# **Highways Committee**

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

Waldridge

Parking & Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order 2023

Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.



# **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:

Chester-Le-Street South

# 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 Waldridge.
- 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 the TRO should be made, 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 Waldridge.

- 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 introduce the Waldridge Parking and Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order 2023 to allow the identified restrictions to be introduced.
- 2.4 Both local members covering this area fully support the proposals. Durham Constabulary are in full support.

#### 2.5 Consultation Period:

	From	То
Statutory Consultees	04-Oct-22	25-Oct-22
	&	&
	17-Jan-23	07-Feb-23
Informal Consultation	25-Oct-22	13-Dec-22
	&	&
	15-Nov-22	10-Jan-23
Formal Consultation	23-Feb-23	16-Mar-23

# 3 Recommendation(s)

3.1 Committee is recommended to:

Endorse the proposal, in principle, to introduce the Waldridge Parking and Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order 2023, 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 Waldridge** (to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions)

# 4.3 Proposal Background

Waldridge is a historical pit village located southwest of Chester-Le-Street. The village predominantly consists of terraced properties with very limited access to off-street parking.

In May 2022, officers from Durham County Council's Strategic Traffic and Community Development Team attended a site meeting with Councillors Bill Moist and Paul Sexton to discuss a proposed parking infrastructure scheme and potential related traffic management measures.

At this meeting it was noted that the manner of parking on the 'spine road' [adopted as the C91 to Cedar Street (Back)], and either side of its adjoining junctions, significantly reduced accessibility for larger vehicles and has previously prevented access to emergency service vehicles.

In an effort to improve parking availability within the village, whilst simultaneously relocating vehicles currently parking in strategic access points, both local members are in the process of funding an off-street layby within the verge of Chester Street (Back) /Poplar Street which will accommodate up to 20 vehicles.

In partnership with this layby, it is also proposed to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions for the full extent of the Waldridge 'spine road' and around its adjoining junctions with Chester Street (Back), Poplar Street, Lime Street & Cedar Street to maintain access at all times for all road users.

#### 4.4 Informal Consultation:

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
36	15	7

#### 4.5 Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
23/02/23 – 16/03/23	0	1
		Made after the advert.

### 4.6 Summarised objections & responses:

# 4.7 Objections:

A total of 8 people have objected to this proposal at the informal and formal consultation stages, the reasons for these objections have been summarised below:

 "The measures [off-street parking layby] would not be sufficient to allocate parking displaced by the proposed double yellow line system."

- The extension of restrictions 4.5m each way into Chester Street (Back), Polar Street, Lime Street & Cedar Street will have a direct negative financial impact on the sale/rent value of properties at these junctions.
  - "Either remove the yellow lines into the adjacent streets or reduce the distance to 1m."
- The removal of on-street parking will create a first come / first served basis for parking in the street and create significant neighbour conflicts.
- "Parking is difficult at the best of times and these plans would make no difference to emergency vehicles at all."
- "It would be better to mark out bays in village allowing people to park more responsible and get more cars in."

### 4.8 DCC Response:

- These proposals aim to ensure there is a constant unobstructed access point for each adjoining street within the village, following reports of obstructive parking which, on occasion, has prevented access for emergency services.
- Whilst the highway code advises drivers not to stop or park within 10m of a junction, it is widely accepted that many residential areas were not designed to accommodate the current levels of car ownership which have placed a high demand on kerbside space where little to no off-street parking is available.
- The 4.5m extension of double yellow lines is designed to replicate a car's length either side of the junction which, similarly replicated in many other locations across the county, provides adequate space to maintain access/egress from minor side road junctions.
- Whenever formal restrictions are introduced there will always be a level of displacement and whilst there have been reports of access and obstruction issues from this area in the past, efforts to address these have been limited without causing an unreasonable level of displacement. The proposed parking layby scheme is therefore set to be introduced to accommodate the majority of this displacement which will alleviate the pressure placed on kerbside space. The restrictions will be introduced formally on-site upon completion of the proposed parking layby.
- 4.9 See appendix 4 for full details of the objection(s).

#### 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 Waldridge Parking & Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order 2023 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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# Author(s)

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# **Appendix 1: Implications**

# **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**

It is considered that there are no Climate Change issues to be addressed.

# **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.

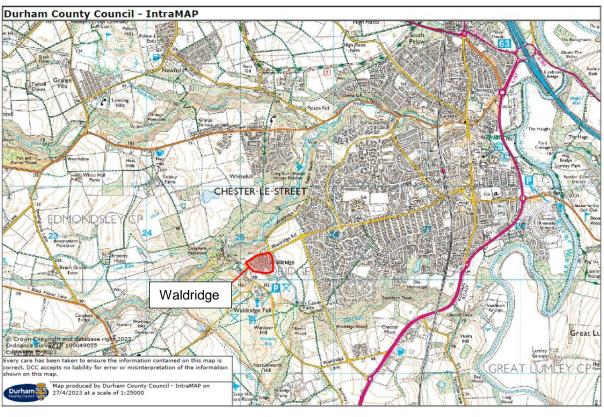
#### Risk

Not Applicable.

#### **Procurement**

Operations, DCC.

