
PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS FLORA AVENUE – OBJECTIONS

Responsible Cabinet Member – Councillor Nick Wallis, Transport Portfolio

Responsible Director – Ian Williams, Director of Economic Growth

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To advise Members of objections received to proposed waiting restrictions at the Flora Avenue/Coniscliffe Road junction and seek a decision on whether to proceed with an amended proposal.

Summary

2. Planning Permission was granted for an extension to Flora House Nursery. This included a condition to introduce waiting restrictions at the junction of Flora Avenue with Coniscliffe Road to improve road safety.
3. A junction protection scheme that proposed 24 hour restrictions (double yellow lines) was progressed. During the consultation and advertising process of the legal order three objections have been received from residents. The objections relate to the length of the proposed waiting restrictions on Flora Avenue and that the proposal will reduce the amount of on-street parking places.
4. Officers consider the restrictions are necessary but recommend amending the proposal for Flora Avenue to reduce the length of restriction to try and alleviate the concerns of the residents, whilst still introducing restrictions to improve road safety at the junction.
5. No amendment is proposed to the length of restriction in Coniscliffe Road as this is considered necessary to provide visibility for drivers leaving Flora Avenue and joining Coniscliffe Road. (see plan at Appendix A)

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that:-

- (a) The restrictions on Coniscliffe Road are introduced as advertised in the legal order.
- (b) The objections are considered and the restrictions are reduced to accommodate more on street parking on Flora Avenue as below:

Flora Avenue	the east side, from its junction with Coniscliffe Road northwards for a distance of 10 metres
	the west side, from its junction with Coniscliffe Road northwards for a distance of 5 metres

Reasons

7. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons:-

- (a) to enhance road safety at the junction by improving visibility for traffic entering Coniscliffe Road and ensure the free flow of traffic at the junction.
- (b) to maximise parking for the residents

Ian Williams
Director of Economic Growth

Background Papers

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no direct implications
Health and Well Being	There are no direct implications
Carbon Impact	There are no significant carbon impact implications in this report
Diversity	There are no direct implications
Wards Affected	Park West
Groups Affected	All
Budget and Policy Framework	This decision does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	No significant implications.
Efficiency	The proposal will enhance road safety

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

8. A condition was attached to the planning permission for an extension to Flora House nursery for waiting restrictions to be introduced at the junction with Flora Avenue and Coniscliffe Road.
9. The proposal included:-
 - (a) a 15 metre length of double yellow lines on both sides of Flora Avenue at its junction with Coniscliffe Road and
 - (b) a 15 metre length of double yellow lines on the north side of Coniscliffe Road either side of its junction with Flora Avenue.
10. Consultation has been carried out with local Councillors and those residents within 30 metres of the nursery and a statutory advertisement has been in the local press outlining the proposal.
11. Three residents have objected to the proposed length of the restrictions. The reasons for the objections are that the restrictions will impact on residents' parking opportunity as they do already have cars associated with the nursery parking on their frontages that limits parking availability.
12. Officers do consider that in the interests of road safety waiting restrictions are required to improve visibility for traffic entering Coniscliffe Road and to keep free flow of traffic into the junction. However, considering the objections received road safety would not be compromised by having reduced lengths of restriction in Flora Avenue.
13. As part of the consultation process residents also expressed concerns regarding obstruction of driveways. Residents will also be offered a white Keep Clear line across their drives to prevent obstructive parking.
14. Officers therefore recommend making a traffic regulation order to introduce waiting restrictions in an amended form from what was advertised.

