
PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS ALBERT STREET – 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 an objection received to proposed waiting restrictions in Albert Street and seek a decision on whether to proceed with the proposal.

Summary

2. A private car park has opened on land bordered by Albert Street, Prince's Street, Victoria Street and Neasham Road. The access to the car park is off Albert Street. A planning condition was imposed to introduce double yellow lines to ensure that parking does not impede entry or exit at the car park.
3. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was proposed to extend the existing double yellow lines at the junction with Neasham Road along the north side of Albert Street to the west side of the car park access and introduce double yellow lines on the entire length of the south side. (See plan at **Appendix 1**.)
4. An objection has been received from a resident of Neasham Road to the proposed double yellow lines in Albert Street. The objector owns the fish and chip shop at 12 Neasham Road and his objection is that there will be less parking availability for his customers. He also has no off-street parking and has to rely on parking in Albert Street for his own two cars.
5. Albert Street, Prince's Street, Victoria Street and Adelaide Street are presently used by long term rail commuter parking so there is little opportunity for the fish and chip shop customers to park legally during the day. Observations have shown that many of the customers park on the double yellow lines in Albert Street and St John's Place.
6. Officers have offered the objector a solution by proposing to introduce limited two hour waiting in Albert Street and Princes' Street and include his address in the proposed residents' parking scheme currently under consultation for the Bank Top area. This would provide customer parking availability in the area and the objector to use the proposed residents' parking bays in St John's Crescent and Neasham

Road. The amended proposal would mean that in Albert Street there would be double yellow lines, three limited waiting spaces and one unrestricted space. The objector would therefore have opportunity to park one of his cars in Albert Street and could use the limited waiting spaces from 3.00pm to 11.00am the following day.

7. The objector is pleased with the proposed limited waiting offer but is still making his objection as he does not agree with being unable to park both cars in Albert Street and having to purchase resident parking permits.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that Members consider the objection and set it aside and authorise officers to proceed with the amended proposal to introduce double yellow lines as advertised and also advertise the introduction of limited waiting and include 10-16 Neasham Road in the proposed residents' parking scheme for Bank Top.

Reasons

9. The recommendation is supported by officers to prevent obstructive parking to the access and egress to the car park in Albert Street.

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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 carbon impact implications in this report
Diversity	There are no direct implications
Wards Affected	Bank Top
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	Certain decisions (such as any decision using the powers in s2 LGA 2000 (the wellbeing powers) must address the Community Strategy. All reports should detail the relevance of the proposed decision(s) to the strategy and what aspects of the strategy they seek to deliver.
Efficiency	The proposal will maintain free flowing traffic.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

10. There was a condition added to the planning permission for a new car park in Albert Street that double yellow lines be introduced in Albert Street to prevent obstruction to the entry and egress of vehicles.
11. Officers have proposed to extend the existing double yellow lines in Albert Street at the junction with Neasham Road along the north side to the west side of the car park entrance and along the entire length of the south side.
12. An objection has been received to the proposed double yellow lines on the north side as they will prevent both residents from parking and also the customers of nearby takeaways.
13. Following an objection to the proposed double yellow lines, officers are proposing to also introduce limited waiting in Albert Street and Prince's Street to provide parking for the customers of nearby takeaways. The proposed limited waiting will be included in the impending advertisement for the residents' parking scheme for Bank Top. The addresses 10-16 Neasham Road will also be included in the Bank Top residents' parking scheme so they can utilise the proposed residents' parking bays in Neasham Road and St John's Crescent. This does assist to mitigate but the objector wishes the objection to remain.
14. Officers recommend setting the objection aside and proceeding to introduce the limited waiting and inclusion of 10-16 Neasham Road in the Bank Top area residents' parking scheme.

Financial Implications

15. The proposal will be funded from the developer of the car park.

Legal Implications

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

Equalities Considerations

17. The Equality duty must be considered and includes considering the impact of the proposal on individuals and groups with a protected characteristic. Advice should be sought in relation to the application of the duty to particular proposals.

Consultation

18. Officers have consulted the residents 10-16 Neasham Road and Exhaust A Fix with the proposed waiting restrictions. The proposal has also been statutorily advertised in the press, following delegated authority to progress a traffic order.

Outcome of Consultation

19. One resident of Neasham Road has objected due to the removal of parking that can be utilised by residents and customers of the takeaways.
20. An offer has been made to provide limited waiting and include the residents in a proposed nearby residents' parking scheme.
21. See officer recommendation in the Information and Analysis section above.