

OFFICER DECISION IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBER

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Officer: Richard McGuckin

YARM ROAD / WESTBOURNE STREET, STOCKTON ON TEES – AMENDMENTS TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS

SUMMARY

This report presents a proposal to introduce 24 hour waiting restrictions on lengths of Yarm Road, Stockton between Yarm Lane & Hartburn Lane, the provision of 2 hour limited waiting restrictions on Westbourne Street, to revoke the Historical Urban Clearway restrictions on Yarm Road, to revoke the existing Peak Hour loading restrictions on Westbourne Street and amend an existing 2 hour waiting restrictions anomaly on Yarm Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Approval be given to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order to implement 24 hour waiting restrictions and limited waiting restrictions as detailed in the report, to revoke the Clearway Order and amend the waiting restrictions anomaly.
2. The Director of Law and Democracy be authorised to process the necessary permanent draft Traffic Regulation Order and Notice and receive any objections submitted.
3. The local Ward Councillors and Parkfield Residents Association be informed of your decision.

DETAIL

Background

1. Local Safety Scheme measures were introduced on the length of Yarm Road between Hartburn Lane and Yarm Lane in 2005. The scheme consisted of build-outs at side road junctions to narrow the road and assist pedestrian crossing movements and improve visibility from side roads, upgrading of controlled crossing facilities and introduction of a pedestrian refuge.
2. Complaints have been received from the Parkfield Residents Association regarding obstructive parking across build-outs on Yarm Road. The obstructive parking restricts pedestrians accessing the crossing point of the build outs and reduces drivers' sight lines when manoeuvring into Yarm Road from its side roads.
3. A request has also been made by "Stockton Blind Peoples Voice" based at 27 Yarm Road, for provision of 2 hour limited waiting at the side of the building on Westbourne Street.
4. Requests have been received from St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Church and St Peters Church for parking provision at their churches for funeral and wedding vehicles.

5. No waiting at anytime restrictions are present on both sides of Yarm Road between Yarm Lane and Woodlands Street. There is an anomaly in the existing Order referring to the waiting restrictions on Yarm Road between 11 – 21 Yarm Road which will be amended as part of this new Order.

Proposed Measures (see Drawing TM2/120, in Appendix A)

6. To introduce 24 hour waiting restrictions on Yarm Road between Yarm Lane & Hartburn Lane. The purpose of the restrictions are to improve the visibility of drivers exiting the side road junctions when turning onto Yarm Road and to protect the build-outs from obstructive parking.
7. To exempt funeral & wedding vehicles parked on the proposed 24 hour waiting restrictions associated with St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Church, St Peters Church and the Methodists Church.
8. To provide 2 hour limited waiting restrictions to facilitate parking for 2 vehicles on Westbourne Street.
9. To revoke the Historical Peak Hour Loading restrictions on Westbourne Street.
10. To amend the anomaly with the existing 2 hours limited waiting restrictions on Yarm Road.

Consultation

11. Consultation was undertaken with St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Church, St Peters Church and the Methodists Church via site meetings. St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Church and St Peters Church supported the proposal, the Methodists Church were against the proposal. The Methodist Church had concerns with regard to loss of on-street parking opportunity for worshipers. Nevertheless the road safety benefits of the proposed restrictions are considered to outweigh the concerns of the church.
12. Consultation was undertaken with the local Ward Councillors who did not formally indicate their support or objection to this scheme.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of processing the Order and for the associated lining works is £2,000. This is to be funded from the Traffic Management budget 2010/2011.

POLICY CONTENT

The restrictions will assist with the safe and expeditious movement of traffic and pedestrians on Yarm Road and associated side roads.

CONSULTATION

The Officers' Traffic Group were consulted at their meeting 17 June 2010 and had no objections to the proposal.

St Cuthbert's, St Peters and the Methodist churches have been consulted on these proposals.

The local Ward Councillors have been consulted regarding these proposals.

The proposals will be advertised on site notices and in local press and a statutory objection period will be observed.

CONCLUSIONS

The proposals will maintain access and prohibit the obstructive parking which occurs on the footway build outs on Yarm Road and formalise current restrictions on the affected lengths of roads.

Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services

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Environmental Implications

None.

Community Safety Implications

Addresses road safety concerns.

Background Papers

Officers' Traffic Group 17 June 2010 (07/10)

Educational Related Item?

No.

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors

Parkfield & Oxbridge : Councillors Mohammed Javed & Roy Rix

Signed by the Delegated Officer Date

Richard McGuckin
Head of Technical Services

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I accept / do not accept the above recommendations.

Signed Date

Cllr R Cook
(Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Transport)

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