

Delegated Decision

November 2022

**Wheatley Hill, Wingate, Quarrington Hill
& Deaf Hill**

Parking & Waiting Restrictions Amendment Order 2022

Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.



Report of Corporate Management Team

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Electoral division(s) affected:

Wingate

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 Wingate.

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 Wingate.

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, Quarrington Hill & Deaf Hill 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	17.01.22	07.02.22
Informal Consultation	07.03.22	28.03.22
Formal Consultation	13.07.22	03.08.22

The TRO has received 1 expression in favour and 2 objections.

The objections were considered by Highway's Committee on 10th 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 – 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)

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.

Informal Consultation:

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
11	1	2

Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
13.07.22 – 03.08.22	0	0

Summarised objections & responses:

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*].”

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.

Main implications

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

To introduce:

'Restricted bay restrictions, limited waiting, Monday-Saturday, 8am-6pm, maximum stay 1 hour, no return within 2 hours' at:

- B1280, Front Street

To extend existing:

'Restricted waiting, 8am-6pm' restrictions at:

- B1280, Front Street

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.