

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **Highways Committee** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Tuesday 18 February 2025 at 9.30 am**

Present:

Councillor R Ormerod (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors G Hutchinson (Vice-Chair), P Heaviside, R Manchester, E Mavin, K Robson, D Wood and L Mavin (substitute for A Simpson)

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors O Gunn, J Higgins, D Oliver, A Simpson, A Sterling and M Wilson.

2 Substitute Members

Councillor L Mavin was substitute Member for Councillor A Simpson.

3 Minutes of the Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Durham City South East Parking & Waiting Restrictions Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2024

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods & Climate Change and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economy & Partnerships regarding objections received to the consultation concerning proposed changes to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Durham City's South-East division to introduce parking and waiting restrictions (for copy see file of minutes).

The Strategic Traffic Manager, Dave Lewin provided a detailed presentation which included a site location plan, junction photographs, photographs of the site at the junction of the Whinney Hill, roundabout with Hallgarth Street and the A177 and details of the proposal. The application which had been proposed following

concerns raised by local members and residents have received 3 objections to the informal consultation with no objections to formal consultations.

There were no comments from Members. Councillor E Mavin **Moved** the motion and Councillor K Robson **Seconded**.

Upon a vote being taken the Committee unanimously:

Resolved: That the Committee endorsed 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.

6 Durham City South West Parking & Waiting Restrictions Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2024

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods & Climate Change and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economy & Partnerships regarding objections received to the consultation concerning proposed changes to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Durham City's South-West division to introduce parking and waiting (for copy see file of minutes).

The Strategic Traffic Manager provided a detailed presentation which included a site location plans, ariel photographs and details of the proposal relating to 3 locations.

Location 1 Coupland Way (A690 South) (Stone Bridge Inn) reports had been received from residents regarding customers visiting the Stone Bridge Inn parking along the road. This had caused restrictions to the footway and restricted visibility for vehicles leaving the A690. The proposal to introduce no waiting at any time would prevent parking immediately at the junction and would improve visibility and access. Following informal consultations 1 objection had been received and no objections to formal consultations.

Location 2 Faraday Court had received reports by residents that vehicles parking at the junction of Faraday Court and the access to Neville House were causing access and visibility issues. The proposal of no waiting at any time restrictions of double yellow lines enforcing highway code 243 which restricted parking within 10 meters of a junction. There were 2 responses received in favour and 1 opposed following the informal consultation stage and no expressions received to formal consultations.

Location 3 Park House Road/ Merryoaks Community Hall a proposal to address concerns raised by local Member and prevent future issues a no waiting at any time restriction had been proposed. The restriction directly to the west of the entrance to Merryoaks Community Hall car park would maintain traffic flow and visibility. There

were 3 responses received in favour and 1 opposed following the informal consultation stage and no expressions received to formal consultations.

Councillor Ormerod noted that Park House Road was a popular area before the construction of the Community Hall with traffic cutting through to avoid the traffic lights at the Duke of Wellington junction. The Strategic Traffic Manager added that a 20-mph speed limit restriction and traffic calming measures were in place on the route.

Councillor Wood highlighted that minor traffic items with no formal objections could be condensed less frequently which would leave Highways Committee to focus on larger traffic issues for which objections had been raised. The Chair invited a response from Officers. The Legal Officer (Planning and Highways), Laura Ackermann responded that a consultation review would be required to consider the scope of items that came to Committee where there were no formal objections at the legal consultation stage. Laura Ackermann told members that if this was something they felt strongly about they could raise their concerns with the Legal Director.

Councillor Wood **Moved** the motion and Councillor E Mavin **Seconded**.

Upon a vote being taken the Committee unanimously:

Resolved: That the Committee endorsed the proposal, in principle, to introduce the Durham City (South-West) (Parking & Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2024, with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.