

## Highways Committee

20 November 2018

### **Bearpark and Ushaw Moor Parking and Waiting Restrictions Order 2018**



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### **Report of Ian Thompson, Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services Councillor Carl Marshall, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration**

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#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1. In accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegations to Officers, Members are asked to make a decision in principle only which will then guide the Corporate Director in the exercise of delegated decision making. The final decision is therefore one for the Corporate Director, under delegated powers.
- 1.2. To advise Members of objections received to the consultation concerning changes to the traffic regulation order in Bearpark and Ushaw Moor.
- 1.3. To request that members consider the objections made during the informal and formal consultation period.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 Following the successful implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement in Durham District in 2008 it was introduced into the Southern part of the County in 2012. Enforcement of all waiting restrictions within this area was undertaken by the County Council from this time.
- 2.2 The County Council are committed to regularly reviewing traffic regulation orders to ensure that the restrictions held within them are relevant and appropriate.
- 2.3 Requests were received from a Local Member, Bearpark Parish Council and local residents to introduce:
  - i) 'no waiting at any time' parking restrictions to address ongoing visibility issues associated with both junctions at:
    1. Welby Drive/C18a Whitehouse Lane
    2. Victoria Court C18a Whitehouse Lane
    3. Hall Avenue C18a Whitehouse Lane

- ii) A 30 minute time limit (operational Mon-Sat, 9am-5pm) on C18a Whitehouse Lane to accommodate a parking space outside of the Pharmacy, the bay is to encourage a higher turnover of availability close to the local amenities.
  - iii) To remove the school keep clear road markings and associated traffic sign on C17 Woodland Road (opposite Cook Avenue).
- 2.4 An initial consultation exercise was undertaken with statutory consultees and directly affected frontages in February and March 2018. Several objections were received at this point from affected frontages for the introduction of the parking restriction on the junction of Welby Drive/C18a Whitehouse Lane, Victoria Court and Hall Avenue with C18a Whitehouse Lane. There was support from Durham Constabulary for the scheme.
- 2.5 The proposals were advertised formally on site and in the local press between 14<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and no formal objections were received.

### **3 Objections** (objected at informal consultation stage)

- 3.1 The three objectors are local residents. They are concerned that the introduction of no waiting at any time parking restrictions on the junction of Welby Drive/C18a Whitehouse Lane and Victoria Court and Hall Avenue with C18a Whitehouse Lane will cause parking issues for visitors, workmen and themselves who like to park outside their home.
- 3.2 They continue that parking will be compromised and be forced into parking their vehicles in the yard to the rear of their home.

#### **Response**

- 3.3 The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions will improve road safety and visibility from the junction of Welby Drive/ C18a Whitehouse Lane and Victoria Court and Hall Avenue with the C18a.
- 3.4 The Local Councillor was keen to progress with the proposals on road safety grounds with the backing of Durham Constabulary and the Parish Council.
- 3.5 Without the proposed restrictions, parking causing any unnecessary obstruction is an offence that can only be enforced by Durham Constabulary. The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions will also allow Durham County Council to be able to enforce the restrictions and therefore help improve road safety.

### **4 Local member consultation:**

- 4.1 The Local Members have been consulted and are in support of the proposals.

Recommendations:

- 4.2 It is recommended that Members resolve that they are minded to agree to set aside all objections, endorse the proposal and proceed with the implementation of the Bearpark and Ushaw Moor: Waiting and Parking Restrictions Order. With the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

## **5 Background Papers**

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

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**Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance** – Approx. cost - £2000

**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.