

Highways Committee

18th February 2025

Durham City (South-East)

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



Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.

Report of Corporate Management Team

Alan Patrickson Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods & Climate Change

Councillor Elizabeth Scott, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economy & Partnerships

Electoral division(s) affected:

Elvet & Gilesgate

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of objections received in response to the consultation on the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Durham City's South-East division.
- 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 Neighbourhoods & Climate Change 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 Durham City's South-East Division.

- 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 ‘County Council of Durham (Durham City South East) (Parking and Waiting Restrictions) 2013 (Amendment No.1) Order 2023’ to allow the identified changes to be implemented.
- 2.4 All Local Members and Durham Constabulary have been consulted and no objections have been raised to the proposal.
- 2.5 Consultation Period:

	From	To
Statutory Consultees	02-Oct-24	23-Oct-24
Informal Consultation	01-Nov-24	22-Nov-24
Formal Consultation	16-Jan-25	06-Feb-25

3 Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 Committee is recommended to:

Endorse the proposal, in principle, to introduce the Durham City (South-East) (Parking & 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. Further details of the proposals are depicted within Appendix 4.

Location – Whinney Hill

(to introduce ‘no waiting at any time’ & ‘permit holder only’ restrictions)

- 4.2 **Proposal Background**

Whinney Hill is primarily a residential area adjoined by multiple cul-de-sacs with narrow junctions. Whilst an unclassified route in itself, Whinney Hill is accessed via its roundabout with Hallgarth Street and the A177 which is a primary route for those travelling into the city from settlements such as Shincliffe and Bowburn to the south east of Durham City. The majority of properties in this area do not have off-street parking which has created a high demand for on-street parking that often congests its narrow junctions, thereby creating access issues for larger vehicles.

Bus services have recently been discontinued through Whinney Hill and Durham County Council's Integrated Passenger Transport team have advised that there is no realistic prospect of bus services being restored on this route. This has provided an opportunity to review the parking and waiting restrictions in the area.

Following the review, it is proposed that the now disused bus stop clearways will revert to the existing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions, covered within the current TRO.

It has been reported that on several occasions refuse wagons have been unable to access Hallgarth View from Whinney Hill, and the cul-de-sac adjacent to no.44/61 Whinney Hill, due to vehicles parking in close proximity to the junctions. To resolve this issue, it is proposed that the existing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at these junctions are extended to aid movement for larger vehicles.

In addition, it is also proposed that existing 'permit holder or pay and display' parking restrictions, leading into Illingworth Grove, be amended to 'permit holders only' restrictions to reflect similar parking arrangements in the immediate area.

4.3 Informal Consultation:

Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
72	4	3

4.4 Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
16.01.25 – 06.02.25	0	0

4.5 Summarised objections & responses:

3 properties have objected to this proposal at the informal consultation stage and the reasons for these objections have been summarised below:

- Traffic is regularly congested through Whinney Hill, this will make it harder to see oncoming southbound traffic and will remove suitable passing points to manoeuvre.
- “We need a bus service.”

4.6 DCC Response:

- Whilst on-street parking cannot be accommodated within all of the newly redundant bus stop clearways, it was initially proposed that an 18-metre length section of ‘Permit Holders or Pay and Display’ bays be introduced to increase on-street parking availability.

However, based on the comments received from the initial ballot consultation, it was decided that the 18-metre length section of bays (adjacent to Dunholme and Lavender House) be omitted from the proposals to maintain existing levels of access throughout Whinney Hill.

Whilst residents have been informed of these changes, Durham County Council’s Strategic Traffic Team have not received instruction to withdraw objections from the scheme files.

- Durham County Council’s Integrated Passenger Transport team have advised that there is no realistic prospect of bus services being restored on this route.

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

5 Conclusion

- 5.1 Having considered the objections to the proposals, Officers remain of the view that it is necessary to introduce the proposals in order to manage parking capacity and encourage the use of sustainable travel alternatives. Accordingly, it is recommended that Members agree in principle to endorse the proposal to proceed with the implementation of the Durham City (South-East) (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 on traffic file. Available on request.

