

**CABINET
9 APRIL 2024**

PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS OUTRAM STREET - OBJECTION

Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Libby McCollom, Local Services Portfolio

Responsible Director - Dave Winstanley, Group Director of Services

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To advise Members of an objection received to a proposal for waiting restrictions at Outram Street and to seek a decision on whether to proceed with the proposal.

Summary

2. Following the recent introduction of a contraflow cycle way on Duke Street and the introduction of revised waiting restrictions in the area, the southern end of Outram Street was left unrestricted. However, in the absence of restrictions parking in this location is interfering with the operation of the cycle route. Vehicles are parking on both sides of the road and vehicles are parking in the middle of Outram Street to load and unload, which are blocking the cycle lane from Duke Street.
3. Officers developed proposal to regulate the parking and consulted on a proposal for waiting restrictions, a disabled bay, and a limited waiting bay to prevent obstructive parking and improve road safety (see plan at **Appendix A**).
4. A business owner on Duke Street has made an objection to the proposed waiting restrictions. The reason for their objection is (i) the location of the disabled bay is not appropriate and (ii) that there are restrictions both sides of the southern end of Outram Street.
5. Members should be mindful that the Council have a duty to maintain the flow of traffic and the provision of parking should only be considered if it is safe to do so and does not interfere with the right of passage along it. The Council, acting in its capacity as the Highway Authority, have a duty of care to ensure the safety of the travelling public and a duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to maintain the expeditious movement of traffic.

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that Members consider the objection and set it aside and authorise officers to proceed with the proposal to introduce No waiting at any time, No waiting 9.00am – 5.00pm, Disabled bay and Limited Waiting bay.

Reasons

7. The recommendations are supported to improve the road safety and preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Dave Winstanley
Group Director of Services

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 Wellbeing	There are no direct implications
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	There are no significant impact implications in this report
Diversity	There are no direct implications
Wards Affected	Park East
Groups Affected	All
Budget and Policy Framework	The 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
Council Plan	No significant implications.
Efficiency	The proposal will improve the amenities of the area
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

8. Following the recent introduction of a contraflow cycle way on Duke Street and the introduction of revised waiting restrictions, the southern end of Outram Street was left unrestricted.
9. The absence of waiting restrictions at the southern end of Outram Street permits vehicles to park both sides of the road at all times and this combined with vehicles parking in the middle of the road interferes with the operation of the recently introduced cycle route.
10. The vehicles observed to be parking are from commuters and residents' vehicles. The parking causes vehicles to load/unload in the middle of the road which then blocks the cycle lane from Duke Street causing road safety issues.
11. Officer have developed waiting restriction proposals to regulate the parking in the area and improve the access to the cycle route facilities.

12. An objection was received from a business. The Objector commented that, “the disabled bay would be better being nearer to Duke Street, there was no logic to it being behind another parking bay. There are no disabled bays at all in the west end of Duke Street. They also objected to the whole of the southern end of Outram Street being restricted and enquired whether local businesses could apply for permits to park as they help to bring people into town. They also asked if the disabled bay would be signposted from Duke Street”.
13. The Ward Councillors were consulted, and no comments were made to the proposal.
14. Subject to Cabinet approval, it is recommended that Cabinet set aside the objection and introduce the restrictions as advertised in accordance with the Council’s powers as set out in Part 1 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984.