# **Appendix 2: Location of Proposals**





# **Appendix 3: Request History**

From: Cllr Bill Moist < Bill.Moist@durham.gov.uk >

**Sent:** 10 June 2022 10:40

**To:** William Lightburn < William.Lightburn@durham.gov.uk >

Subject: Re: T & V Project - Parking Waldridge

Hi Bill, I think we need to see some more progress especially on the proposed new road markings to restrict parking on the middle access road into the village because without the parking restrictions in place we will not achieve our objective?

I was in a Highways Meeting this week concerning implementing double yellow lines in Durham City following complaints about student parking. The issue was raised by Cllr Elizabeth Scott in November last year and here we are passing the proposal for immediate implementation.

Can we at least get an indication from DCC Highways on their views about restricting village before we do any consultation of residents?

Or we may need to put forward our Plan B for any T&V Funding. The clock is ticking.

Many thanks for your help to date we just need a little push to get this over the line.

Happy to discuss anytime especially on timeframes etc

Thank you, Bill Moist

# **Appendix 4: Objection Details**

# **Objector 1:**

PROPOSED SCHEME CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD	Durham Council
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(Please use <b>BLOCK CAPITALS</b> )  Name:  Address:	o raised. I have received acknowledgement re email.
	45812 RLS

From:

**Sent:** 31 October 2022 12:33

**To:** Traffic Consultations < <u>TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk</u>>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]:Our Ref: Waldridge. Your Ref TM/40038/22/1413

For the attention of Ewan Brown (Tell 03000 263953)

Thank you for your correspondence received Saturday 29 October, 2022 regarding the above.

I have. A few questions/concerns regarding the above proposal, I was hoping you could resolve those (answer the following questions).

1. If plan/map of Double Yellow Lines are to assist Emergency Services (entry/exit), why have they not been continued for the same reason to Cedar Street?

Cars do park continually, on either side of the road leading around to Cedar Street.

There is also no proposal for a Double Yellow Line on the turning/corner of Cedar Street?

If a system of Double Yellow Lines is to be implemented, to assist Emergency Services, then surely it has to be applicable to All roads/streets that may be obstructed?

- 2. Chester Street (Back) No 17. There does not appear to be a Double Yellow Line proposed/shown on the map to be located on the corner of No17 Chester Street. Could you kindly explain why?
- 3. Proposed Double Yellow Line, corner of 8 Olive Street

How far back would the Double Yellow Line extend (is just past the drain?).

If for example No 8 has a van delivery (Amazon Prime, Furniture etc), which is often the case, these vehicles (if at all taking note of proposed Double Yellow Lines), will only double park at my gate (No7), as all cars park opposite (Lime Street). They do park over the narrow path blocking access in/out of my home.

As things stand, it happens all the time.

4. Please could you Review use of Double Yellow Lines at each corner of streets/junctions, as if emergency vehicle is coming up or down, they may only require turning access where cars actually park, eg No 17 Chester Street. No 17 Poplar Street, No 15 Pine Street, No 11 Lime Street, No 9 Olive Street.

Your guidance please:

Do I tick oppose the scheme, and await answers to my questions?

I am all in favour of improvements to Waldridge Village, therefore am not entirely opposing anything, just raising concerns.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Best Regards

From: Traffic Consultations < TrafficConsult	<u>:ations@durham.gov.uk</u> >
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**Sent:** 11 November 2022 11:14

To:

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]:Our Ref: Waldridge. Your Ref TM/40038/22/1413

Good morning

Thank you for your comments concerning the introduction of parking and waiting restrictions within Waldridge Village.

These proposals aim to improve access for all road users via the 'Waldridge Spine road' (adopted as the 'C91 to Cedar Street') following reports of obstructive parking which, on occasion, has prevented access for emergency services.

These measures are to work in partnership with an off-street parking scheme on Chester Street (Back)/Oak Street funded by the local members which will accommodate the expected displaced vehicles who's current parking would be affected by these restrictions.

With regards to points 1 and 2 in your email, these areas have also been highlighted to us during the consultation and in hindsight I must agree that these locations should have been included from the outset. I have therefore reconsulted with the local members and a revised plan has now been drafted which will shortly be reconsulted with residents before progressing onto our final stage of consultation where the proposals will be advertised online, onsite and in the local press for a further 3 weeks. I have attached this plan to this email (reference: 'Waldridge Proposal – Rev 0\_B') which identifies extensions around Chester Street (Back) and to the south of the 'C91 to Cedar Street'.

In reference to point 3, these restrictions will extend into each of the adjoining streets for an approximate car's length of 4.5m either side of the junctions. The restrictions will allow Durham County Council to enforce any vehicles parked over the markings however, in the event vehicles are parked in a manner which obstructs access away from these restrictions (such as blocking access/egress to your property), Durham Constabulary have the authority to enforce obstruction offences on the highway if contacted on their non-emergency number '101'. The offence of 'parking causing unnecessary obstruction' is extremely subjective requiring a police officer to apply discretion and judgement, however there is no requirement to have parking or waiting restrictions (yellow lines) in place when considering this offence.

Finally, with regards to point 4, I do understand vehicles may only park one on side of the carriageway at present however, should markings only be introduced on one side of the carriageway the first-place vehicles will move to is the opposite side, which would not resolve the ongoing access issues. These proposals will ensure there is constant unobstructed access to all adjoining streets within the village.

As advised above, the proposals will shortly be progressed to our final stage of formal advertisement after which, if we have objections, the scheme will need to be referred to Durham County Council's highway's Committee where

a panel of elected members will discuss the proposals and any objectors will be invited to attend. I would therefore be extremely grateful if you could respond to this email advising whether you would like to affirm your objection or withdraw your objection if the information above has satisfied your concerns.

