

Highways Committee

16th December 2024

Crook



Parking & Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Amendment 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:

Tow Law

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 Crook.
- 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 Billy Row.
- 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 Crook 2021 (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	19-Sep-23	10-Oct-23
Informal Consultation	10-Oct-23	01-Nov-23
Formal Consultation	18-Aug-24	06-Sep-24

3 Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 Committee is recommended to:

Endorse the proposal, in principle, to introduce the Crook (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 – Billy Row Green** (to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions)

4.3 Proposal Background

Billy Row Green is located to the east of the B6298 which runs north-south through the village. Billy Row Green is a predominantly residential area with some commercial properties located in its vicinity. The B6289 acts as the main route between Stanley Crook and Crook and is a busy route.

Residents have raised concerns, via local elected members, regarding obstructive parking on and around both junctions onto the B6298 which limits visibility for approaching road users and reduces available space for access/egress.

It is therefore proposed that ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions be introduced either side of this junction leading into Billy Row Green to prevent obstructive parking and improve road safety.

4.4 Informal Consultation:

Total Properties consulted	Number in favour	Number opposed
6	0	3

4.5 Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
26.08.23 – 16.09.23	0	2

4.6 Summarised objections & responses:

4.7 Objections:

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

- “I would prefer residential parking as residents can’t get parked due to the pub customers.”
- “Lines in front of my house would deprive us of our parking space. The people parking greenside are the ones blocking the road. We would be the only house with yellow lines on both sides”.
- “Unfair, double yellow lines directly outside no.3, maybe just go to dropped kerb”.

4.8 DCC Response:

- The introduction of 'permit holders only' is only considered for residential streets within commercial areas which are subject to a high demand for long stay commuter parking. More than 40% of kerbside space is required to be occupied by non-residents for over 6 hours within a period and more the 85% of kerbside space is occupied by any vehicle during the same 6 hours. As this area does not meet this criteria, permit parking would not be considered for this location.
- The proposed restriction allows for disabled badge holders to park for up to 3 hours at any one time providing they are not parked in an obstructive or dangerous manner. These restrictions will also still permit vehicles to load/unload and board/alight passengers.
- Whilst there is always a level of displacement when introducing formal restrictions, the purpose of this proposal is to ensure there is unobstructed access/egress and visibility for road users approaching this junction which will enhance road safety. The restrictions are proposed to a distance which allows for visibility whilst keeping displacement at a minimum.

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 Crook (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

The Council has a duty pursuant to section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 when exercising its functions to have regard to the need to a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited under the Equality Act 2010; b) advance equality of opportunity between person who share a relevant protected characteristic and person who do not share it; and c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. Protected characteristics include age, disability, sex, race and religion.

The Council has considered its public sector equality duty in respect of this matter. It is noted that several residents have indicated that the proposals may have a negative impact on disabled people. However, any impacts are considered to be outweighed by the significant benefits of the scheme in term of having unobstructed access for emergency and other vehicles reduction in pollution and an improvement to visibility and highway safety.

Care has been taken to ensure that impacts on all protected groups are minimised and therefore have had die regard to all relevant factors, it is not considered that there are any identified factors which would suggest that it would be inappropriate to implement the order in this instance.

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.

