

Delegated Decision

SEPTEMBER 2024

VICTORIA ROAD, CONSETT

PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS

EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2024

Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.



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

Electoral division(s) affected:

Consett

Purpose of the Report

To request approval to progress an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to introduce parking and waiting restrictions on Victoria Road in Consett.

Executive summary

Requests have been received via the local Member of Parliament from local hackney carriage drivers regarding the lack of taxi provision within Consett town centre. It is therefore recommended to make an ETRO.

The proposals will see; the introduction of a 'no stopping except taxis, Monday – Sunday, 6pm – 8am' restriction within the existing limited waiting bay (Monday – Saturday, 8am – 6pm, 1 hour no return).

It is anticipated that these amendments will improve road safety by providing hackney carriages with a safe place to stop and collect passengers.

Recommendation

To approve the progression of the TRO as requested.

Background

Durham County Council have received a request to investigate the suitability of a taxi rank in the Front Street area of Consett. Front Street is located within Consett's commercial town centre – home to a number of bars and restaurants as well as the Empire Theatre & Cinema.

Senior Members of Durham County Council's Traffic Section met with the local MP and representatives from the taxis to discuss the potential introduction of a 'taxi rank'.

It was agreed that provision would be sought on Victoria Road – a lightly trafficked area compared to Front Street and on the same side of the carriageway as the majority of the amenities in the area, reducing the need for pedestrians to cross Front Street, thus improving road safety.

These proposals have received a neutral response from Durham Constabulary, asking that we progress as an ETRO to allow for the local area to be monitored before making a decision on whether or not the restrictions are made permanent.

Main implications

Consent to the progression of the following parking and waiting restrictions:

To introduce:

'No stopping except taxis, Monday – Sunday, 6pm – 8am' restrictions at:

- Victoria Road, Consett

Conclusion

It is recommended to introduce the ETRO.

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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

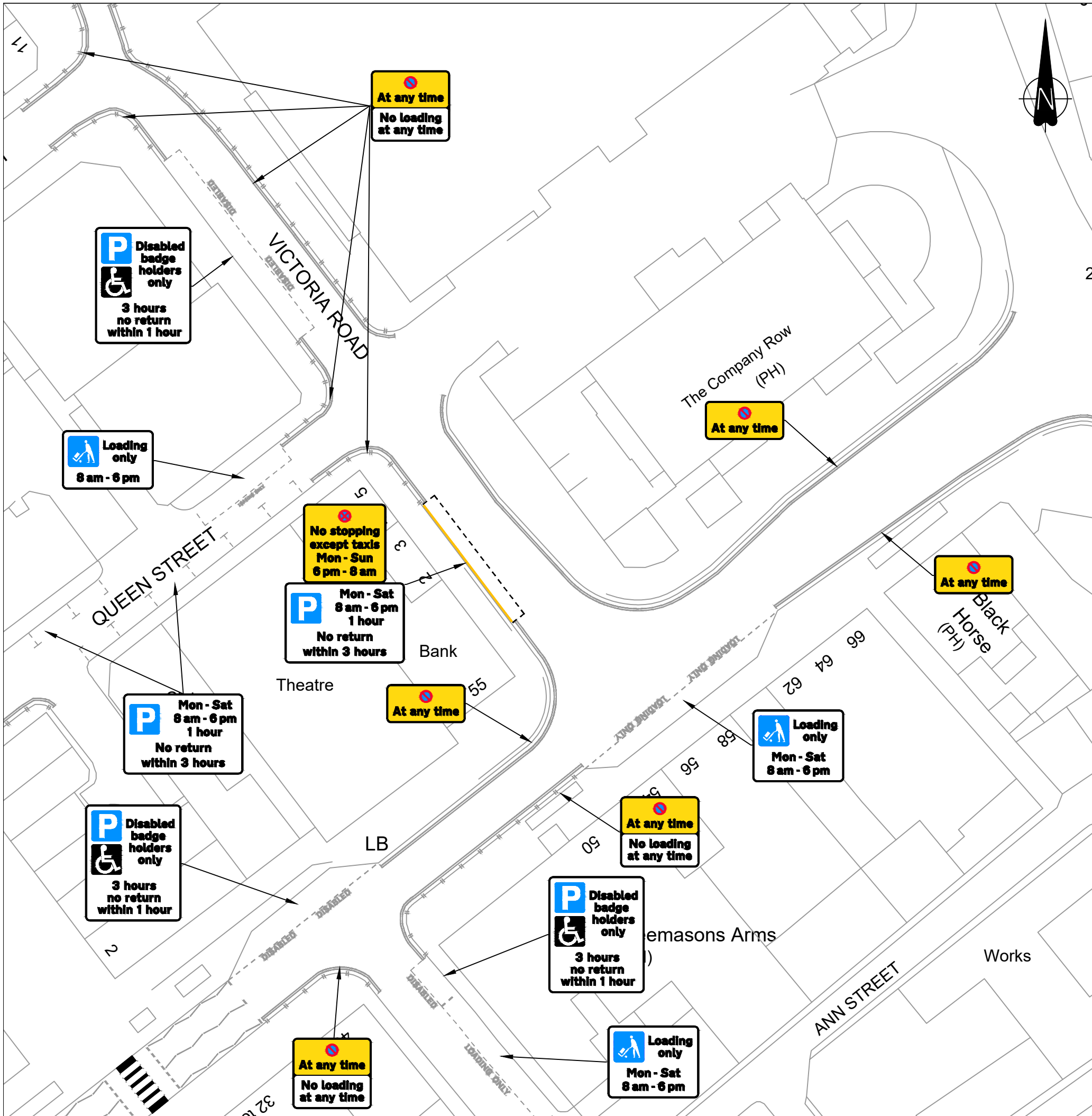
No impact.

Risk




No change to the risk impact.

Procurement

Durham County Council Legal Services.




Legend:

-  Existing restrictions to remain unchanged.
-  Existing parking bay to become taxi rank outside of parking operation hours.
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Rev	Drawn By		Approved By			Description Of Amendments
	Name	Date	Name	Date	Sign	
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