In the meantime, if you have any further concerns or would like to discuss this in more detail please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Ewan Brown

Strategic Traffic Management Team

From:

**Sent:** 14 November 2022 18:19

**To:** Traffic Consultations < <u>TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk</u>>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL]:Our Ref: Waldridge. Your Ref TM/40038/22/1413

#### Dear Mr Brown

Thank you for your email and attachment (Waldridge Proposal-RevO\_B.pdf), dated 11 December, 2022.

I affirm my objection (TM/40038/22/1413).

Unfortunately, also object to Waldridge Proposal-RevO\_B.pdf

\* Unfortunately, I am greatly concerned that the measures proposed to work in partnership with an off Street parking scheme on Chester Street (Back) / Oak would not be sufficient to allocate parking (displaced) by the proposed Double Yellow Line system.

For example as it stands, residents of Chester Street/Oak Street only, utilize the grassed area referred to, to park approximately 9 (plus)vehicles (on an angle)!

There would be approximately an additional 13 vehicles (8 on the Spinal Road/approx 5 by taking up 1 car space (4.5m) on the corner of each Street displaced by proposed Double Yellow Lines, requiring to park in this area!

Total parking required would be for at least 21 vehicles.

I am advised that the allocated parking spaces are to be reduced from 20 to 15.

I appreciate what the Parish Councils intentions are, however still have concerns regarding spaces available and the effect it would have of vehicles then having to park front of Chester Street (main road, with 2 wheels on the pavement and 2 wheels off, as some are already doing so).

#### Ref4

Waldridge Village has been served by a single White Line on the Spinal Road and adjacent main road (entry to Waldridge Village by Bus Stop/North to Sacriston), this White Line continues into the corner of Chester Street, Poplar Street, Olive Street for a distance of far less than 4.5m.

There has never, in the duration of them being there, any complaints/issues with being able to turn (have access) or double parking.

Kind Regards

From: Traffic Consultations < TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk >

Sent: 13 December 2022 09:15

To:

Subject: [EXTERNAL]:Our Ref: Waldridge. Your Ref TM/40038/22/1413

Good morning \_\_\_\_\_,

Apologies for the delay in responding to you, after your last email I raised your concerns with our highway's department (who are overseeing the construction of the layby) for confirmation on the number of parking spaces to be made available and have since been waiting for a response.

I have now received an update from them and can therefore advise that with regards to the number of spaces available, subject to confirmation of a revised cost and planning approval, the number of achievable bays remains at 20.

In response to your first point, we appreciate whenever formal restrictions are introduced there will be a level of displacement and whilst we have received reports of access and obstruction issues in the area in the past, given the nature of the area, we have been limited in our approach to prevent an unreasonable level of displacement which like you mention would exacerbate parking issues elsewhere. The proposed parking layby scheme is set to be introduced in line with the extent of the available budget to accommodate the majority of this displacement and, although there will be increased pressure placed on kerbside space, the objective of this scheme is ensuring there is a constant unobstructed access point for each adjoining street within the village.

I understand there is currently an existing advisory white 'keep clear' marking on the spinal road, whilst these markings are used to highlight areas where parking restricts access we are cautious in introducing them to ensure they are used sparingly in strategic locations as overprescribing can often lead to their increased abuse. Should these advisory markings be abused we would then also be unable to conduct our own enforcement to ensure the area is kept clear in the event access is restricted/prevented, which in the past has prevented access of emergency service vehicles.

We will shortly reconsult to share this information amongst other affected properties, in the meantime I will log your objection against these proposals and should these proposals be progressed further, information regarding Durham County Council's Highway's Committee and any associated invitation for objectors will be sent to you directly.

If you have any further questions or queries please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

**Ewan Brown** 

Strategic Traffic Management Team

### Objector 2:

From: Traffic Consultations < <a href="mailto:TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk">TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk</a>>

**Sent:** 09 November 2022 12:15

To:

Subject: Waldridge Parking & Waiting Restrictions

Good morning

Following on from our conversations yesterday and earlier today I have included a copy of the letter (Ref: 'Informal Section 1') and plan (Ref: 'Waldridge Proposal') sent out as part of our initial consultation stage with residents which remains open until 15<sup>th</sup> November.

As discussed, these proposals aim to improve access for all road users via the 'Waldridge Spine road' (adopted as the 'C91 to Cedar Street') following reports of obstructive parking which, on occasion, has prevented access for emergency services. These measures are to work in partnership with an off-street parking scheme on Chester Street (Back)/Oak Street funded by the local members which will accommodate the expected displaced vehicles who's current parking would be affected by these restrictions.

In reference to your suggestion of introducing advisory markings for the extent of the spine road, whilst these markings are used to highlight areas where parking restricts access we are cautious in introducing them to ensure they are used sparingly in strategic locations as overprescribing can often lead to their increased abuse. Should the markings be abused we would then also be unable to conduct our own enforcement to ensure the area is kept clear in the event access is restricted/prevented.

