

Highways Committee

19th April 2011



**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order
Co-operative Street / C184 Front Street,
Chester-le-Street.**

Report of Terry Collins, Director of Neighbourhood Services Councillor Bob Young, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Strategic Environment and Leisure

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To advise Committee of the representations received with regard to a Traffic Regulation Order for Cooperative Street / C184 Front Street, Chester-le-Street.
- 2 It is recommended that, having considered the objections, the Committee endorses the proposal to proceed with the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order.

Background

- 3 There is currently a traffic sign on Co-operative Street which indicates that there is a requirement for all vehicles to turn left from this street into the C184 Front Street. The reason for this requirement is to protect the traffic restriction on the C184 Front Street which limits access, to the south of Cooperative Street, to permit holders, buses and taxis and creates what is effectively a Pedestrian Zone.
- 4 There is currently no legal order in place to enforce this sign and the required action.

Proposal

- 5 In order to formalise this restriction it is proposed to make a traffic regulation order to introduce a mandatory left-turn from Cooperative Street into the C184 Front Street.

Consultation

- 6 A consultation exercise was undertaken with the affected residents/ businesses. This included Co-operative Street; which acts as a service road in to the cul-de-sac containing properties on Tuart Street, William Street, Hedworth Street, Morningside Court, The View and Greenbank Terrace. Also, properties on Front Street adjacent to the junction of Co-operative Street were consulted.

- 7 Out of 121 letters sent out to the properties a total of 25 responses were received. 22 were in favour of the proposals, 2 were neither in favour nor against and 1 was opposed to the scheme. The remaining consultees who did not respond are deemed to have no preference.
- 8 The proposals were formally advertised from 7 October 2010 to 28 October 2010 and no further responses, either in favour or against, were received.

Public Representations

- 9 One representation was opposed to the proposal but did not give a reason for the objection.

Response: It is not possible to provide a response other than to reiterate that the proposed restriction provides legal authority to the existing traffic management arrangements.

Statutory Representations

- 9 From the statutory consultees list, responses of support were received from the North East Ambulance Service, Arriva North East, Durham Constabulary and Design and Historic Environment

Local Member Consultation

- 10 County Councillors Henig, L Marshall, B Bainbridge and Shiell have all been consulted and are minded to support the proposal.

Recommendations and reasons

- 11 It is recommended that, having considered the representation, the Committee endorses the proposal to proceed with the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 12 The proposed restriction formalises and provides legal authority to an existing traffic management arrangement for the town centre.

Background Papers

- 13 Correspondence on Office File
Copies of Correspondence have been placed in the Members' Resource Centre.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – 1

Funding for the scheme is from Area 1 Route Maintenance Budget.

Staffing - 2

None

Risk – 3

None

Equality and Diversity – 4

Improved road safety

Accommodation – 5

None

Crime and Disorder – 6

Legally formalises the existing traffic management arrangement in the town centre.

Human Rights – 7

None

Consultation – 8

As described in the report

Procurement – 9

None

Disability Discrimination Act – 10

None

Legal Implications – 11

The proposals would formally allow Durham Constabulary to enforce and where necessary prosecute drivers who make the right turn.