

Highways Committee

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Unc Burnhall Drive, Seaham



Report of Corporate Management Team

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Councillor Bob Young, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Strategic Environment and Leisure

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To advise Committee of an objection received to the extension of the existing parking restrictions for the Unc Burnhall Drive, Seaham
- 2 It is recommended that the Committee endorse the proposal having considered the objections to the proposal and proceed with the implementation of the various parking restrictions at Unc Burnhall Drive, Seaham as per the plan in Appendix 2

Background

- 3 Representations have been received from Seaham School of Technology and Durham Constabulary with regard to inconsiderate parking during school opening times.
- 4 Vehicles have been observed parking on the southern kerbline opposite the entrance to the car park. This in turn has obstructed vehicles movements into and out of the car park. The school also use buses to transport children to and from school and this parking is obstructing the free flow of these vehicles.

Proposals

- 5 The proposals include the extension of the existing 08.30 am to 4.00 pm on the southern side of Burnhall Drive from the existing restriction to its junction with Neasham Road. On the northern side of Burnhall Drive these restrictions would be between the access and egress points of the car park allowing for free flowing traffic and manoeuvring of larger vehicles safely.

Consultation

- 6 Informal consultation included the affected residents, school and statutory consultees from the 8th May 2010 until the 23rd May 2010
- 7 Out of the 6 letters sent to affected residents one response was received. This response was in favour of the proposals. No responses were received

against the proposals at the informal stage. Durham Constabulary and Seaham Town Council responded in favour to the informal consultation.

- 8 The scheme was put on hold due to the preparation of traffic regulation orders for the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement.
- 9 Statutory advertisement of the alterations took place between from the 14th April 2011 and the 5th May 2011. During this period one e-mail of objection was received from the occupier of No 43 Burnhall Drive, Seaham. It should be noted that they did not respond to the informal consultation.

Representation and responses

- 10 Representation 1

The properties of No 41 and 43 Burnhall Drive only have parking for one vehicle. Any restrictions between 08.30 am and 4.00 pm would cause great problems as the residents work out of school hours thus creating possible parking problems. Would it be possible for the two properties to be given resident parking permits to avoid possible problems.

- 11 *Response 1*

The proposals do not include the implementation of parking restrictions outside of properties No 41 and 43 therefore this space would still be available for the residents to use. They also have the possibility of parking one vehicle off the highway within the boundaries of their own properties. There is also the large car park adjacent to the gable of No 43 if they are unable to park outside of their properties.

Unfortunately we as the highway authority cannot reserve any part of the adopted highway network for the use of an individual person or property. The adopted highway network is available for all motorists to use. A vehicle can be parked on the adopted highway network as long as it is taxed, tested, insured, road worthy and not in contravention of any parking restrictions. Therefore we would be unable to accede to the request for a residents parking permit.

Recommendations and reasons

- 12 It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Committee endorse the proposal having considered the objections and proceed with the implementation of the (no waiting between 08.30 am and 4.00pm) on (Unc Burnhall Drive, Seaham) as per the plan in Appendix 2

Background papers

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – Easington Local Area Programme

Staffing - None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – Not applicable

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder - None

Human Rights - None

Consultation – Residents and Statutory Bodies both informal and Statutory

Procurement - None

Disability Issues - None

Legal Implications - None