The consultation stage has been open since 25<sup>th</sup> October and we have therefore received a number of responses and additional feedback on the initial proposals, based on a number of these comments and after reconsulting the councillors a revised plan has also been drafted which will shortly be reconsulted with residents before progressing onto our third stage of consultation where the proposals will be advertised online, on-site and in the local press for a further 3 weeks. I have attached this plan to this email (reference: 'Waldridge Proposal – Rev 0\_B') which identifies extensions around Chester Street (Back) and to the south of the 'C91 to Cedar Street.

As discussed, if you are able to clarify the extents of your objection to the scheme I will record it within our files for the purposes of our Highway's Committee where the proposals and associated objections will be presented to a panel of elected members.

Whilst I've attached above electronic copies of the letter and plan used as part of the current consultation stage please let me know if you would still like a paper copy send out to your address.

I hope this information is useful, if you you'd like to discuss any of this in more detail please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

**Ewan Brown** 

Strategic Traffic Management Team

From:

Sent: 09 November 2022 19:24

To: Traffic Consultations < Traffic Consultations @durham.gov.uk >

Subject: Waldridge Parking & Waiting Restrictions

Dear Ewan,

Thank you for the information and the time you have taken to explain the situation to me. As we have discussed I have number of concerns regarding the proposed yellow lines specifically regarding their extension around the corner into the adjacent streets.

Here are my objections, reasons, and Alternatives I would like considered for the final proposal:

# Financial Detriment

- Negative impact on house price / saleability in comparison to like for like houses within the same street
- Negative impact on rent ability / rent value in comparison to like for like houses within the same street

A big attraction to my property in particular but is relevant to all affected by the proposal is the on street parking directly outside the house

# Potential to cause Neighbour Conflict

By removing on street parking spaces, and in the case of Lime Street which is 3 streets away from the proposed lay-by parking scheme, It is my great concern that this will create a 1st come / 1st served basis for parking in the street and create Neighbour conflicts. Parking has always been a challenge in the Village & for the most part villagers are respectful of where each other

park and have harmony in this. Whilst the new parking initiative will be a welcome improvement / addition to the village - the removal of on street parking will greatly reduce the positive impact creating Neighbour friction for all as each try to compete for spaces near their own houses along the entire length on the street.

# **Village Impact**

On the face of it the extension of the Chester Road yellow lines into the adjacent streets by the proposed distance of 4.5m; affects only those 9 properties directly.

However is it fair that any negatives of the village initiative to improve safety by securing better emergency vehicle access which benefits all, be born entirely by the 9 properties where their parking will be displaced by as much as 4 streets, and will become only 9 properties out of 133 where it is a Traffic offence to stop outside their own home.

Or, will all Villagers be expected to and be happy to share this Village initiate equally, whereby those living further up the street may find themselves being displaced and having to park up to 4 streets away

# **Alternative Options**

I would like to suggest 2 options / modifications to the exiting proposals specific to the Road markings, whilst going ahead with the oak street parking initiative to give alternative parking to those currently using Chester Road.

#### Alternative 1

Amend the Yellow Line proposal to extend the current 'KEEP CLEAR' road markings that run from the main road to the corner of Poplar street (on one side only) be extended all the way along and run on both sides, terminating at the corner of each street as it currently does at Poplar Street. In addition by way of clear signage, make all residents aware of the need to keep this road clear as Emergency Vehicle access required at all times.

Therefore providing the necessary alternative to parking needed whilst also informing all the necessity to keep this street open for access on both sides.

The benefits being that no legal changes are required for the road marking, car spaces are still provided for those parking on Chester Road, and there is no greater displacement of parking spaces in the adjacent streets.

For reasons stated in your email re lack of enforceability I understand this may not be a viable solution.

# Alternative 2

If it is deemed that stronger measures are required to prevent access issues on Chester Road, then instead of extending the yellow lines 4.5 metres into the adjacent streets, Terminate the yellow lines at the corner or greatly reduce the extension into the adjacent streets to 1 meter - meaning the on street parking space is not lost whilst at the same time preventing cars from parking right up to the corner junction.

If my views / concerns are not shared by others directly affected then I would like the points raised and alternative suggestion regarding termination of Yellow Lines be considered specific to my property -11 Lime Street.

I also note that the 'Alternative 2' approach was initial in place for No. 17 Chester Road

**Best Regards** 

From: Sent: 20 December 2022 13:02

To: Traffic Consultations < TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk>

Subject: Waldridge Parking & Waiting Restrictions

Dear Ewan,

Today my Tenants of informed me of a vote they received for the Yellow Line proposal at Waldridge village.

As the owner of this property and another in the Village \_\_\_\_\_, I would like to lodge a vote from each property against the scheme.

I would appreciate if you could send the forms direct to me for me to formally log my vote, or is this email is sufficient.

My vote is against as owner of:

My comments are:

I would only vote yes to the scheme if the 4.5m junction intersection wrap around was reduced to maximum 1.5m.

My previous email was at length to support my position on this and concerns to the plan as is.

Many Thanks

From: Traffic Consultations < <a href="mailto:TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk">TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk</a>>

**Sent:** 04 January 2023 09:38

To:

**Subject:** Waldridge Parking & Waiting Restrictions

Good morning

Firstly, happy new year.

With regards to the letter sent out to your tenants I can advise that this was to consult on the amended proposals as previously discussed in our last emails. However, I have attached the plan (ref: 'Waldridge Proposal – Rev 0\_B') and letter (Ref: 'Informal 2') for reference.

Whilst I do already have your objection in response to this proposal I will also take down your comments below and will look to update you further following the end of this consultation exercise on how we will progress with the proposals.

