

## **Delegated Decision**

**January 2023**

**Lanchester and Langley Park**

**Parking & Waiting Restrictions  
Amendment Order 2023**

**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:**

Lanchester and Esh & Witton Gilbert

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

Set aside objections and the making of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) following the Highways Committee conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023 to introduce parking and waiting restrictions in Lanchester and Langley Park.

#### **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 additional restrictions in Lanchester and Langley Park.

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 Lanchester and Langley Park Parking & Waiting Restrictions Order to allow the identified changes to be implemented.

All Local Member and Durham Constabulary have been consulted and are in support of the proposals.

## Consultation Period:

	From	To
Statutory Consultees	30/03/22	20/04/22
	28/10/22	18/11/22
Informal Consultation	26/05/22	16/06/22
Formal Consultation	29/09/22	20/10/22
	17/11/22	08/12/22

The TRO has received 21 expressions in favour and 8 objections.

The objections were considered by Highway's Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023. 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 objection and make TRO.

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

#### Location 1 – Front Street, Lanchester

The C57 Front Street is a main route located off the A691 Durham Road, Lanchester and is predominantly used by vehicles wishing to access housing estates in the west of the village. It is also used regularly by vehicles accessing the two primary schools in the immediate vicinity and is a bus route.

As a result of the above, the street can be subject to extremely high levels of obstructive parking particularly at school pick-up and drop-off times, which causes issues with visibility, traffic flow and road safety for all users. This was reported to the County Council by Local Elected Members and residents.

It is therefore proposed to introduce a combination of 'no waiting at any time' and 'restricted waiting (Monday – Friday, 8am-4pm)' restrictions to prevent obstructive parking in areas of significant road safety concern, whilst maintaining a level of parking provision for local residents/visitors outside of peak congestion times.

Informal Consultation, conducted: 26/05/22 – 16/06/22

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
19	11	0

First Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
29/09/22 - 20/10/22	1	2

Second Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
17/11/22 - 08/12/22	0	0

Summarised objections & responses:

Objections:

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

- “The proposals leave Fenhall Park as the nearest available parking location.”
- “Putting restrictions in place will only move the parking issues elsewhere.”
- “Why not introduce a pick-up/drop-off lane on the schools land.”

DCC Response:

- “It is important that we take a balanced approach to tackle the issues reported to us. Unfortunately, all parking restrictions will inevitably lead to a degree of vehicular displacement. Motorists will often seek out the next nearest unrestricted areas to park close to their destination. At this location, the parking restrictions have been proposed on main routes where obstructive parking proves problematic, disrupting traffic flow and leading to road safety concerns. Once restrictions have been put in place, we monitor them to see how they are working and their effects. This can result in additional changes being made later on.”
- “Unfortunately, Durham County Council can only introduce enforceable restrictions on the public adopted highway. We do not have the powers to impose requirements onto the school to make changes to their on-site traffic management systems.”

Location 2 – A691 Durham Road/A6076 Howden Bank/Bishops Meadow, Lanchester

The A691 is the main route between Derwentside and Durham with an average daily traffic count of approximately 9,100 vehicles travelling through Lanchester. Towards the north-west of the village is St Bede’s Catholic School and Sixth Form, which generates high traffic volumes on the A691 Durham Road, the A6076 Howden Bank and within the Bishops Meadow estate.

Both Local Elected Members and residents made the County Council aware of the high levels of obstructive parking, particularly at school pick-up and drop-off times, in this area which causes issues with visibility, access and road safety.

It is therefore proposed to introduce ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions on the A691 Durham Road, the A6076 Howden Bank and Bishops Meadow.

Informal Consultation:

No informal ballot consultation was conducted for this location as it was considered no properties/frontages were directly affected.

### First Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
29/09/22 - 20/10/22	1	5

Following the first formal consultation, the proposals were amended to mitigate the potential displacement of parking into unsuitable areas. This was then formally consulted on again.

### Second Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
17/11/22 - 08/12/22	0	3 (2 of which were made by previous objector to the proposals)

Following the second formal consultation, Durham County Council's Traffic section met with the Local Members for this area to discuss the objections and come to an agreement on how to proceed. It was agreed that a 40-metre section of the 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on the western side of Howden Bank, south of the junction with St Bede's Court, would be removed to reduce the displacement of parking into the St Bede's Court.

These amended proposals are supported by Durham Constabulary.

## **Main Implications**

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

### To introduce

‘No waiting at any time’ restrictions on:

- C57 Front Street
- Kitswell Road
- Fenhall Park
- A691 Durham Road
- A6076 Howden Bank
- Bishops Meadow

Restricted waiting (Monday – Friday, 8am-4pm) on:

- C57 Front Street,

In addition to the above, the following restrictions received no objections and will be progressed:

### To introduce

‘No waiting at any time’ restrictions on:

- B6296 Station Road
- Church View
- The Square

‘Blue Badge Holders only on:

- Front Street, Langley Park

## **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.