

## **Delegated Decision**

**November 2022**

**Spennymoor**

**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**

#### **Electoral division(s) affected:**

Spennymoor & Tudhoe

#### **Purpose of the Report**

Set aside objections and the making of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) following the Highways Committee conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to introduce parking and waiting restrictions in Spennymoor.

#### **Executive summary**

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

Representations have been received requesting a review of existing, and provision of additional, restrictions in Spennymoor.

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 Spennymoor Parking & Waiting Restrictions Order to allow the identified changes to be implemented.

All Local Members and Durham Constabulary have been consulted and raised no objection to the proposal.

Consultation Period:

	From	To
Statutory Consultees	01.12.21 & 17.06.22	22.12.21 & 08.07.22
Informal Consultation	21.12.21	12.01.22
Formal Consultation	09.07.22	30.07.22

The TRO has received 1 expression in favour and 5 objections.

The objections were considered by Highway's Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Committee Voted unanimously to set aside these objections and endorse the proposed TRO. With the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

### **Recommendation**

Set aside objections and make TRO.

### **Proposals, Objections & Responses**

**Location 1 – Festival Walk & Holborn/Oxford Road** (to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions)

#### Proposal Background

Festival Walk is located within the heart of Spennymoor's town centre and has historically been viewed as the main commercial area of the town.

Following a decline in business tenancy, Festival Walk has recently seen redevelopment and the location has now attracted the occupancy of Aldi which is accessed via Holborn/Oxford Road. This redevelopment has also seen the introduction of a new off-street car park (Festival Walk Car Park) as a means of increasing parking provision for both residents and visitors of the surrounding commercial area.

We have received reports from Councillor Liz Maddison that vehicles have begun to park either side of the Festival Walk access road (leading to Festival Walk Car Park). When such parking occurs traffic flow is restricted and access/egress from Festival Walk Car Park is impeded.

It is proposed to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions either side of the newly developed access road leading to Festival Walk Car Park,

as well as either side of the access road leading from Holborn/Oxford Road into Aldi, to prevent obstructive parking and improve traffic flow.

Informal Consultation:

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
23	1	3

Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
09.07.22 – 30.07.22	0	2

Summarised objections & responses:

Objections:

3 properties have objected to this proposal (2 of which affirmed their objections during the formal consultation period), the reasons for these objections have been summarised below:

- “The no waiting zone would directly impact my ability to park at my residence.”
- “If these are introduced it will limit our space for parking.”
- “I am not opposed to finding a way to limit the parking by way of permits for residents.”
- “All local businesses will be affected by the removal of on street parking spaces.”

DCC Response:

- These restrictions have been proposed to improve road safety following a number of regeneration schemes in the area. Officers from Durham County Council’s Traffic Section have verified reports that vehicles parked on the access road leading

to Festival Walk Car Park reduce visibility and obstruct access for all approaching road users.

- Restrictions have been proposed in locations where there are legitimate concerns for road safety however they will still allow for two unrestricted sections on Festival Walk, near to the Brewers Arms and No.'s 1-3 Cheapside, for resident/visitor parking.
- Alongside these sections of highway, residents are also able to use the new Festival Walk Car Park which remains unrestricted.
- Whilst vehicles will not be permitted to park on the proposed restrictions, double yellow lines permit road users to load/unload and to board and alight (pick up and drop off) passengers.
- With regards to resident permit parking restrictions, unfortunately I must advise that we would be unable to pursue such a scheme as this location does not satisfy the criteria within Durham County Council's Parking Policies document.

### **Main implications**

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

#### To introduce:

'No waiting at any time' restrictions at:

- Festival Walk
- Holborn
- Oxford Road

### **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**

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### **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.