

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At a Meeting of **Highways Committee** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Monday 16 December 2024 at 9.30 am**

### **Present:**

**Councillor R Ormerod (Chair)**

### **Members of the Committee:**

Councillors G Hutchinson (Vice-Chair), O Gunn, P Heaviside, J Higgins, R Manchester, K Robson, A Simpson, A Sterling, M Wilson, D Wood and L Mavin (substitute for E Mavin)

### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Mavin, G Smith and F Tinsley.

### **2 Substitute Members**

Councillor L Mavin was present as substitute for E Mavin.

### **3 Minutes of the Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **4 Declarations of Interest, if any**

Councillor R Manchester noted he was Local Member for Tow Law and had submitted the application for Billy Row, Crook Parking and Waiting Restrictions.

### **5 Crook Parking & Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2024**

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy & Growth regarding objections received to the consultation concerning proposed changes to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Crook to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions. (for copy see file of minutes).

The Strategic Traffic Manager provided a detailed presentation which included a site location plan, aerial photographs, photographs of the site at the junction of the B6298 Billy Row Green, Crook and details of the proposal to introduce (Parking and

Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2024. The application which had been proposed following concerns raised by the Police and local residents due to reduced visibility when entering and leaving the junction caused by parking obstructions.

Councillor R Manchester addressed the Committee as Local Member. He spoke in support of the application that had been brought to his attention by residents and a former Police Community Support Officer following none-injury accidents. The parking violations had occurred at school drop off times and by customers who were visiting local business parking on the junction.

The Chair requested that Councillor R Manchester left the chamber during the debate.

There were no further comments from Members or Officers. Councillor D Wood **Moved** that the recommendation be agreed. This was **Seconded** by Councillor K Robson.

Upon a vote being taken the Committee unanimously:

**Resolved:** That the Committee endorsed the proposal, in principle, to introduce the Crook (Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Page 5 Amendment Order 2024, with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

Councillor R Manchester re-entered the chamber following the vote

## **6 Barnard Castle Parking & Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2024**

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy & Growth regarding objections received to the consultation concerning proposed changes to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Barnard Castle to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions (for copy see file of minutes).

The Strategic Traffic Manager provided a detailed presentation which outlined four locations as detailed in the report and included site location plans, aerial photographs, photographs of the sites, objections received and details of the proposal to introduce Barnard Castle (Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2024.

He went on to outline objections received for each of the four application locations following a period of consultation. The application for Vere Road/Commercial Yard had received two objections to the informal and four to the formal process, one of which had been an objection to all four of the application locations. Newgate had received no informal objections and one formal objection that related to all four

locations. The Sills (adjacent to Barnard Castle bridge) had received five in favour, no informal objections and one formal objection that related to all four locations. Flatts Road had received no informal objections and one formal objection that related to all four locations.

Deborah Arnold, Senior Civil Engineering Technician responded to a question from Councillor Ormerod with regards to an objection received that related to the 4 locations. She added that the objection outlined the need for wider review of parking regulations including the Market Place in Barnard Castle however a response had been sent that no further changes were expected at this time.

There were no further comments from Members or Officers.

Councillor R Robson commented that he knew the Barnard castle area and parking violations were an issue, he therefore **Moved** that the recommendation be agreed. This was **Seconded** by Councillor R Manchester.

Upon a vote being taken the Committee unanimously:

**Resolved:** That the Committee endorsed the proposal, in principle, to introduce the Barnard Castle (Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Page 5 Amendment Order 2024, with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.