

## Highways Committee

8 March 2012

### A1086/Unc Cotsford Lane, Horden Proposed Waiting Restrictions



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#### Report of Terry Collins, Corporate Director Neighbourhood Services

#### Councillor Bob Young, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Strategic Environment

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##### Purpose of the Report

- 1 To advise Committee of representations received to the proposed introduction of waiting restrictions in the two separate streets in Horden
- 2 It is recommended that the Committee endorse the proposals having considered the representations to the proposals and proceed with the implementation of the parking restrictions in the two streets in Horden as per the plans in Appendix 2

##### Background

- 3 Representations have been received from the local County Councillors, Parish Council, residents and the Police about inconsiderate parking and the consequential congestion/road safety issues that is associated with the nearby school and businesses at the 3 locations where we are proposing restrictions.
- 4 Three separate locations were identified as suffering from parking issues and congestion and the proposals are designed to improve road safety. The locations are at the junction of the A1086/Unc Cotsford Lane, Cotsford Lane between the junctions of Third Street and Adam Street and Cotsford Lane between Alder Street Junction and Langthorne Avenue.
- 5 Only 2 of the roads received representations against the proposals at the informal consultation stage those being the junction of the A1086/Unc Cotsford Lane and Cotsford Lane between Third Street and Adam Street. These are therefore covered within this report.

##### Proposals

- 6 The proposal for A1086/Unc Cotsford Lane as shown on plan Location 2 is for a No Waiting/No Loading At Any Time restriction to prevent congestion associated with obstructive parking relating to the nearby shops. Some physical measures have already been introduced including bollards and pedestrian guardrail but require the restrictions to complete these works.

- 7 The proposal for Cotsford Lane between Third Street junction and Adam Street junction as shown on plan Location 4 is for No Waiting at Any Time. These were proposed to improve visibility at the two junctions therefore improving road safety and inconsiderate parking which was obstructing the footpaths for pedestrians.

### **Consultation**

- 8 Informal consultation was carried out with the affected residents, businesses and statutory consultees at both locations from the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 to the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010.
- 9 At the A1086/Cotsford Lane junction 9 letters were sent out to the directly affected businesses. 5 responses were received. 3 in favour of the proposals and 2 opposing the proposals.
- 10 At the Unc Cotsford Lane between Third Street and Adam Street junctions 23 letters were sent out to the directly affected businesses and residents. 8 responses were received. 4 in favour of the proposals and 4 against the proposals.
- 11 Statutory responses were received from Durham Constabulary in support of the proposals and a response was received from the Ambulance Service.
- 12 A statutory advertisement of the proposals was undertaken from 11<sup>th</sup> August 2011 until the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011.
- 13 The local Members, County Councillors Paul Stradling and Dennis Maddison are minded to support the scheme.

### **Representation and responses**

- 14 A1086/Unc Cotsford Road Junction representations

The two representations are as follows:

Objected to the scheme but gave no comments on reasons

*Response: Gave no reason for his objection therefore we cannot respond.*

We have daily courier deliveries who need to park there for a few minutes.

*Response: The parking restrictions to be implemented are not on the side of the road where this business operates from and there is alternative parking available to the front of the said business.*

- 15 Unc Cotsford Road between Third Street and Adam Street

The four representations are as follows:

Priority should be given to people who actually live in the area.

*Response: The restrictions are being considered following issues raised from residents via the Local Elected Members of road safety and difficulty in crossing the junctions due to poor visibility caused by parked vehicles. Therefore these restrictions are proposed to remove the parked vehicles into the recently provided off road parking facilities.*

Concerned about obstruction of a driveway

*Response: further investigation showed that this resident already benefits from the provision of a driveway protection markings in-accordance with the County Council's Parking Strategy Policy. Therefore any obstruction offences which occur could be dealt with by Durham Constabulary.*

The no waiting restriction should be outside the Windsor corner not opposite.

*Response: The parking restrictions are not being introduced on the side of the residents properties to assist in keeping as much available parking as possible for them. The scheme does include junction protection on the Windsor corner to assist with visibility concerns of local residents when trying to cross the road. There is alternative free parking in an off highway car – park for the people who wish to use the existing businesses.*

Just objected – but provided no comments on reasons why

*Response: Gave no reason for his objection therefore we cannot respond*

Full support for all proposals was received from Durham Constabulary and the standard response was received from the North East Ambulance Service.

### **Recommendations and reasons**

- 20 It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Committee endorse the proposal having considered the objections and proceed with the implementation of the parking restrictions as amended in the report.

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**Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance – Funding is from the Local Area Members Allowance**

**Staffing – None**

**Risk – None**

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – None**

**Accommodation – None**

**Crime and Disorder – None**

**Human Rights – None**

**Consultation – As described in the report**

**Procurement – None**

**Disability Issues – None**

**Legal Implications - None**