

## **PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF EXPERIMENTAL WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

### **FORMER BUS TURNING CIRCLE - DARLINGTON ROAD, RICHMOND**

#### **STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE ORDER**

##### **LEGAL POWERS AND DUTIES**

Under Section 1(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the County Council, as traffic authority for North Yorkshire, has powers to make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) where it appears expedient to make it on one or more of the following grounds:-

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- (b) for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or
- (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or
- (d) for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, or
- (e) (without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or
- (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs; or
- (g) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of Section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).

Section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 also provides that it shall be the duty of every local authority upon whom functions are conferred by or under the 1984 Act so to exercise those functions as to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

##### **REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER**

The County Council considers that it is expedient to make this TRO on grounds (a) (c) and (f) above, having taken into account its duty under Section 122(1) of the 1984 Act, for the following reasons:-

##### **Location(s) of Proposed Order**

The proposal seeks to introduce both 'No Waiting At Any Time' and time limited waiting restrictions at the location in question in order to prevent vehicles being parked in inappropriate locations and in an inappropriate manner.

The area in question is located immediately adjacent to three schools and is a popular location for parents and carers to wait when collecting children. The indiscriminate parking of vehicles and the long periods that some are parked for causes issues for the passage of through traffic and for pedestrians.

The restrictions will be introduced for an experimental period of eighteen months and during the first six months comments on the operation of the restrictions will be invited. At the conclusion of the eighteen month experimental period, a decision will be made as to whether the restrictions should be withdrawn, amended or remain in place on a permanent basis.

The proposal is as illustrated on Plan A1.810 (a).

Traffic Officer - Ian Beighton ( Area 1 Highways)

## **CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS**

Under the County Council's Constitution, the consideration of objections to a proposed TRO is delegated to the Corporate Director - Business and Environmental Services (BES) in consultation with the BES Executive Members. For each TRO where there are objections, it will be necessary to bring a report to the Corporate Director - BES and the BES Executive Members seeking a decision on the consideration of the objections. The report will include the views of the relevant local member who will also be invited to the meeting that considers the report. The Corporate Director - BES may wish to refer the matter to the Council's Executive for a final decision.

A report to the relevant Area Committee will only be necessary when there are objections to a wide area impact TRO.

A wide area impact TRO is defined as a proposal satisfying all of the three criteria set out below:

- The proposal affects more than one street or road and,
- The proposal affects more than one community and,
- The proposal is located within the ward of more than one County Councillor

The report will seek the views of the Area Committee and these views will then be included in a report to the Corporate Director - BES and the BES Executive Members seeking a decision on the consideration of the objections. The Corporate Director - BES may wish to refer the matter to the Executive for a final decision.

The existing arrangements for members of the public wishing to attend or speak at committee meetings will apply and it may be appropriate for the Corporate Director - BES to have his decision making meetings open to the public, so that the public and in particular those with objections, have the opportunity to put their views across directly.

N.B. The Corporate Director - BES has delegated powers to make decisions on TROs where there are no objections.