Financial Implications

15. The proposal will be funded from the Traffic Management budget.

Legal Implications

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

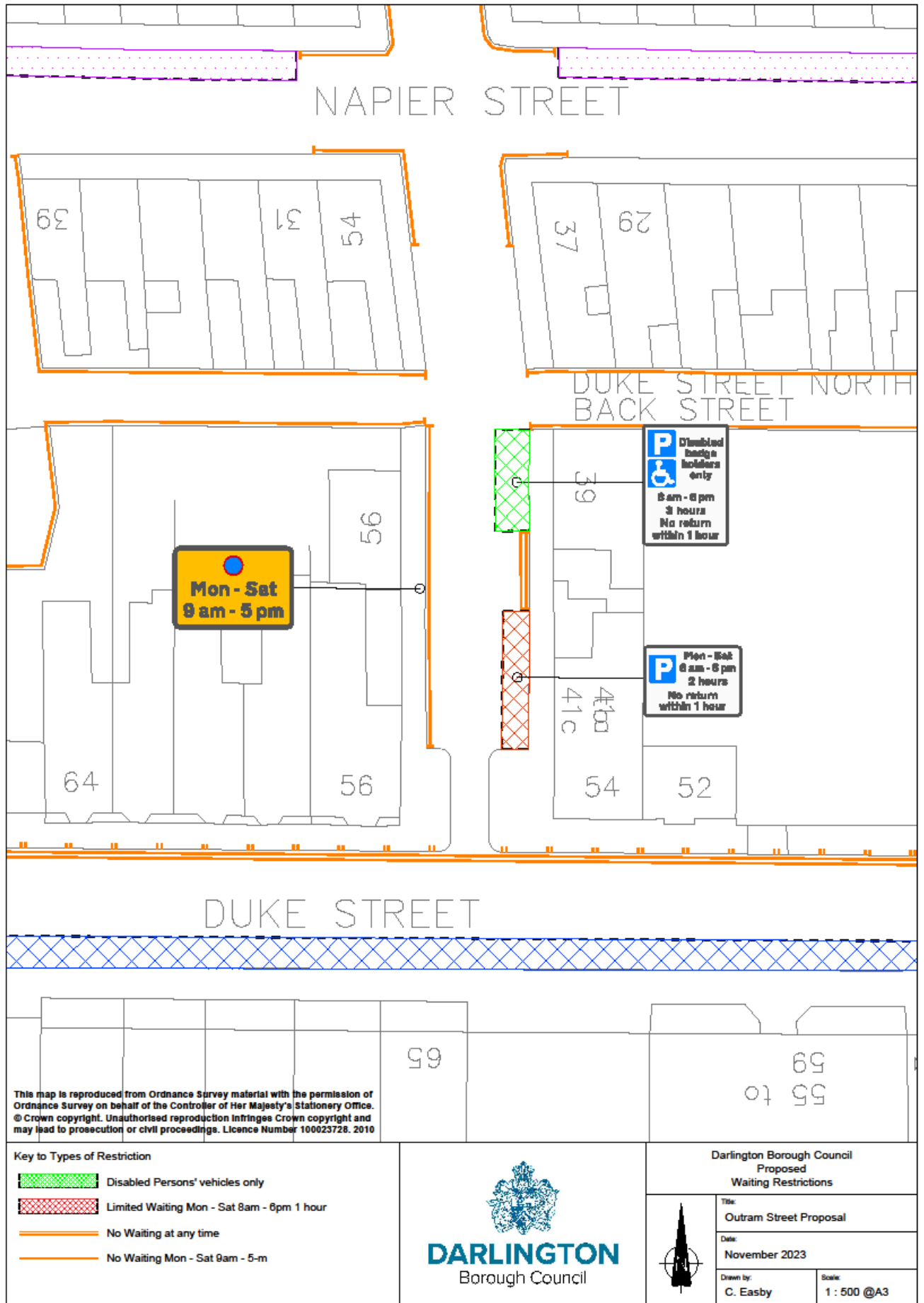
Consultation

17. Officers have consulted with affected business owners and residents on Duke Street and Outram Street with the proposed waiting restrictions. The proposal has also been statutorily advertised in the press and on our website, following delegated authority to progress a traffic order.

Outcome of Consultation





18. One business owner has objected to the proposal as they disagree with the location of the disabled bay and that there shouldn’t be waiting restrictions on both sides of the southern end of Outram Street.
19. The other consultees agree with the proposal.

APPENDIX A



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Key to Types of Restriction

-  Disabled Persons' vehicles only
-  Limited Waiting Mon - Sat 8 am - 6 pm 1 hour
-  No Waiting at any time
-  No Waiting Mon - Sat 9 am - 5 pm



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Proposed
Waiting Restrictions



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Outram Street Proposal

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