In the meantime, if you have any further comments or would like to discuss this in more detail please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

**Ewan Brown** 

Strategic Traffic Management Team

From:

Sent: 04 January 2023 12:22

**To:** Traffic Consultations < <u>TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk</u>> **Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]: Waldridge Village Parking Restrictions

Dear Ewan,

Thank you for getting back to me on this.

Please can you confirm that my objection is raised to represent the 2 properties I own in the village.

Also can I be added to the mailing list for any further postal communication, my address is



Having read the attached letter that was sent out accompanying the Plan document, I would like to raise a further objection:

- The letter itself is misleading as it states <u>ONLY</u> the proposal for Yellow lines on the Spine Road (Chester Street), on the basis to resolve obstructive parking.
- 2. At no point in this letter does it state their being an issue with parking in the main adjoining streets, and that this restriction would also apply to 4.5m either side of the junction in both directions.
- 3. People who are not proficient at reading plans could very easily overlook the Yellow lines planned for the adjoining streets, especially the distance of 4.5 meters as this is not stated. Can you inform me of measures taken (meeting minutes etc) to ensure that Residents fully understand the Greater Proposal of the yellow lines that are additional to what is stated in the Letter as only being Chester Street, and the implications of this, such as 1<sup>st</sup> come first served for on street parking and the neighbor conflicts this will cause, especially for those displaced further up the street and therefore further from the new parking scheme.

Furthermore, Please can you send me the initial Business Case / Rational for these proposals

I look forward to your response.

Many Thanks

From: Traffic Consultations
Sent: 04 January 2023 14:57

To:

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]: Waldridge Village Parking Restrictions

Dear ,

I can confirm that I will record the full basis of your objection and, should this order need to be referred to Durham County Council's Highway's Committee, your position as the registered owner of 2 affected properties will be noted.

Whilst I understand your concerns with the letter, this consultation stage is an informal procedure used to gage the perception of properties considered to be most affected and provide a period for discussion to clarify any queries or concerns residents may have before progressing further.

The current consultation period remains open until the 10<sup>th</sup> January although, as the majority of responses have been favourable, it is likely these proposals will be progressed to our formal stage of advertisement where they will be advertised on-site via notices, online and in the local press for a further 3 weeks. Within this advert a full description of the proposals will be included, detailing the exact lengths/measurements of the restrictions and their associated starting points, as well as directions to view the full draft order which includes further plans. Contact details to raise further objections or queries will also be included.

With regards to the rationale for these restrictions, following reports of obstructive parking which, on occasion, has prevented access for emergency services we have worked on these proposals in partnership with the local elected members for this area (Councillors Bill Moist & Paul Sexton) which aim to improve access for all road users via the 'Waldridge spine road'. These measures are to work in partnership with an off-street parking scheme on Chester Street (Back)/Oak Street, funded by the local members, which will accommodate the expected displaced vehicles who's current parking would be affected by these restrictions.

Further correspondence will be sent out to properties as a prelude to the formal advertisement, advising on the outcome of the current consultation period. I have therefore included your property within this mailing list.

I hope this information is useful.

Kind Regards,

**Ewan Brown** 

Strategic Traffic Management Team

From:

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 1:23 PM

**To:** Traffic Consultations < <u>TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk</u>> **Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]:Waldridge Village Parking Restrictions

Dear Ewan,

In response to the formal consultation for the proposed 'No Waiting at any Time' restriction for Waldridge Village, I would like to re affirm my objections

My objection is to the implementation of Yellow lines in full as it stands in the current proposal.

My objection is based on the inclusion of yellow lines 4.5 meters each way into the adjacent streets of; Chester street back, Poplar Street, Lime Street, and Cedar St.

- 1. <u>Justification:</u> The letter to residents explaining the proposal for Yellow lines on the Spine Road (Chester Street), was on the basis to resolve obstructive parking on this named street, and at no point did this letter state their being an issue with parking in the main adjoining streets, and hence justification for the 4.5 meters of yellow lines into these streets.
- 2. <u>Neighbour Conflict:</u> By the removal of on street parking, especially for those streets furthest away from the new parking initiative (3-4 streets in some cases), \_It is my great concern that this will create a 1st come / 1st served basis for parking in the street and create significant Neighbor conflicts, as the knock on effect can be to displace those residents at the ends of the streets & furthest away from the new parking initiative.
- **3.** Whilst the new parking initiative (at the bottom of Oak St) will be a welcome improvement / addition to the village the removal of on street parking will greatly reduce the positive impact creating Neighbour friction for all as each try to compete for spaces near their own houses along the entire length on the street.
- **4.** Personal Financial Detriment: by the removal of on street parking with double yellow lines to the rear of my Property ( and 9 others this will have a direct financial impact.
  - **a.** Negative impact on house price / sale-ability in comparison to like for like houses within the same street
  - **b.** Negative impact on rent ability / rent value in comparison to like for like houses within the same street

The proposal as it stands is greatly detrimental to 10 properties out of a village of 133 – and unfair that these 10 Properties should be treated differently to the rest of the village. My objections I have also highlighted my concerns to the greater impact for all residents.

As Owner of 2 properties within the Village, would like my objections to be registered as for each property.

As previously stated I am not opposed to this proposal if it was amended to either remove the yellow lines into the adjacent streets or reduce the distance to 1meter.

