

Highways Committee

20th October 2023

Bowburn, Shincliffe & High Shincliffe

Parking & Waiting Restrictions, Traffic
Regulation Amendment 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:

Coxhoe

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of objections received to the consultation concerning proposed changes to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Bowburn, Shincliffe & High Shincliffe.
- 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 Bowburn & Shincliffe.
- 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 make an amendment to the Bowburn, Shincliffe & High Shincliffe (Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Order 2023 to allow the identified additional 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	To
Statutory Consultees	21-Nov-22 & 01-Jun-23	12-Dec-22 & 22-Jun-23
Informal Consultation	22-Nov-22	13-Dec-22
Formal Consultation	06-Jul-23	03-Aug-23

3 Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 Committee is recommended to:

Endorse the proposal, in principle, to introduce the Bowburn, Shincliffe & High Shincliffe Parking and Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Amendment 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 **Durham Road** (to extend existing no waiting and no loading/unloading at any time restrictions)
- 4.3 **Proposal Background**

The A177, Durham Road is the major access road through Bowburn. The route is heavily trafficked by commuters travelling to and from Durham as well as the nearby Industrial Estates.

To the southeast of Durham Road there are a number of terraced residential properties which rely on access via minor side road

junctions. There are currently bollards and ‘no waiting and no loading/unloading’ restrictions in strategic locations within this area to prevent obstructive parking.

Residents have now raised concerns, via the elected member, regarding HGV’s parking/loading from Durham Road to businesses in the area. Parking/loading from these areas leaves insufficient space within the carriageway for vehicles to pass safely and restricts visibility for all road users.

It is therefore proposed existing ‘no waiting and no loading/unloading at any time’ restrictions be extended on the A177, Durham Road to prevent obstructive parking and improve traffic flow.

4.4 Informal Consultation:

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
10	4	2

4.5 Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
06/07/23 - 03/08/23	0	0

4.6 Summarised objections & responses:

4.7 Objections:

A total of 2 people have objected to this proposal at the ‘informal consultation’ stage, the reasons for these objections have been summarised below:

- “This action is unnecessary as this [obstructive parking] very rarely happens.”
- “It will further congest side roads stopping existing business/residential access.”

4.8 DCC Response:

- A traffic island/refuge was previously introduced at this location as a formal crossing point for pedestrian access to and from the Co-Op on the north-eastern side of Durham Road. As a result, the lanes within the available carriageway were narrowed to maintain the flow of single lane traffic in either direction.
- Delivery vehicles associated with the Co-Op had begun to load/unload from the northern side of Durham Road immediately adjacent to the pedestrian refuge which restricted visibility for all road users approaching the crossing point and restricted traffic flow around the island which, on occasion, forces vehicles into the opposing lane posing concern to road safety.
- Whilst bollards were introduced on the north-eastern side of the crossing to prevent vehicles from stopping in this location, the footway on the south-western side is considerably narrower and therefore unable to accommodate bollards which has led delivery vehicles to load/unload from this location instead.
- The introduction of formal 'no waiting and no loading/unloading at any time' restrictions will improve road safety by ensuring that traffic flow is unobstructed and visibility is maintained for all road users approaching the formal crossing point.

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 Bowburn, Shincliffe & High Shincliffe (Parking & Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Amendment 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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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.