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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 and 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

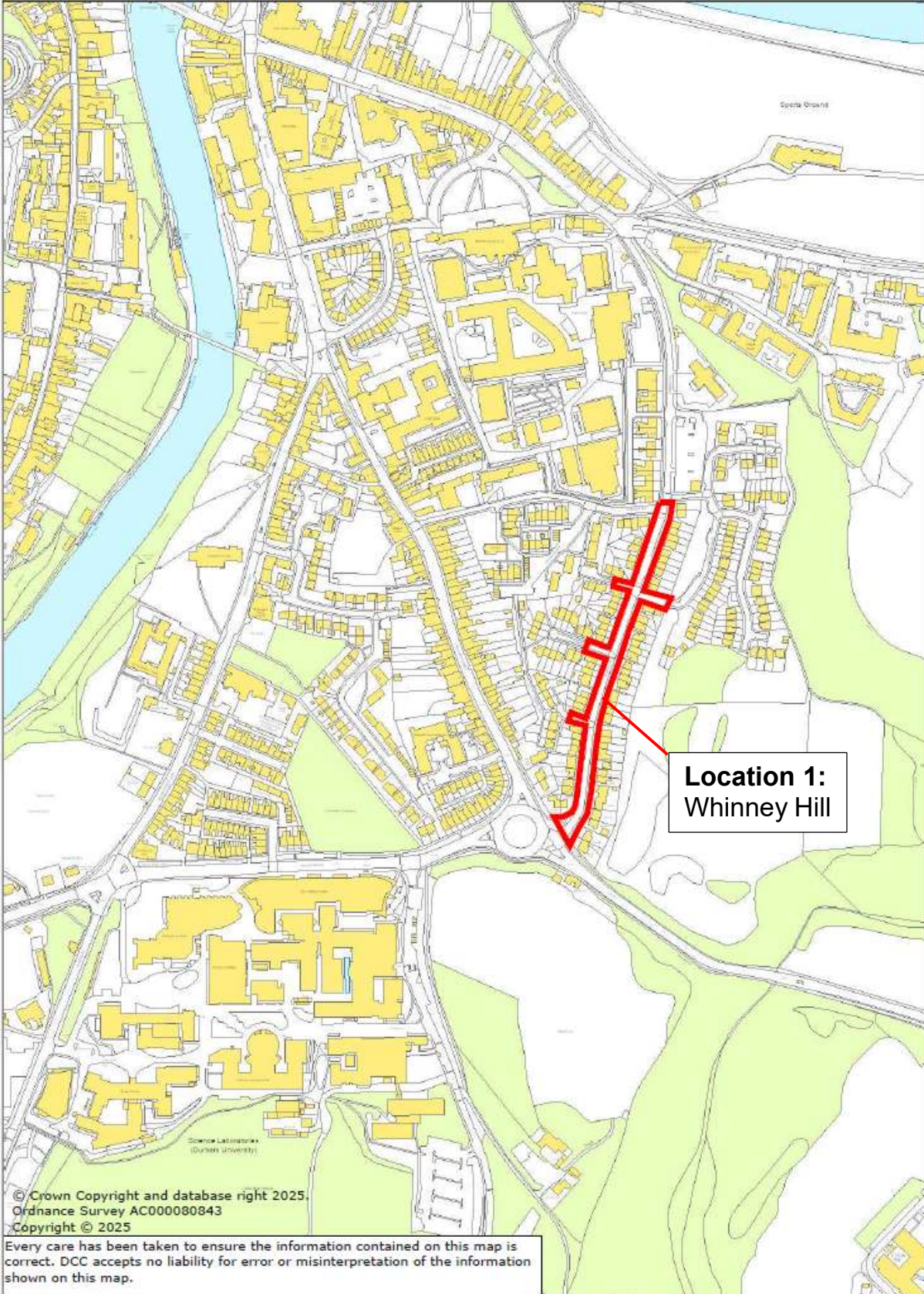
Not Applicable.

Procurement

Operations, DCC.

