

## Highways Committee

8 March 2013



### The County Council Of Durham (Tudhoe) (Prohibition Of Stopping And Waiting) (Amendment No. 1) Order 2012

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#### Report of Ian Thompson Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic Development

#### Councillor Neil Foster, Cabinet Portfolio Holder, Regeneration and Economic Development

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#### 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To advise Members of the objection received to the formal consultation on the proposed traffic regulation order, Tudhoe Prohibition of Stopping and Waiting Amendment number 1 Order 2013.
- 1.2 To request members consider the objection made during the formal consultation exercise.

#### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 Meadowfield Avenue is a street contained within the Green Lane Industrial Estate. The road runs west – east then negotiates a 90 degree bend to run south – north. Numerous businesses take access from this route, notably a Boots Chemist despatch enterprise and Black and Decker.
- 2.2 At present, employees of the various businesses park their vehicles on, or close to the sharp bend in the road causing road safety concerns.
- 2.3 A further concern is caused by the parking of vehicles near to the entrance to Black & Decker. These vehicles are predominantly parking in this location to use a nearby burger van. Representatives from Black & Decker have contacted Durham County Council on a number of occasions to express their concerns on this matter.

#### 3.0 Proposals

- 3.1 In light of the above concerns a proposal was submitted to provide a No Waiting At Any Time restriction from the entrance to Black & Decker, on both sides of the road, to a point on the northern side of the sharp bend.
- 2.3 A Traffic Regulation Order was advertised on the 13th December 2012; and this advert received 1 no. objection.

#### 3 Objection

- 3.1 The objector, Mr Clayton, is the owner of the Burger Van that trades from the grass verge near to the entrance into Black & Decker. In their correspondence, the objector notes that they have traded from this location for a number of years and that they have concerns for their livelihood should the proposal progress.

Mr Clayton also suggests in his objection that we should give consideration to implementing a 10 minute waiting limit in the area outside of where his trailer resides.

#### **4.0 Response**

- 4.1 Durham County Council do not give permission for Burger Vans to trade from the highway owing to the potential they have for causing road safety concerns. Whilst we sympathise with the owners concerns we feel that road safety must take priority and as such we consider that the need for waiting restrictions is justified and should be implemented as soon as possible.

We do not consider a time limit a viable solution in this instance as this will not resolve the problem with regards obstructive parking.

#### **5.0 Local member consultation**

- 5.1 The Local members Councillor Neil Foster and Councillor Barbra Graham have been consulted and offer no objection to the proposals.

#### **6.0 Recommendation**

- 6.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Committee endorse the proposal having considered the objections and proceed with the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order TUDHOE) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING AND WAITING) (Amendment No. 1) ORDER 2012

#### **Background Papers**

Correspondence and documentation on Traffic Office File and in member's library.

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**Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance** – LTP – Demand Management

**Staffing** – Carried out by Strategic Traffic

**Risk** – Not Applicable

**Equality and Diversity** – It is considered that there are no Equality and Diversity issues to be addressed.

**Accommodation** - No impact on staffing

**Crime and Disorder** - This TRO will allow effective management of traffic to reduce congestion and improve road safety

**Human Rights** - No impact on human rights

**Consultation** – Is in accordance with SI:2489

**Procurement** – Operations, DCC.

**Disability Issues** - None

**Legal Implications:** All orders have been advertised by the County Council as highway authority and will be made in accordance with legislative requirements.