Financial Implications

15. The proposal will be funded by Flora House Nursery as part of the planning permission.

Legal Implications

16. The traffic orders have been statutorily advertised for the required period.

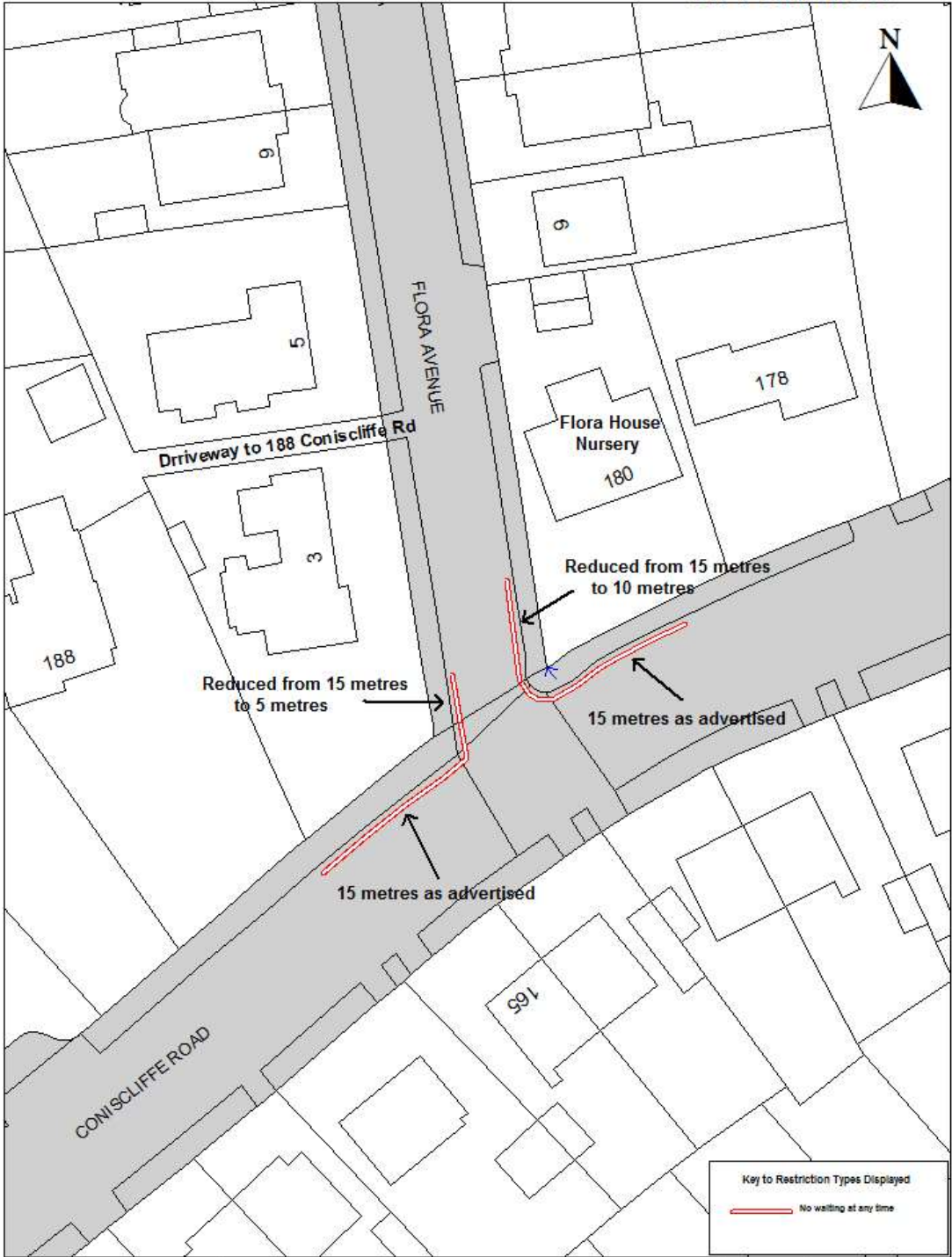
Consultation

17. Officers have consulted the local Councillors and residents in the vicinity of the proposals on Flora Avenue and Coniscliffe Road. The proposal has also been statutorily advertised in the press, following delegated authority to progress a traffic order.
18. There were no comments made by the Councillors but three residents objected to the length of the proposed restrictions.

Outcome of Consultation

19. No objections were received to the statutory advertisement but objections made during consultation have been taken into account regarding the length of the restriction in Flora Avenue.

APPENDIX A



Key to Restriction Types Displayed	
	No waiting at any time



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