

Appeals & Complaints Committee

A meeting of Appeals & Complaints Committee was held on Wednesday, 27th June, 2018.

Present: Cllr David Wilburn (Chairman), Cllr Evaline Cunningham (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Elsi Hampton, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Norma Stephenson (OBE) (Sub Cllr Paul Weston)

Officers: Julie Butcher (HR, L&C), Andrew Corcoran, Joanne Roberts, Jamie Stephenson, Adrian Thickett (EG&D), Sarah Whaley (DCE)

Also in attendance: Cllr Phil Dennis, Objectors; G Bowen, A Crawford, P Monk, J Myers, G Myers, I Wallace, L Casey. Supporters; S Richardson, P Morton

Apologies: Cllr Paul Weston, Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE

ACC 1/18 Evacuation Procedure

The Evacuation procedure was noted.

ACC 2/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

ACC 3/18 Minutes from the meeting which was held on the 22nd January 2018

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Appeals and Complaints Committee meeting which was held on the 22nd January 2018 for approval and signature.

RESOLVED that the minutes be agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

ACC 4/18 Procedure

The Committee considered and agreed a proposed procedure for the meeting, which the Chairman explained ahead of the following item.

RESOLVED that the procedure be agreed.

ACC 5/18 Butts Lane and Grisdale Crescent, Egglecliffe Traffic Regulation Order 2018.

The Committee were presented with a report to seek Member's views regarding outstanding objections received following the advertising of a proposal to introduce no waiting at any time (NWAAT) and no loading at any time (NLAAT) restrictions on Butts Lane and Grisdale Crescent, Egglecliffe as detailed within Appendix 1 of the main report in order to prevent parking causing an obstruction to two-way traffic flow and causing conflict with vehicles entering and exiting Butts Lane.

Officers from Economic Growth and Development Services presented the

attached report to members. The officers report also contained the representations received from members of the public in response to the statutory consultation process in full and summarised them within the main report.

Councillor Philip Dennis Ward Councillor for Eaglescliffe attended the committee and made representations.

Members accepted that restrictions were required to prevent the existing obstructive parking and increase road safety for vehicles exiting and entering Butts Lane from Yarm Road. The current parking practices could cause conflict between two way traffic and cause queuing on Yarm Road. Members were mindful of the request to extend the restrictions further along Butts Lane or amend the hours of the restriction but preferred to see the proposed restrictions imposed and monitored, with any unforeseen consequences reviewed in six months' time.

Members therefore unanimously recommended that the proposed waiting and loading restrictions be supported and with a recommendation that officers monitor the consequences of the order and review it in approximately six months if necessary.

RESOLVED that the Director of Economic Growth and Development be recommended that the proposed order be brought into force as detailed within the main report.

**ACC
6/18** **Traffic Regulation Order (A67 High Street, Yarm) Order 2014 (Amendment No. 2) Order 2018 and Yarm Town Centre West (Residents Permit Parking Scheme) Order 2016 (Amendment No. 1) Order 2018**

The Committee were presented with a report to seek Member's views regarding outstanding objections received following the advertising of a proposal to introduce long stay car parking facility within the resident parking scheme on West Street, Yarm, and to introduce a maximum waiting of 3 hours on the High Street, Yarm.

Officers from Economic Growth and Development Services presented their report to members, a copy of which was appended to the agenda. The officers' report summarised the representations received from members of the public in response to the statutory consultation process. Objectors and Supporters to the proposed traffic regulation orders attended the meeting and were given the opportunity to make representation.

With regard to the proposed restrictions on Yarm High Street, namely to limit the pay and display parking to 3 hours maximum with no return within 3 hours, members agreed that this was desirable. They acknowledged that the current provisions enabled car users to park on the High Street all day and reduced the number of shoppers or visitors to the High Street being able to park which was not the intention of the original order and was damaging to businesses. They agreed that 3 hours was a reasonable period. Members acknowledged that

officers continued to seek alternative long stay car parking solutions and wished to express their view that this should be a high priority.

Members were mindful of concerns expressed about workers not being able to park on the High Street but expressed the view that Pay & Display was introduced to increase spaces for visitors and shoppers not workers.

Members therefore unanimously recommended that the proposed Borough of Stockton-on-Tees (Traffic Regulation Order)(A67 High Street, Yarm) Order 2014 (Amendment No. 2) Order 2018 be proceeded with.

With regard to the proposal to introduce long stay parking bays along West Street, Bridge Street, The Old Market and Bentley Wynd members were mindful of the need for more parking spaces to accommodate workers and businesses who needed to park for more than 3 hours but felt the long stay parking should not be accommodated where it would impact on the amenity of residents. Members listened to concerns from several residents of West Street and agreed that the proposal would unduly impact on the enjoyment of their properties. Whilst many would go out to work during the day there would be others who did not and would not be able to park near their home if the restrictions were introduced. Residents would also suffer from additional traffic travelling along West Street searching for parking spaces.

Members considered a suggested compromise by one of the supporters of the order that the restrictions be imposed only during a Monday to Friday and only until a long stay car park could be found to overcome concerns of residents that they would be affected mostly on weekends however Members felt this would still unduly inconvenience residents.

Members were mindful that there was an urgent need for long stay parking and asked officers to prioritise the provision of a long stay car park.

Members therefore unanimously recommended that the Council of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees Yarm Town Centre West (Residents Permit Parking Scheme) Order 2016 (Amendment No. 1) Order 2018 should not proceed and expressed a wish that the long stay car park solution be found as a high priority.

RESOLVED that the Director of Economic Growth and Development be recommended:

1) that the proposed Borough of Stockton-on-Tees (Traffic Regulation Order)(A67 High Street, Yarm) Order 2014 (Amendment No. 2) Order 2018 be proceeded with as detailed within the main report.

2) that the Council of the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees Yarm Town Centre West (Residents Permit Parking Scheme) Order 2016 (Amendment No. 1) Order 2018 should not proceed and expressed a wish that the long stay car park solution be found as a high priority.

