

Highways Committee

18th October 2024

Easington & Hetton

**Parking & Waiting Restrictions, Traffic
Regulation Amendment Order 2024**

Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.



Report of Corporate Management Team

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**Councillor Elizabeth Scott, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for
Regeneration, Economy and Growth.**

Electoral division(s) affected:

Easington

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 Easington & Hetton.
- 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 Easington & Hetton.
- 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 current Easington & Hetton (Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Order to allow the identified changes to be implemented.
- 2.4 All Local Members and Durham Constabulary have been consulted and raised no objection to the proposal.
- 2.5 Consultation Period:

	From	To
Statutory Consultees	02-Nov-22 & 14-Mar-23	23-Nov-22 & 04-Apr-23
Informal Consultation	15-May-23 & 08-May-24	05-Jun-23 & 29-May-24
Formal Consultation	02-Aug-24	23-Aug-24

3 Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 Committee is recommended to:

Endorse the proposal, in principle, to introduce the Easington & Hetton (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 – South Side/Stockton Road** (to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions)

4.3 Proposal Background

Stockton Road is located within Easington and is a residential area which has a high volume of traffic.

A local member and Durham Constabulary have raised concerns about the number and manner of vehicles parking in the area, causing obstruction to the carriageway. Parked vehicles are impeding visibility

and affecting traffic flow in the area which is having a negative effect on road safety. The reported issues were evident to officers during a subsequent site visit.

It is therefore proposed to introduce ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions on both sides of Stockton Road, leading to its junctions with Durham Lane and South Side to prevent obstructive parking. This will improve visibility and accessibility at this location and improve road safety.

4.4 Informal Consultation:

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
13	2	4

4.5 Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
02/08/2024-23/08/2024	0	0

4.6 Summarised objections & responses:

4.7 Objections:

4 properties have objected to this proposal at the informal consultation stage, the reasons for their objections have been summarised below:

- “Disabled with lung problems and have a blue badge so need to park near to my front door.”
- “Very opposed as without cars idiots will fly up the street.”
- “Don’t agree but all traffic towards A19 should be stopped. Make it residential access only!”
- “Residents will have nowhere to park! It is high time all school buses were stopping coming up and down South Side.”

4.8 DCC Response:

- Durham Constabulary requested parking restrictions at the South Side and Stockton Road junction due to safety concerns, aiming to prevent vehicles from encroaching into the opposite lane and improve overall road safety and traffic flow.
- Speeding concerns raised by residents during consultation will be recorded and passed on for investigation. The revised parking restrictions will still allow parking on South Side, helping to naturally calm traffic and deter speeding.
- "Resident access only" measures cannot be implemented as South Side is a public road. While on-street parking is common, residents are not guaranteed parking near their homes, and the area does not meet the criteria for a resident permit parking scheme. Blue badge holders may park for up to 3 hours on "no waiting at any time" restrictions provided they are parked safely and not causing an obstruction.

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 Easington & Hetton (Parking & Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Amendment 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:

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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.

