waiting and no loading at any time' and 'no stopping' restrictions on Pelton Lane and Front Street, Pelton and Newfield. 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 predominantly supportive of the proposals with only 1 objection raised in relation to Stone Row and 2 objections in relation to New Road. There was support from local members regarding the proposals.

The objection was considered by Highways Committee on 10th November 2022. 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

Newbridge Banks

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.

Objections:

There was 1 objection received with no comments made.

Station Road to Stony Lane

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.

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.

A report was taken to Highways Committee on the 10th November 2022 where the Committee endorsed the proposal in principle to proceed with the implementation of the Pelton, Perkinsville and Ouston Parking & Waiting Restrictions Amendment Order 2022. 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 Newbridge Banks and Station Road to Stony Lane junction 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.