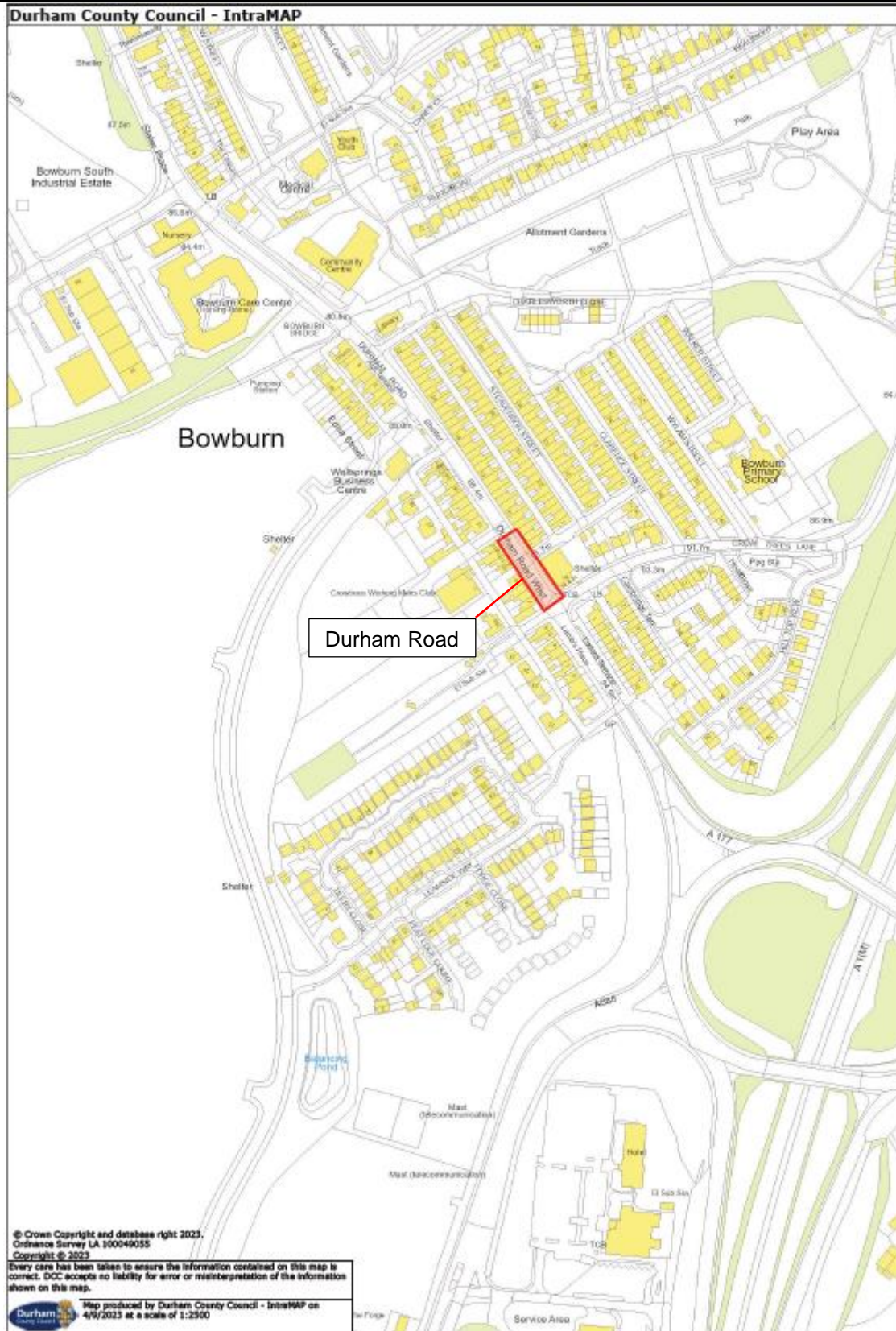
Risk

Not Applicable.

Procurement

Operations, DCC.

Appendix 2: Location of Proposals



Appendix 3: Request History

From: Cllr Gary Hutchinson <Gary.Hutchinson1@durham.gov.uk>

Sent: 14 September 2022 12:13

To: Abby Radford <abby.radford@durham.gov.uk>

Cc: Cllr Jan Blakey <jan.blakey@durham.gov.uk>

Subject: Yellow lines

Good afternoon Abby after our telephone conversation this morning I enclose photographs as requested regarding the proposal to put double yellow lines from the corner of the tattoo shop down to the 1st lay-by outside of Janet Maitland shop on Durham Road West

As you can see lorries and vans park mostly to go to COOP over road but there is a safe point crossing and people are crossing blind also traffic taking over is a risk going between crossing and taking over trucks .

There is also a bus stop and junction opposite sometimes if wagons are parked buses park up and nothing can go between and if vehicles come out of junction it's bad enough if bus in bust stop but if turning right they can't

I hope the team can look into this and any help appreciated

Residents have asked why they can't have bollards like the other side of the road but I do think they will be happy with lines although that's just my opinion as I've not spoke to all



Best regards,

Cllr. Gary Hutchinson

County Councillor


Coxhoe ward

Durham County Council

Appendix 4: Objection Details

Objector 1:

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

I am in favour of the scheme

I am opposed to the scheme

REF Durham Road

Comments IT WILL FURTHER COMBUST SIDE ROADS STOPPING EXISTING BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL ACCESS
(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: .. [REDACTED]


Address: [REDACTED]

.. [REDACTED]

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Objector 2:

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

I am in favour of the scheme

I am opposed to the scheme

REF Durham Road

Comments I feel this action is unnecessary as this very rarely happens.
(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

.. [REDACTED]

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