**Best Regards** 

From: Traffic Consultations < <a href="mailto:TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk">TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk</a>>

Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:28 PM

To:

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL]:Waldridge Village Parking Restrictions

Good afternoon

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) for Waldridge Village. I can confirm I am in receipt of each of your objections and, should these proposals be pursued further, your position as owner of 2 properties will be clarified.

In response, I can advise that the inclusion of these restrictions 4.5m either side of the junction aims to improve access to and from the spine road with each of its adjoining streets: Chester Street (Back), Poplar Street, Lime Street & Cedar Street.

Whilst the highway code advises drivers not to stop or park within 10m of a junction, it is widely accepted that many residential areas were not designed to accommodate the current levels of car ownership which have placed a high demand on kerbside space where little to no off street parking is available.

The 4.5m extension of double yellow lines is therefore designed to replicate a cars length either side of the junction which, similarly replicated in many other locations across the county we have found to provide the most benefit in improving access/egress from junctions.

When considering schemes such as this we have a number of tools available to us as designers. One such tool allows us to track the swept path of vehicles and this can be plotted on our OS maps as a visual aid to show the area needed to perform manoeuvres on the road network. I have attached above a copy of swept path data (Ref: 'Waldridge – Swept Path Data') which outlines the manoeuvre needed for a vehicle the average size of an ambulance to navigate Waldridge, given it has been reported obstructive parking in the area has previously prevented access of the emergency services. This swept path has been plotted against vehicles parked immediately up to these restrictions on the corresponding sides most vehicles

have adopted parking on. Although we understand drivers of these vehicles will likely be able to perform a superior manoeuvre, reducing the length of these restrictions to 1m as suggested would compromise the available space and would see limited accessibility improvement particularly for larger vehicles.

We appreciate whenever formal restrictions are introduced there will be a level of displacement and whilst we have received reports of access and obstruction issues in the area in the past, given the nature of the area we have been limited in our approach to prevent an unreasonable level of displacement which would exacerbate parking issues elsewhere. The proposed parking layby scheme is set to be introduced to accommodate the majority of this displacement which will alleviate the pressure placed on kerbside space.

Following the latest consultation stage, should these proposals be pursued, this TRO will need to be referred to Durham County Council's Highway's Committee where objectors will be invited to attend and speak before committee should they wish to. In this event, I will arrange for your details to be passed onto our committee services team so the appropriate invitations can be finalised.

In the meantime, if you have any further queries or would like to discuss any of this information in more detail please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

**Ewan Brown** 

Strategic Traffic Management Team

# **Objector 3**:

From:

Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 3:23 PM

To: Traffic Consultations < Traffic Consultations @durham.gov.uk >

Cc: Cllr Paul Sexton < Paul. Sexton @durham.gov.uk >

Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Waldridge Village Parking Restrictions

To whom it may concern, cc Cllr Paul Sexton

Regards the proposed 'No Waiting at any Time' restriction for Waldridge Village, Chester Le street I would like to put forward my objections to the implementation of yellow lines in the current proposal based on rationale and evidence, neighbour disputes and ASB and those directly impacted facing a financial detriment.

These objections are based on the inclusion of yellow lines 4.5 meters each way into the adjacent streets of; Chester street back, Poplar Street, Lime Street, and Cedar Street:

<u>Vellow lines into the adjoining streets</u>: The letter to residents explaining the proposal for Yellow lines on the Spine Road (Chester Street), was on the basis to resolve obstructive parking on this named street, and at no point did this letter state their being an issue with parking in the main adjoining streets, and hence any justification for the 4.5 meters of yellow lines into these streets is unclear and not evidenced.

<u>The proposals if implemented may lead to resident and visitor disputes</u> <u>and/or ASB.</u> The removal of on street parking, especially for those streets furthest away from the new parking initiative will create a first come, first served scenario that increases the likelihood of disputes between neighbours and visitors and anti-social behaviour.

The knock on effect is a displacement for those residents at the ends of the streets & furthest away from the new parking initiative. The introduction of additional parking restrictions presents an increased disadvantage to residents directly effected by the introduction of yellow lines at the rear of their homes.

Whilst the new parking initiative (at the bottom of Oak St) will be a welcome improvement / addition to the village - the removal of on street parking will greatly reduce the positive impact creating resident and visitor friction as each try to compete for spaces near their own houses along the entire length on the street.

<u>Financial Detriment:</u> The introduction of double yellow lines to the rear of those properties impacted will have negative financial consequences:

- A) Negative impact on house price / sale-ability in comparison to like for like houses within the same street
- B) Negative impact on rent ability / rent value in comparison to like for like houses within the same street

The proposal as it stands will result in financial detrimental to 10 properties out of a village of 133 – and unfair that these 10 Properties should be treated differently to the rest of the village.

I am not opposed to the essence of the proposal should reasonable adjustments be made to either remove the yellow lines into the adjacent streets or reduce the distance to 1metre.

Regards,

From: Traffic Consultations < TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:34 PM

To:

Cc: Cllr Paul Sexton < Paul.Sexton@durham.gov.uk > Subject: RE: Waldridge Village Parking Restrictions

Good afternoon

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) for Waldridge Village.

I can advise that the inclusion of these restrictions 4.5m either side of the junction aims to improve access to and from the spine road with each of its adjoining streets: Chester Street (Back), Poplar Street, Lime Street & Cedar Street.

