

Highways Committee

17th June 2024

Consett



Parking & Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order 2024

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:

Consett

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) in Consett.
- 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 the existing restrictions and potential addition of new restrictions in Consett.
- 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 amend the Consett Parking and Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order 2024 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	To
Statutory Consultees	20/01/23 & 12/04/23 & 31/05/23	10/02/23 & 03/05/23 & 21/06/23
Informal Consultation	13/02/23 & 04/07/23	06/03/23 & 25/07/23
Formal Consultation	09/11/23	30/11/23

3 Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 Committee is recommended to:

Endorse the proposal, in principle, to introduce the Consett Parking and Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2024, 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 **Location 1 – Gibson Street, Stanley Street & Livingstone Street** (to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions)

- 4.3 Proposal Background

Gibson St, Stanley St & Livingstone St are located on the outskirts of Consett town centre and predominantly contain residential properties as well as a small number of businesses. These streets are accessed via a

T-junction from the B6308 Medomsley Road. St Patrick's RC Primary School is located on Stanley Street creating a high demand for parking in the surrounding streets at the start and end of the school day.

Residents have raised concerns regarding the manner of parking by parents of children who park in the area. Further complaints have also been made about the manner of parking of other motorists who park in this area at all times of the day. Inconsiderate parking can result in the carriageway being obstructed at the junctions to the narrow side roads adjoining the aforementioned streets.

It is therefore proposed that 'no waiting at any time' restrictions be introduced on the junctions of Stanley Street & Fern Street; Livingstone Street & Fern Street; Livingstone Street & Medomsley Road (Back) and; Gibson Street & Meadomsley Road (Back).

4.4 Informal Consultation:

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
9	2	2*

*1 objection later revoked after further correspondence

4.5 Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
09/11/23 - 30/11/23	0	2

4.6 Summarised objections & responses:

4.7 Objections:

A total of four people have objected to this proposal at the informal and formal consultation stages, with one being revoked following later correspondence. The reasons for these objections have been summarised below:

- 'Where are customers/owners of the businesses or parents dropping-off/picking-up their children from school meant to park.'

- 'Where are residents who live next to the junction expected to park. I am disabled with limited walking capacity; I will struggle walking to my car.'

4.8 DCC Response:

- DCC have received a number of reports regarding vehicles parking close to the junctions that we have proposed measures on. Parking in these locations creates visibility issues for drivers emerging from the junctions and causes accessibility problems for larger vehicles.
- These proposals aim to enforce the Highway Code and improve road safety in this location.
- During the consultation stage it was agreed that the restrictions adjacent to no.2 Livingstone Street be reduced to accommodate the disabled resident.
- These restrictions will be monitored in the future to determine how effective they are.

4.9 See appendix 3 for full details of the objection(s)

4.18 **Location 2 – Sherburn Terrace** (to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions)

4.19 **Proposal Background**

Sherburn Terrace is a residential street located on the outskirts of Consett. The recent development of a Synagogue and car park near to its junction with Crookhall Road has raised concerns regarding visibility and accessibility at this location owing to parked cars.

To address this, no waiting at any time restrictions are proposed to the right of the car park exit to improve visibility and road safety.

These proposals are fully supported by all the local members, Durham Constabulary and have received one objection from a local resident.

4.20 **Informal Consultation:**

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
3	1	1

4.21 **Formal Consultation:**

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
09/11/23 - 30/11/23	0	0

4.22 **Summarised objections & responses:**

4.23 **Objections:**

One person has objected to this proposal throughout the consultation process, the reasons for this objection being:

- 'There is not enough parking as it is'.

4.24 **DCC Response:**

- It is acknowledged that in this particular location there is a high demand for public parking, however road safety must take precedent over parking convenience.

- It has been determined on site by officers that the proposed restrictions will aid in improving visibility and road safety for road users, addressing the concerns that were raised to us.

4.25 See appendix 3 for full details of the objection(s).

4.26 **Location 3 – Victoria Road** (to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions)

4.27 **Proposal Background**

Victoria Road is located to the west of Consett town centre and is a mixed-use area consisting of residential properties and some commercial buildings. A garage has recently opened up in the local area which has generated a high number of vehicles being parked on the residential streets surrounding it.

Due to the increase of vehicles, there have been reports of vehicles parking on junctions causing road safety and visibility issues.

To address this, no waiting at any time restrictions are proposed around a number of the junctions adjoining Victoria Street.

These proposals are fully supported by all the local members, Durham Constabulary and have received one objection from a local resident.

4.28 Informal Consultation:

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
13	6	1

4.29 Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
09/11/23 - 30/11/23	0	0

4.30 **Summarised objections & responses:**

4.31 Objections:

One person has objected to this proposal throughout the consultation process, the reasons for this have not been stated by the objector.

4.32 DCC Response:

- DCC are unable to respond as no reasons have been stated.

4.33 See appendix 3 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 Consett Parking & Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order 2024 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:

[TRAFPROJ\06 REGULATION DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION\Settlement
\Consett\Traffic Regulation Orders \(Parking Restrictions\)\2023](#)

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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.