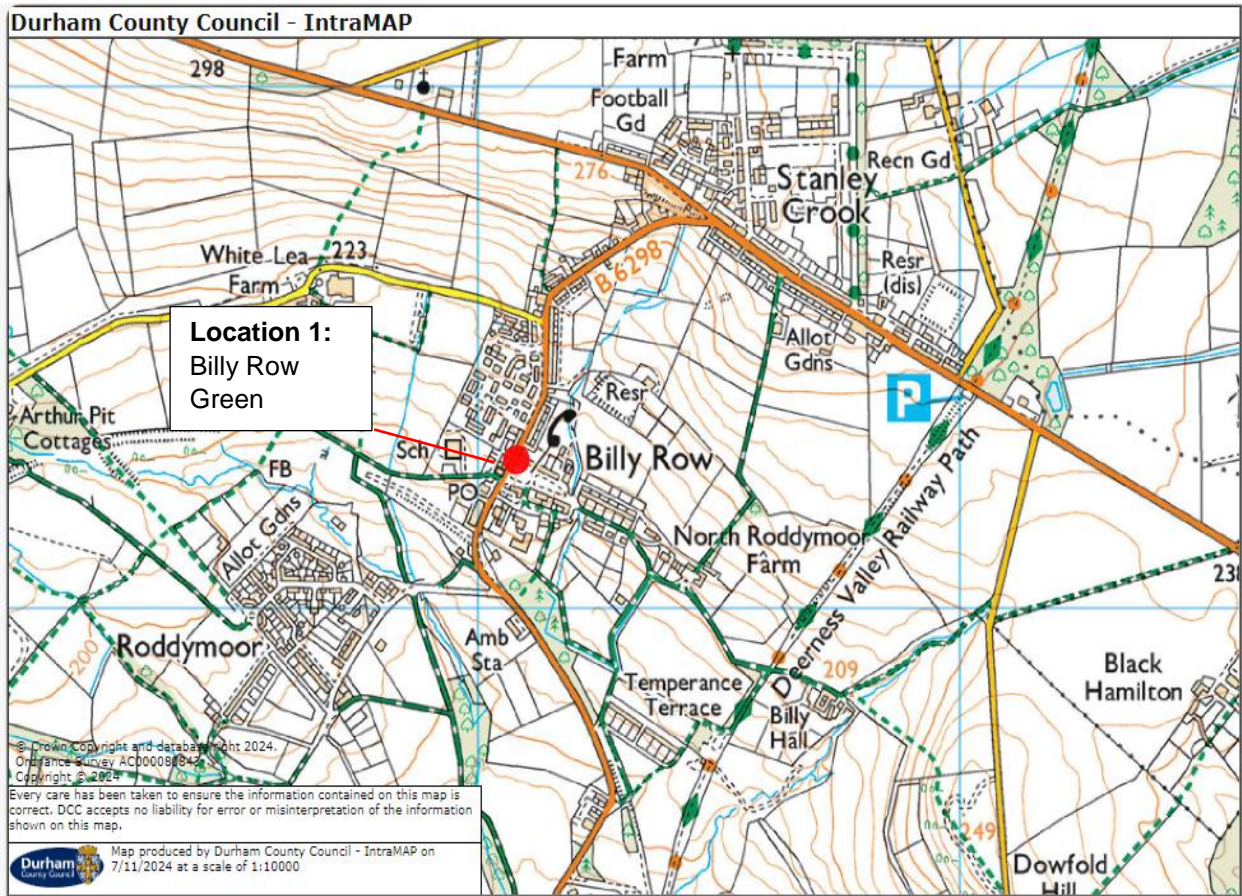
Risk

Not Applicable.

Procurement

Operations, DCC.

Appendix 2: Location of Proposals



Appendix 3: Request History

Location 1: Billy Row Green

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 July 2021 11:46
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Parking issues in Billy Row

Good Morning [REDACTED], I hope this email finds you well. Firstly allow me to introduce myself, I am PCSO [REDACTED] stationed at Crook Police Station in the Neighbourhood Policing Team and part of my Beat area includes Billy Row. The reason I am writing to you is in relation to ongoing parking issues within Billy Row, specifically around The Green on the junction of the B6298 & Billy Row Green and the B6298 & Peases West. Naturally the most problematic period is during the schools runs when vehicles park dangerously around The Green and on the actual junction. This causes an obstruction whereby collisions have almost occurred, not only this but children are being put at risk when parents are walking them across the road as they are not always visible when walking out between parked vehicles. There have been unfortunate incidents whereby vehicles have been damaged due to inconsiderate and obstructive parking. I would welcome the idea of having double yellow lines painted on the junctions in order to prevent any vehicles parking at the location and in the case of dismissing this, action could be taken by Parking Enforcement Officers. I realize that parking around schools is an ongoing problem for most villages and schools however what is concerning is the fact that these vehicles are parking on a busy stretch which causes unnecessary risk for other drivers and pedestrians. Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 7816 3 Crook Neighbourhood Team Tel: 742447
Email: [REDACTED] uk Our Values & Vision: Positive |
Fair | Courageous | Inclusive | With Integrity Protecting Neighbourhoods,
Tackling Criminals, Solving Problems DURHAM CONSTABULARY,
Protecting

Road markings - Report damage

Please note that any questions marked with a * are mandatory.

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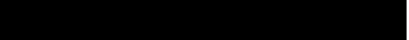
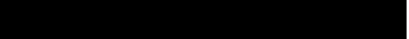


[Location](#)

[Contact details](#)

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[Back Office](#) 


Summary

Type of issue: **Request for new**
Type of road marking: **Edge line**
Additional information: **customer requesting for double yellow lines to be put on the corner of Billy Row going on to the main road**
Uploaded file(s)
Info about photos
Map Proximity Address: 
Location Info: **on the corner of Billy Row customer has said it is becoming very dangerous**
Contact: 
Landline: 
Mobile number: 
Email: 
Customer address: 

Appendix 4: Objection Details

Location 1: Billy Row Green

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

I am in favour of the scheme

I am opposed to the scheme

REF Billy Row Green

Comments UNFAIR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES, OUTSIDE
Nº 3. MAYBE JUST GO AS STOPPED KEYS
DIRECTLY


