

Highways Committee

11 April 2013



Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

**B6532 Front Street & Durham Road,
and Fynway, Sacriston.**

Report of Terry Collins, Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services

**Councillor Bob Young, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for
Strategic Environment**

Purpose of the Report

1. To advise committee of the representations and objection received in respect of the proposed changes to the parking restrictions in Sacriston.
2. It is recommended that the committee endorse the proposals having considered the representations and objection, and proceed with the implementation of the parking restrictions.

Background

3. Requests were received from various sources to investigate the possibility of introducing waiting and loading restrictions at various locations in Sacriston to counteract problems that are currently being experienced as a result of inappropriately parked vehicles. Three locations had been identified.
4. The primary concern identified is the B6532 Front Street adjacent to the Doctor's Surgery / Pharmacy. The side road entering Front Street from the rear of Front Street, adjacent to no. 59, was also identified as problematic in respect of the parking associated with visitors to the local shops.
5. The second location of concern is to the south of the signal controlled crossroads of the B6532 Durham Road and the B6312 Wilton Road / Plawsworth Road. Visibility for motorists leaving Findon House is obstructed to the south by parked vehicles. The proposal is to extend the existing No Waiting and No Loading At Any Time restrictions to alleviate this problem.
6. The third location of concern relates to the former bus turning area on Fynway. Again with respect to inappropriately parked vehicles.
7. It is anticipated that these restrictions will discourage parking at these locations, reduce congestion and improve road safety.

Proposal

B6532 Front Street

8. It is proposed to install No Waiting, No Loading, Loading Bay and Disabled Bay restrictions to the length of highway in the vicinity of the Doctor's Surgery / Pharmacy. These are in the form of:
 - a. No Waiting and No Loading restriction Monday – Friday, 8am-6pm is proposed to the front of numbers 3-1 West View southerly to the start of the proposed Loading Bay;
 - b. Loading Bay and two Disabled Bays at all times adjacent to the Doctor's Surgery / Pharmacy;
 - c. No Waiting and No Loading At Any Time restriction adjacent to the former Public House; and
 - d. No Waiting At Any Time restriction on the west side of Front Street from approximately opposite West View southerly to opposite the Cross Leas junction.

Unc. Front Street (east back)

9. It is proposed that a No Waiting At Any Time restriction be installed at this junction. It is anticipated that restricting parking in this area will improve road safety for vehicles entering and leaving the residential area to the rear of Front Street.

B6532 Durham Road

10. It is proposed that the existing No Waiting At Any Time restriction be extended in a southerly direction to improve visibility for motorists leaving Findon House and consequently improve road safety.

Unc. Fynway

11. It is proposed that the existing No Waiting At Any Time restriction on Durham Road is extended to include the former bus turning area in Fynway. It is anticipated that this proposal will reduce inappropriate and obstructive parking.

Consultation

12. An informal consultation with Local Councillors, residents, businesses and statutory bodies was carried out between the 12 June 2012 and the 3 July 2012. There were 14 responses, 1 was against the proposal and 13 were in favour.
13. In light of comments received during the consultation, there were subsequent meetings between Local Councillors and Council officers to discuss the outcome of the informal consultation and adjust the proposals to accommodate requests where possible.
14. Further discussions were held between the manager of the Doctors Surgery and the manager of the Pharmacy to consider the requirements of disabled persons' access to the surgery and the delivery of drugs to the pharmacy. The outcome of the discussions with these respective managers was to accommodate each of their concerns regarding the proposed restrictions.

15. The statutory consultation was carried out between the 24 January 2013 and 14 February 2013. There were initially two objections to the Order, one of which was subsequently withdrawn after receiving a response from the Council.

Representation

16. One resident had reservations about the reduction in kerbside space to park vehicles.

Response: The proposals have been amended by reducing the restriction to a limited waiting Mon-Fri 8am-6pm restriction to accommodate some of the resident's concern and allow parking outside of these times.

Objection

17. **The introduction of parking restrictions to the front of West View will create access problems to residents who request a resident's permit parking scheme.**

Response: It is not considered, from observations at this site, that the Council's criteria will be met to justify the introduction of a residents' parking permit scheme. There are garages and forecourt parking facilities to the rear of West View the extent of which it is considered will serve the needs of the residents and their visitors. The proposed waiting and loading restrictions, adjacent to West View, apply Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

Statutory Representations

18. Of the statutory consultees, responses of support were received from the North East Ambulance Service, Durham Constabulary and Kevan Jones MP.

Local Member Consultation

19. The Local Members Anne Wright and Allen Turner both support the proposals.

Recommendations and Reasons

Recommendation

20. It is recommended that the Committee endorse the proposals, having considered the representation and objection, and proceed with the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order.

Reasons

21. The proposed restrictions are expected to have a positive impact on road safety and help to reduce traffic congestion.

Background Papers

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

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - Funding for the scheme is from the Members' LAMA

Staffing - None

Risk - If the scheme was not to proceed there is a risk that road safety would be compromised

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - Improved road safety

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder - None

Human Rights - None

Consultation - As described in the report

Procurement - Works to be delivered by Durham County Council Highway Services

Disability Issues - None

Legal Implications - The measures are being introduced in accordance with the current legislation