Whilst the highway code advises drivers not to stop or park within 10m of a junction, it is widely accepted that many residential areas were not designed to accommodate the current levels of car ownership which have placed a high demand on kerbside space where little to no off street parking is available.

The 4.5m extension of double yellow lines is therefore designed to replicate a cars length either side of the junction which, similarly replicated in many other locations across the county we have found to provide the most benefit in improving access/egress from junctions.

When considering schemes such as this we have a number of tools available to us as designers. One such tool allows us to track the swept path of vehicles

and this can be plotted on our OS maps as a visual aid to show the area needed to perform manoeuvres on the road network. I have attached above a copy of swept path data (Ref: 'Waldridge – Swept Path Data') which outlines the manoeuvre needed for a vehicle the average size of an ambulance to navigate Waldridge, given it has been reported obstructive parking in the area has previously prevented access of the emergency services. This swept path has been plotted against vehicles parked immediately up to these restrictions on the corresponding sides most vehicles have adopted parking on. Although we understand drivers of these vehicles will likely be able to perform a superior manoeuvre, reducing the length of these restrictions to 1m as suggested would compromise the available space and would see limited accessibility improvement particularly for larger vehicles.

We appreciate whenever formal restrictions are introduced there will be a level of displacement and whilst we have received reports of access and obstruction issues in the area in the past, given the nature of the area we have been limited in our approach to prevent an unreasonable level of displacement which would exacerbate parking issues elsewhere. The proposed parking layby scheme is set to be introduced to accommodate the majority of this displacement which will alleviate the pressure placed on kerbside space.

Following the latest consultation stage, should these proposals be pursued, this TRO will need to be referred to Durham County Council's Highway's Committee where objectors will be invited to attend and speak before committee should they wish to. In this event, I will arrange for your details to be passed onto our committee services team so the appropriate invitations can be finalised.

In the meantime, if you have any further queries or would like to discuss any of this information in more detail please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

**Ewan Brown** 

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### Objector 4:

**Incident Location and Details** 

Incident Address

OLIVE STREET WALDRIDGE

Durham County Council;Other road / utility works issues;;;caller is aware 3/4 of the village has not received any correspondence re proposed road layout changes, yellow lines and additional parking, including her postcode and surrounding areas, she is aware others have received details and prepaid envelopes to respond with their responses, caller states these proposals would affect her directly and is concerned she should have received something by now and does not want to miss out on any deadlines, can this be actioned where necessary;surrounding area;

From: Traffic Consultations < TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk >

**Sent:** 10 November 2022 14:12

To:

Subject: Waldridge Parking & Waiting Restrictions

Good afternoon

I am responding with regards to your concerns raised over the current consultation of parking and waiting restrictions through Waldridge Village.

I have included a copy of the letter (Ref: 'Informal Section 1') and plan (Ref: 'Waldridge Proposal') sent out as part of our initial consultation stage with residents which remains open until 15<sup>th</sup> November for your information.

These proposals aim to improve access for all road users via the 'Waldridge Spine road' (adopted as the 'C91 to Cedar Street') following reports of obstructive parking which, on occasion, has prevented access for emergency services. These restrictions will also extend into each of the adjoining streets for an approximate car's length (4.5m) either side of the junctions to maintain a suitable clearance for larger vehicles.

These measures are to work in partnership with an off-street parking scheme on Chester Street (Back)/Oak Street funded by the local members which will accommodate the expected displaced vehicles who's current parking would be affected by these restrictions.

As part of initial planning stages for the off-street parking scheme, the local members conducted an open evening with residents to discuss the combined scheme of parking and waiting restrictions where feedback was largely positive. As part of the current consultation stage concerning the introduction of restrictions, letters/ballots have been sent to properties within the immediate vicinity of the spine road as an opportunity for feedback and discussions with those considered to be immediately affected. Despite this, this initial stage is only a prelude to a wider public consultation where the proposals will later be advertised on-site, online and in the local press.

The current consultation stage has been open since 25<sup>th</sup> October and we have therefore received a number of responses and additional feedback on the initial proposals. Based on a number of these comments and after reconsulting the councillors a revised plan has also been drafted which will shortly be reconsulted with residents before progressing onto our final stage of consultation where the proposals will be advertised online, on-site and in the local press for a further 3 weeks. I have attached this plan to this email (reference: 'Waldridge Proposal – Rev 0\_B') which identifies extensions around Chester Street (Back) and to the south of the 'C91 to Cedar Street.

I hope this information is useful and addresses your concerns however, If you do have any further queries or would like to discuss this information in more detail please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

**Ewan Brown** 

Strategic Traffic Management Team

### Objector 5:

From:

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 4:56 PM

**To:** Traffic Consultations < <a href="mailto:TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk">TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk</a> > <a href="mailto:Subject: IFYTEDNALIWA Indiangle-statements">TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk</a> >

Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Waldridge village double yellow lines

#### Good afternoon,

I am getting in contact regarding the proposed double yellow lines for Waldridge village. I didn't get a letter about it even though I live on the corner of poplar street and the lines will be going right outside my house. Parking is a nightmare in the village and this proposal is going to make it much harder so I, and many others are not happy. I understand the need to be able to get emergency vehicle access but putting signs up to make sure they enter at the top of the village is a much better and faster option. If you make it so they can only enter the top of the Village, they can get down every street no problem. Is there going to be a village meeting about this do you know?