(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

54270 RE&G

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

I am in favour of the scheme

I am opposed to the scheme

REF Billy Row Green

Comments THE LINES IN FRONT OF Nº3 WOULD
DEPRIVE US OF OUR PARKING SPACE. THE PEOPLE
PARKING GREENSIDE ARE THE ONLY BLOCK WITH THE
ROAD. WE WOULD BE THE ONLY HOUSE
WITH YELLOW LINES ON BOTH SIDES

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

54270 RE&G

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

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

REF Billy Ann Green

Disabled

Comments Prefer residential parking only as
resident can't get parked due to pub customers

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

Name: [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

64276 RE&G

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 5:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: [EXTERNAL]:DI15 9ta yellow lines

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I am emailing my objection to this. I have no objection to the corners but parking for residents is a nightmare because of pub customers to start with and this will make it even worse. I live at [REDACTED] and am disabled. It's hard enough to park outside my own home as it is with pub customers blocking the street. The yellow lines will stop me parking there at all and will just push the problem further along the street. There is already a problem if a fire engine needs to get past especially on Sundays when people

are going for dinners.a better solution would be to have resident only bays.regards [REDACTED]

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, September 2, 2024 6:17 PM
To: Highways Orders <Highways.Orders@durham.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL]:Fwd: 6869360

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Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 5:02:52 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]:Fwd: 6869360

Yes, that works.

Thank you!

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 2:18:45 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]:Fwd: 6869360

Would Monday at 2pm be suitable?

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 1:52:21 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]:Fwd: 6869360

Hi [REDACTED]

If you give me a date and time I will make sure I am there. Look forward to meeting you.

Thanks

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2024 1:24:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]:Fwd: 6869360

Yes, I'd be happy to visit. Are there any days or times over then next week that are better for you?

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 9:47:06 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]:Fwd: 6869360

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The reason I didn't mention the post office side is that it is more of a problem as people park right on the corner and nip to the shop. Although lines there will not stop this behaviour as people will risk it in the absence of enforcement. Having said that you mentioned 5 incidents with no injuries, that really amounts to 5 people complaining of minor things in reality. There is also an issue If you would like to come over for a brew I would be happy to point out my own and my neighbours issues and discuss possible solutions. I have

seen it before where authorities have a knee jerk reaction to minor things and over regulate, pushing the problem elsewhere but not solving it.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 9:27:17 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL]:Fwd: 6869360

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for sharing your comments. The Highways department are quite proactive at resolving concerns prior to any final decision. If they are unable to resolve these concerns the decision will be made by the Highways Committee.

I'm aware of 4-5 minor accidents (no personal injuries), though they were on the junction opposite the post office. I'll consider your comments and those of your neighbours in forming my own response to the consultation.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED].

Sent from [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2024 4:24:01 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: [EXTERNAL]:Fwd: 6869360

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Please find attached an email which I sent to your legal dept a short while ago. I have since this found out from my neighbour that there have been some complaints from people about minor accidents in this area [REDACTED], as far as I know there have been no accidents of any description in this area. No local people have mentioned any issues.

The only real issue as far as I'm concerned is people speeding on the main road not Billy Row Green. I [REDACTED] will be deprived of parking adjacent to our properties and the other cars parking in that area will be pushed to other areas of the green moving the problem further down. Especially when the green pub is open.

We also have non residents parking here from other parts of the village so maybe a residents only parking policy could be put in place.

I was about to install an electric car charger to the gable side of my property as I was planning on acquiring an electric vehicle. The yellow lines as I understand it would preclude me from parking to recharge there despite the triple wide pathway. So the question arises, if I did acquire an electric car where would I charge it overnight? So unless parking provision can be made on the gable end you would be preventing me from having said vehicle.

It seems you are trying to over regulate this area when most of the time common sense manages this space easily.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, August 18, 2024 6:52:54 PM
To: highways.orders@durham.gov.uk <highways.orders@durham.gov.uk>
Subject: 6869360

With reference to the above order. I have recently fed back to you my dissatisfaction with the Billy Row part of this order. By inflicting this order on us you are depriving [REDACTED] Billy Row Green of parking adjacent to our properties. We have no rear parking available to us. The resident at [REDACTED] has issues walking and would be forced away from their home. It would be possible to provide parking adjacent to [REDACTED] on the triple wide pavement running past the gable end. That would still leave [REDACTED] with issues.

The cars which normally park outside the properties will have to park somewhere which will have a knock on effect further down Billy Row Green. When the pub is open there will be less parking, again customers there will park further down causing more problems.

I have spoken with several people including the owner of the pub who have not been consulted about this issue.

I think personally you are over regulating this area and you should let common sense prevail. Thereby also saving funds which can be used elsewhere.

I would like by return

1. A summary of the number of accidents caused by the current set up
2. A summary of how many positive and negative responses you received during consultation.
3. Any history of complaints registered about the parking issues at Billy Row Green.

Thanks in anticipation of your prompt reply.

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