Delegated Decision

November 2023

Durham City (North East)

Parking & Waiting Restrictions

Traffic Regulation Order 2024

Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.



Report of Major Projects - Strategic Traffic Management, Regeneration, Economy and Growth.

Electoral division(s) affected:

Belmont; Durham South; Elvet & Gilesgate.

Purpose of the Report

To recommend measures to address availability of space and pricing to encourage modal shift (the use of alternative transport modes that are more sustainable than the private car, such as walking, cycling and buses).

Executive summary

- Durham County Council have proposed a revised parking strategy that recognises the availability of spaces together with the price point is the major determinant of modal shift and the two main issues that need to be addressed.
- A review of car parking arrangements across the County has recommended the introduction of Sunday tariff points on all onstreet pay and display parking bays within Durham City which will generate an estimated additional £119,890 of income per annum. This will allow the local authority to better manage demand and provide improved options and ease of access for visitors.

It is therefore proposed all other relevant on-street bays within the city such as loading, disabled parking, permit parking, taxi parking be amended so that they also operate on a Sunday between 8am and 6pm.

Recommendation

To approve consultation on extended parking and waiting restrictions within Durham City via an amendment to the relevant on-street Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

Background

- The on-street parking bays in Durham City are subject to a pay and display tariff and are currently extremely well used. At present the pay and display offer is operational between Monday Saturday, 8am 6pm. Outside of these hours, it is free to park in a marked on-street parking bay in the City.
- Parking charges have been widely used for many years to control parking availability and ensure access for all, in areas where there is a high demand for parking. On street parking charges were first introduced in Durham City on 5 May 2003 with the aim of managing parking demand and encouraging sustainable travel options. Parking charges were introduced on the days / hours noted above to reflect the core times when parking demand exceeded supply and caused problems for residents and visitors to the city. Whilst the scheme has been extended to incorporate a wider area on a number of occasions, the charging days and times have remained unchanged to date.
- Since introducing the above charging regime, Sunday trading has been relaxed to the extent that almost all commercial outlets in the city are trading on a Sunday. The consequence of this is that free on street bays and residential streets are occupied at the start of the day by long stay parkers to the detriment of visitors and residents alike.
- We therefore propose to extend the operational time that parking charges are applicable on-street to reflect current day core business opening times. It is proposed that they will operate between the hours of 8am 6pm on all days of the week.
- All other relevant on-street bays within the city such as loading, disabled parking, permit parking, taxi parking will be amended so that they also operate on a Sunday between 8am and 6pm. Any limited waiting restrictions that currently operate Monday Saturday will also be extended to the Sunday to complement the new parking restriction times.

Main implications

10 Consent to the progression of the following changes:-

To amend existing 'Permit Holders Only' restrictions from 'Monday-Saturday, 8am-6pm' to 'All days, 8am-6pm' for the extent of:

- Zone AG
- Zone B
- Zone C
- Zone D
- Zone E
- Zone F

To amend existing 'Permit Holders or Pay & Display restrictions from 'Monday-Saturday, 8am-6pm' to '**All days**, 8am-6pm' for the extent of :

- Zone B
- Zone C
- Zone E
- Zone F
- Zone H

To amend existing 'Loading Only, restricted bays' from 'Monday-Saturday, 8am-6pm' to '**All days**, 8am-6pm' on:

- Elvet Crescent
- New Elvet

To amend existing 'Restricted Waiting' restrictions from 'Monday-Saturday, 8am-6pm' to '**All days**, 8am-6pm' on:

Gilesgate

Conclusion

- 11 It is recommended to progress to formal advertising of the TRO subject to satisfactory consultation, proceed to seal and the creation of an enforceable TRO.
- 12 From time-to-time consolidation of orders may be required following amendment of an Order. If this is considered necessary, then this Authority may be used for the advertising and sealing of both Orders.

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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.