Kind regards,

From: Traffic Consultations < <a href="mailto:TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk">TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk</a>>

Sent: 08 March 2023 10:27

To:

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]: Waldridge village double yellow lines

Good morning,

Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your email below regarding the introduction of double yellow lines as part of the Waldridge Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). I have attached a plan of the proposed restrictions for your information (Ref: 'Waldridge Proposal - Rev 0\_B') as well as a copy of the corresponding letter used for the previous letter drop (Ref: 'Informal 2').

I can advise that these proposals aim to improve access for all road users via the 'Waldridge Spine road' (adopted as the 'C91 to Cedar Street') following reports of obstructive parking which, on occasion, has prevented access for emergency services. These measures are to work in partnership with an off-street parking scheme on Chester Street (Back)/Oak Street funded by the local members which will accommodate the expected displaced vehicles who's current parking would be affected by these restrictions.

The letters previously delivered to a number of other properties in the area were part of an initial, informal, consultation stage to determine an immediate

perception of the restrictions. With regards to a village meeting I can advise that the local elected members for this area (Cllr's Paul Sexton & Bill Moist) have previously conducted a village meeting at the parish rooms in August 2022 to discuss both the proposed parking layby and the restrictions. Whilst I understand not all residents were able to attend, I can advise that the responses from each stage so far have been largely favourable.

With this in mind I can therefore advise that the proposed double yellow lines have now been progressed to a further stage of consultation, where they are currently advertised online, onsite (as you may be aware via some notices in the area) and in the local press. This consultation stage is open to all members of the public to raise any concerns or queries before a decision is made on the future of the TRO. I have therefore included a link below to the online version of this advert which contains a full draft copy of the TRO including associated plans so you can further see the full extent of the proposal, in addition, contact information is also included within the advert should you wish to raise any formal concerns.

https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/29080/Waldridge-Prohibition-of-Parking-and-Waiting-Restrictions-Order-2023

Once the current consultation stage ends we will review any further objections or queries made against the proposals. However, I can confirm we have already received a number of objections to these proposals and therefore, if pursued, the TRO will need to be referred to Durham County Council's Highway's Committee where a panel of elected members will discuss the validity of each objection and make an informed decision on whether to progress with the proposals.

Whilst the current advertisement is due to close on 16th March, again I must apologise for the delay in responding to your query. I can therefore advise that should you wish to raise any objections or concerns directly to me, I will record any objection made up until 27th April 2023 at which point we must provide our committee services team with relevant documents relating to this TRO in advance of the Highway's Committee. Any objectors will then receive invitations to attend and speak before committee should they wish to.

I hope this information is useful, if you do have any further concerns or would like to discuss this in more detail please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

**Ewan Brown** 

Strategic Traffic Management Team

From:

Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2023 5:31 PM

**To**: Traffic Consultations < <a href="mailto:TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk">TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk</a> <a href="mailto:Subject">Subject</a>: Re: [EXTERNAL]: Waldridge village double yellow lines

Good afternoon,

Thank you for getting back to me. I would like to fully object to these plans. Parking is difficult at the best of times and these plans would make no difference to emergency vehicles at all. There should be a no entry sign from the main road the the lane in question so emergency vehicles will have to go to the top entrance to the village giving easy access to every street. Causing a parking nightmare is going to make this problem worse!

Please let me know if I need to send this email to anyone else.

Kind regards,

From: Traffic Consultations < <a href="mailto:TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk">TrafficConsultations@durham.gov.uk</a>>

**Sent:** 10 March 2023 10:44

To:

Subject: [EXTERNAL]: Waldridge village double yellow lines

Good morning ,

Thank you for your response. I have recorded your objection against the proposals and, should these proposals be pursued further, will arrange for further correspondence to be sent to this email. Alternatively if you would like to provide your address we can also sent out further information via the post.

If you have any further questions or queries in the meantime, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,

**Ewan Brown** 

Strategic Traffic Management Team

# **Objector 6:**

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# **Objector 7:**

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# **Objector 8**:

From:

Sent: None

To: Highways Orders < Highways. Orders @durham.gov.uk >

Subject: Waldridge TRO

hi can you please send me a detailed picture of the streets that are going to be affected by this yellow lining as I have been away since February and came back to see notices on lamp posts from what I see on the poster this will make the parking situation even worse in the village because where you are stopping parking everyone will be fighting for the same spaces ludicrous in my opinion thank you

From: Sharon Renwick < sharon.renwick@durham.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 11 April 2023 11:30

To:

Cc: Ewan Brown < ewan.brown@durham.gov.uk >

Subject: Waldridge TRO

# **Good Morning**

Please find attached as requested plans of the proposed no waiting at any time restrictions at Waldridge (shaded in yellow). The formal consultation process has now closed so I am afraid I cannot take your comments into account.

However I believe the order will be discussed at Highways Committee in May, you can if you wish register a request to speak at the meeting to give your views on the order, to do this you need to contact Democratic services nearer the time of the meeting, I would suggest you do so when the agenda is published as I am aware they have a cut off point to register your request.

For your ease I have inserted a link below to the committee meetings calendar so you can see when the agenda is published, it is very simple to use however if you require any further assistance do not hesitate to contact me.

https://democracy.durham.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?XXR=0&M=5 &DD=2023&ACT=Go

Kind Regards

Sharon Renwick