

DELEGATED DECISION

REGENERATION AND LOCAL SERVICES

13th March 2017



Bishop Auckland Parking & Waiting Restrictions Amendment No. 2 Order 2017

Report of REGENERATION AND LOCAL SERVICES ADRIAN WHITE - HEAD OF TRANSPORT AND CONTRACT SERVICES

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To obtain permission to proceed to formal advert the traffic regulation amendment order that contains the waiting, stopping, loading and parking restrictions for the Bishop Auckland area.
- 2 As part of a commitment to improving and developing parking and traffic management in the town, a number of areas have been identified where restrictions are required, some of which were direct requests from local businesses or residents. Restrictions will be removed or changed as part of this process, if they are no longer needed.

Background and Proposals

- 3 Fore Bondgate, Market Place and Newgate Street

The public are ignoring the existing vehicular access 'pedestrian zone' restriction on Fore Bondgate and are entering and parking along Fore Bondgate, Newgate Street and Market Place obstructing footways and pedestrianised areas.

It is proposed to introduce a 'no waiting at any time' restriction to reduce parking in these areas to blue badge holders only, to correspond with the entry restriction.

- 4 Clarence Street – Clarence Gardens – Ladysmith Street

Residents have complained about vehicles parked too close to junctions blocking access and egress to their streets. This is more prevalent being that the streets serve access to a primary school within the residential area.

It is proposed to introduce a 'no waiting at any time' restriction at these junctions to stop inappropriate parking and encourage vehicles to park as per the highway code rules.

5 Union Street

An existing loading bay is no longer needed being that it served a business that has since closed down.

It is proposed to change the restriction from loading to short term parking, to create more available parking space which will support the nearby businesses on Newgate Street.

6 A688 adjacent Bishop Auckland football ground

On match days visitors are parking on the main A688 road and adjoining footways presenting safety and access concerns, particularly as the road serves a busy retail park. The vehicles are also damaging the adjoining highway verge.

It is proposed to introduce a 'no waiting at any time restriction' on the main carriageway and roundabouts to prevent parking.

7 Murphy Crescent

St Wilfrid's RC Primary School are experiencing regular issues with parents parking next to the school gates. There are existing school keep clear markings next to the school, but this is an area which isn't covered by the order.

The proposal will adjust the existing school keep clear (no stopping) order and adjust the lines so they follow the kerb line running next to the school gates.

Details of alternative options considered or rejected when making the decision

8 Fore Bondgate, Market Place and Newgate Street

In previous TRO consultations, residents have objected to parking restriction proposals on Fore Bondgate, saying they have nowhere else to park near to their property. There is a notable increase in people ignoring the access restriction on Fore Bongate, including people who work in the town who are parking along footways, on the street and in the Market Place, which has led to complaints being received relating to obstructions and safety concerns.

9 Clarence Street – Clarence Gardens – Ladysmith Street

Residents have made the request for yellow lines due to continued problems with people parking too close to junctions. These three junctions have regular obstruction/visibility issues, particularly Clarence Gardens, as this road adjoins the gates of Etherley Lane School, where parents congregate in mornings and afternoons to drop off/pick up their children. Two informal consultations have taken place with residents to establish potential solutions. During this process it was agreed to reduce the extent of the lines on Ladysmith Street and Clarence Street and omit them from the junction of Lindsay Street.

10 Union Street

A business in the area has made a request for more parking – having looked at the area the current loading bay is not needed and is therefore proposed to be converted to short stay parking bays to support all nearby businesses.

11 A688 adjacent Bishop Auckland football ground

Consultations have taken place with the football club and both parties are in agreement with the proposals.

Recommendations and reasons

12 Before changes and improvements can be made to the parking restrictions in Bishop Auckland it is necessary to make amendments to the existing Parking and Waiting Restrictions traffic order and replace the associated map based schedules that are affected.

13 Local councillors and businesses have been consulted informally on the majority of changes proposed.

Decision

14 It is recommended to progress to the advertising of the Bishop Auckland Amendment No. 2 Order 2017 and subject to consultation, proceed to the sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order.

15 From time to time consolidation of orders may be required following amendment of an Order. If this is considered necessary then this Authority may be used for the advertising and sealing of both Orders.

Background papers

Office Electronic Files :

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WEAR VALLEY\BISHOP AUCKLAND\2017 Amendment Order

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APPENDIX 1 : Implications

Finance – 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.

Crime and Disorder – No impact.

Human Rights - No impact on human rights.

Consultation – Local businesses have been consulted. Residents have been consulted. Local members have been informed of the proposals.

Procurement – Durham County Council Highway Operations and Coupe Line.

Disability Issues – No issues - there is adequate provision for blue badge parking in Bishop Auckland.

Legal Implications – Enforceable TRO