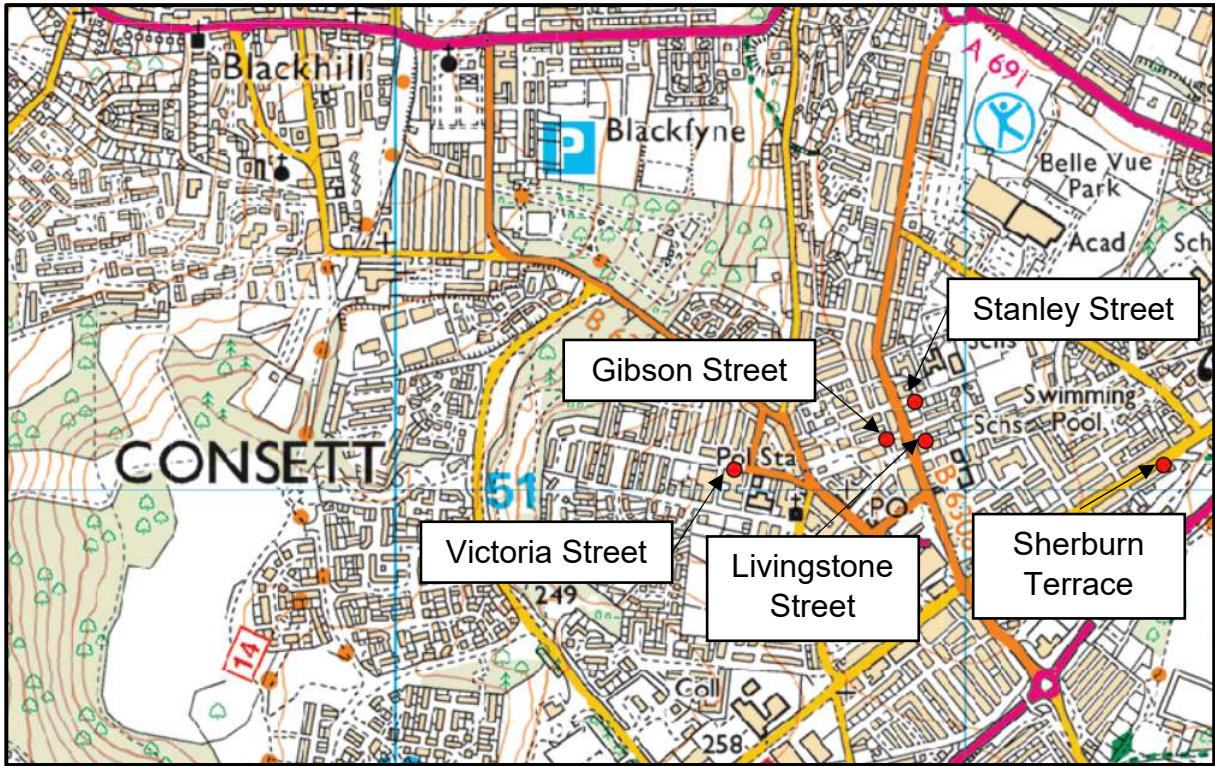
Risk

Not Applicable.

Procurement


Operations, DCC.

Appendix 2: Location of Proposals



Appendix 3: Objection Details

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

I am in favour of the scheme

I am opposed to the scheme

REF Uningstone Street

Comments I AGREE WITH PARKING RESTRICTION IN FRONT OF NO 3 STANLEY ST, BUT WHERE ARE THE CUSTOMERS/OWNERS OF THE SIX BUSINESSES
(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**) IN THIS STREET AND SCHOOL EXPECTED TO PARK

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED],

Please find my response to Consett 2023 Traffic Regulations Order Amendment.

As discussed I am strongly against the "no waiting at any time" restrictions being placed outside my property 10 Gibson Street.

Firstly, I am not denying, I have made a request in the past for something to be done in order for myself and family members to be able to park outside my house, not only this we have a motor home which we need to be able to get in and out of the yard weekly and my husband is a taxi driver who can freely pop home as and when he likes, he will not be able to should the regulation order be pursued.

I do agree the parking is absolutely horrendous and public do not care where they park, but not even having my family able to park outside my house is not acceptable.

I have taken advice from PC [REDACTED] who strongly agrees that placing a double yellow line outside my property is extremely unacceptable, he will be happy to speak to you if necessary.

Contact number: [REDACTED] or email him on

[REDACTED]

My suggestion would be:

Place the double yellow lines as stated on the map around the corners to my property however, I will also like a single white line stretched to the end of my property allowing us and family to park when visiting as most public are unsure if they can park there or not therefore pull further down the street.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]



(Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Consolidation Order No. 1 Order (Consett)

FAO [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

We would like to object to Section c and Section d of this order. Our building (73A Medomsley Road) occupies the corner of Fern Street and Stanley Street and the proposal appears to remove all parking outside of our office. We are an active home care business and this move will adversely affect ourselves as parking is extremely limited because of the presence of local schools. We use our building to manage our health care services and train our staff. Over the last few months we have spent several thousand pounds modernising and improving the look of the building and signed a 4-year lease which we may not have done had the extent of these proposals been fully known. I realise that this is decision that will not be reversed, but feel that the Authority should have consulted with local businesses that are impacted by their decision prior to implementation.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

After looking over the proposals in REF: 3520592, I wish to object.

As a property and business owner of 63 Medomsley Road, these restrictions would impact my business. You are proposing to put restrictions outside my garage door which is where if you were to exit Fern street onto Livingstone street and head west toward Medomsley Road. I feel a keep clear in front of the garage would serve better than putting double yellow lines. We need access for deliveries into our garage at all times.

I have also spoken to my neighbours at numbers 2 and 16 Livingstone street and they are concerned you are also putting double yellow lines outside their homes.

I look forward to your response.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

- I am in favour of the scheme
- I am opposed to the scheme

REF LM140037/23/243...

Comments NOT ENOUGH PARKING AS IT
IS

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

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**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

- I am in favour of the scheme
- I am opposed to the scheme

REF *AM/40038/23/2X*

Comments

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Name:
Address:
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