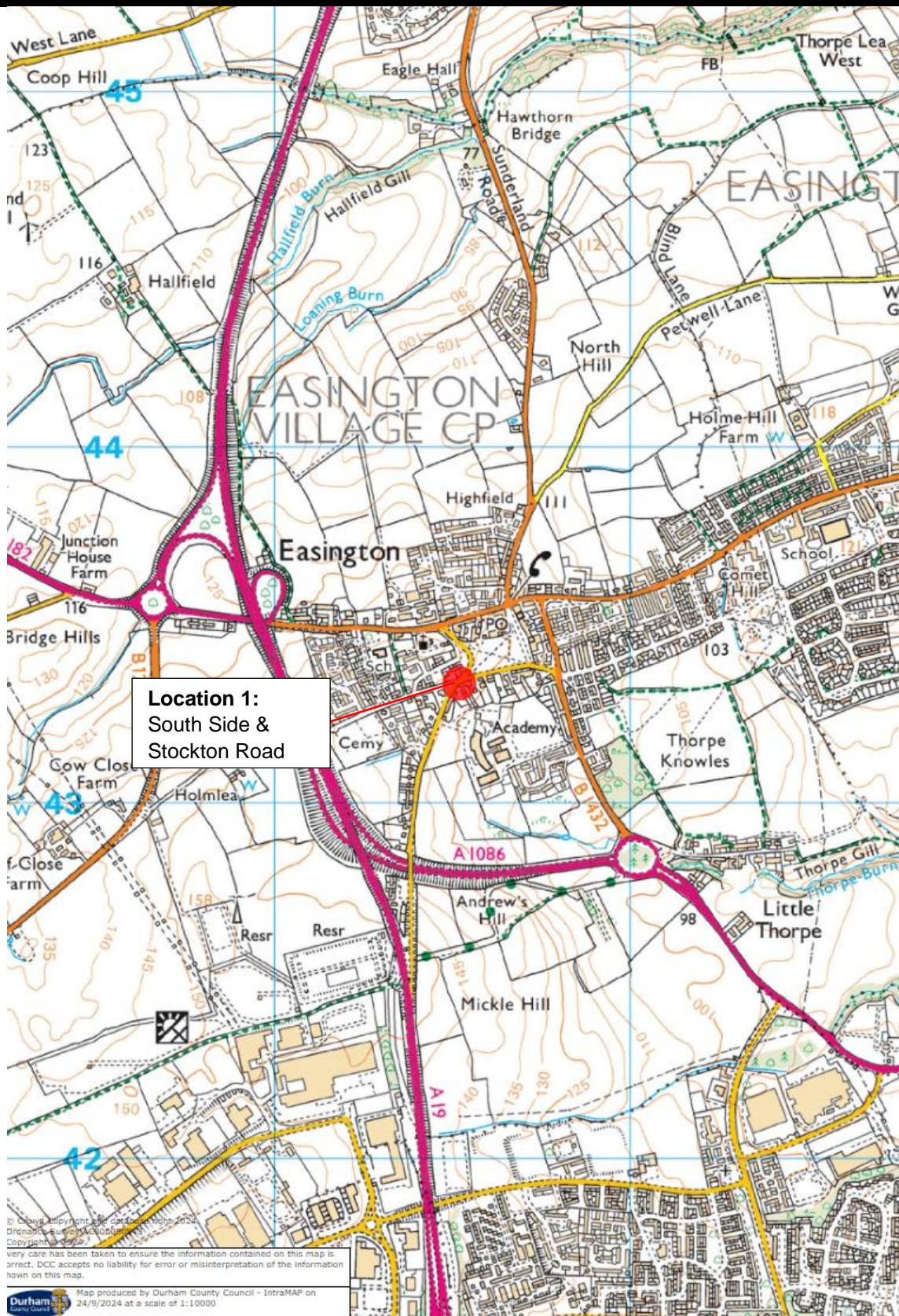
Risk

Not Applicable.

Procurement

Operations, DCC.

Appendix 2: Location of Proposals



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Appendix 3: Request History

Location 1: South Side/Stockton Road

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 April 2019 14:54
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 0334 - South Side - Stockton Road - Durham Lane, Easington Village - Request for parking restrictions.

Hi [REDACTED],

As we touched on very briefly yesterday we have a long-term ongoing complaint problem regarding the parking of vehicles around the South Side/Stockton Road / Durham Lane junction in Easington Village.

Basically parking around the South Side/ Stockton Lane junction causes problems for vehicle movements given the narrowness and layout of the road and has an impact on visibility especially for drivers exiting South Side onto Stockton Road with near misses reported.

Parking on the Durham Lane side of the junction while occurring less frequent does impact on the entry and exit of vehicles here to/from Stockton Road.

In addition South Side/ Stockton Road is the main walking route to Easington Academy and when vehicles park partially on the footpath and around the corner this has an impact on pedestrian movements.

It is acknowledged that parking restrictions where there are residential properties with limited alternative parking facilities is always a difficult issue to progress, but given the pedestrian considerations and difficulties for vehicles to safely negotiate the junction which are regularly raised as concern issues in the village it is requested that consideration be given to implementing a No Waiting At Any Time restriction around the junction.

Below is a blue peter rough idea of where ideally the restrictions should be considered (shown in yellow).

Can you take a look at this and let me know your thoughts if this can be progressed to consultation?

Or if you wish to discuss on site please don't hesitate to let me know and we'll get something diarised.



Look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks

[Redacted]

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Appendix 4: Objection Details

Location 1: South Side/Stockton Road

**OPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**

Durham
County Council

Please tick the appropriate box:

I am in favour of the scheme

I am opposed to the scheme

Comments **VERY OPOSED TO THE SCHEME**
WITHOUT CARS THERE, IDIOTS WILL FLY
UP THE STREET.

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

.....

REF 1/M/40038/22/1361

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

REF AM/60038/22/1361

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

Comments I AM DISABLED HAVE LUNG PROBLEMS I CAN'T
DUN VERY FAR I HAVE A BLUE BADGE I NEED TO PARK
NEAR TO MY FRONT DOOR.

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

REF South side

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

Comments Don't agree but: ALL TRAFFIC TOWARDS
A19 should be stopped, MAKE IT TO RESIDENTIAL
ACCESS ONLY!

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: [Redacted] FOR PEOPLE ON Southside
Address: [Redacted]
Postcode: [Redacted]

PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD



Please tick the appropriate box:

REF Southside

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

Comments THERE ARE RESIDENTS ON THE STREET
WHO WILL HAVE NOWHERE TO PARK!!!!????

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: [REDACTED]

AND ITS HIGH TIME ALL HEAVY TRAFFIC (BUSES)
WERE STOPPED FROM USING THE STREET!!!

PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD



ARE THE RESIDENTS GOING
2<

Please tick the appropriate box:

REF 1M140038/2211341

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

Comments IT'S HIGH TIME ALL SCHOOL
BOSES WERE STOPPED FROM COMING UP
& DOWN SOUTH-SIDE

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: [REDACTED]

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