Appendix 2: Location of Proposals


Durham County Council - IntraMAP



Appendix 3: Objection Details

Location 1: Whinney Hill

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

I am in favour of the scheme

I am opposed to the scheme

REF WHINNEY HILL

Comments We NEED A BUS Service


(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 WHINNEY HILL

Comments This will make oncoming traffic towards
Stockon Rd. Even harder for cars to see and be safe
Coming from Stockon Rd
as there will be no place to pull in if
you make bays in bus stop

(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 NHINNEY HILL

Comments TRAFFIC IS CONGESTED HERE REGULARLY - WITH
IT BEING A RESIDENTIAL AREA, DISTRACTING MORE CARS VIA
PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS) DAY + DISPLAY IS POTENTIALLY
OBSCURED.

Name: [REDACTED]

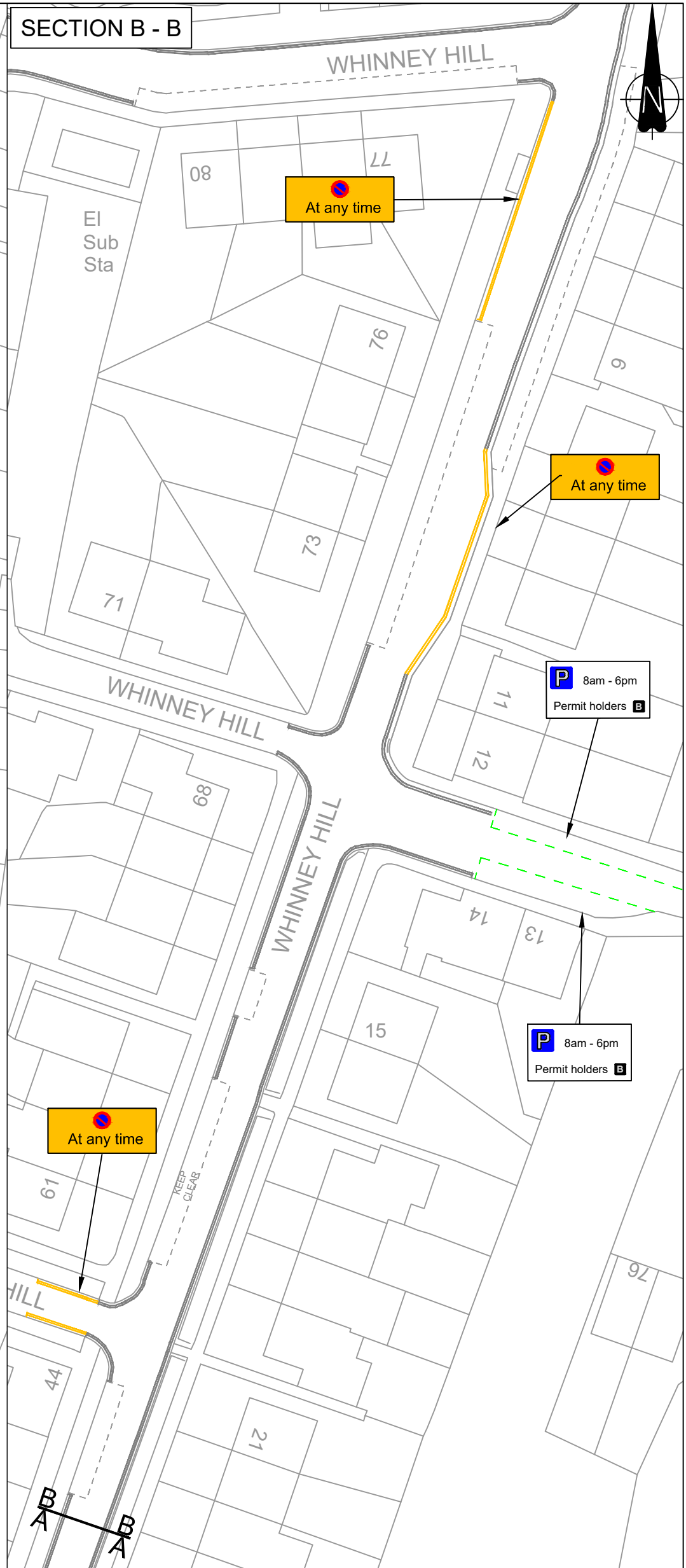
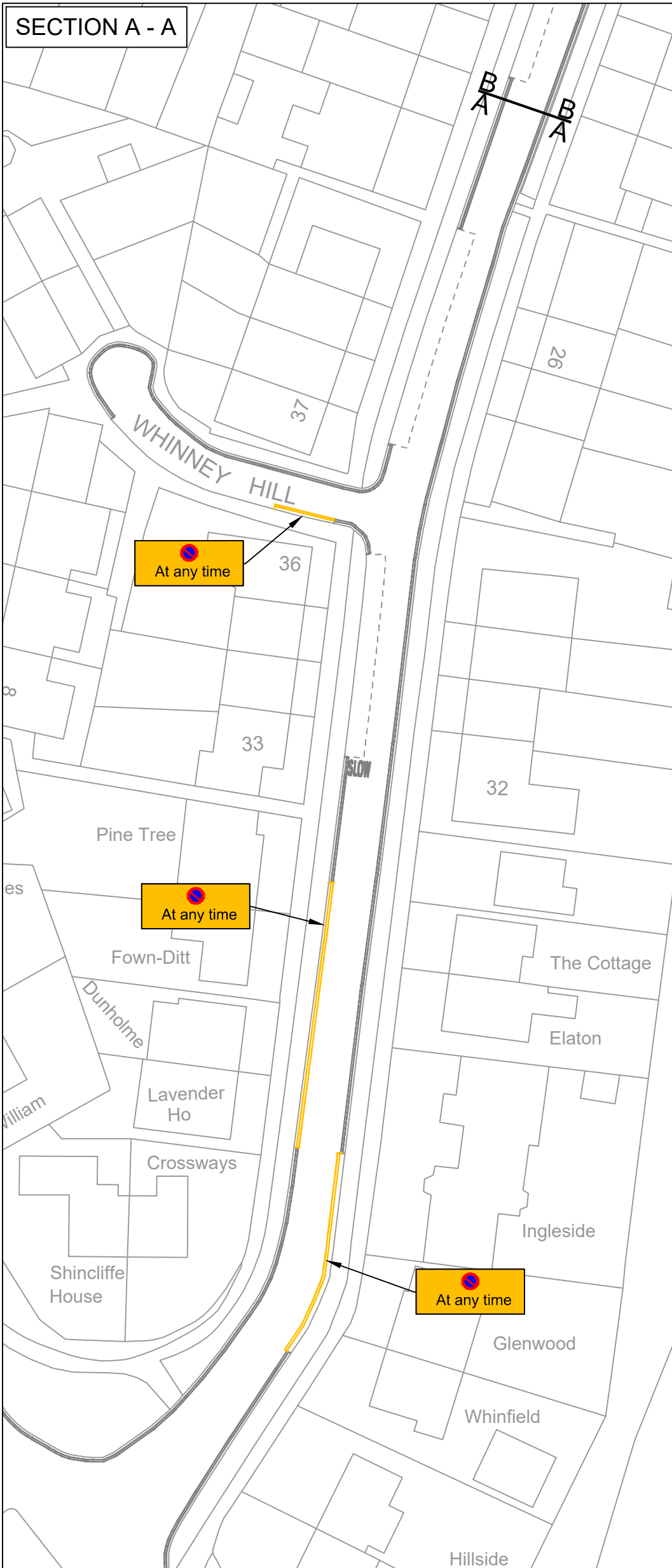
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Appendix 4: Copy of Proposals

- TM/40038/25/036 – Whinney Hill: Highway’s Committee Proposals.




LEGEND:

- Proposed 'no waiting at any time' restrictions
- - - Proposed 'Permit holders bays' (see sign for full restrictions)
- Existing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions
- - - Existing 'Permit holders B or pay at machine, 8am - 6pm.'

Rev	Drawn By		Approved By			Description Of Amendments
	Name	Date	Name	Date	Sign	
0	E.Brown	01/25	L.Mowbray	01/25	<i>L.Mowbray</i>	

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