

# Objection Report – 2023-24 Adel & Wharfedale Traffic Regulation Order

Date: 3 April 2024

Report of: Senior Traffic Engineer

Report to: Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Will the decision be open for call in?  Yes  No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?  Yes  No

## Brief summary

This report seeks the approval of the Chief Officer Highways & Transportation to consider and taking into account the comments made overrule objections received to a specific element of Leeds City Council (Traffic Regulation) (Waiting Restriction) (No.46) 2014 Amendment No.3 Order 2023, which seeks to introduce 'No waiting at any time' at the junction of A660 Leeds Road with Wynmore Avenue, Bramhope.

This report provides the context of the project and details the objections received and the response provided by Highways & Transportation to the objectors.

## Recommendations

- a) Note the contents of this report and the objections detailed in Appendix A.
- b) Consider and taking into account the comments made, overrule the objections received to Leeds City Council (Traffic Regulation) (Waiting Restriction) (No.46) Order 2014 Amendment No.3 Order 2023.
- c) Request the City Solicitor to write to the objectors informing them of the decision taken and to then make and seal the above Order.

## What is this report about?

- 1 This report details the objections received to an advertised Traffic Regulation Order which sought to introduce measures across the Adel & Wharfedale ward. The report requests that the objections and accompanying comments are considered and while taking into account the objections received, seeks approval for these objections to be overruled.
- 2 A project was prioritised within the 2023-24 Traffic Management Capital programme of work, to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order in the Adel & Wharfedale ward to resolve a number of parking issues on lengths of road. These issues range from road safety concerns to obstructive parking and accessibility at junctions.
- 3 As part of this wider project, 'No waiting at any time' measures were proposed at the junction of A660 Leeds Road with Wynmore Avenue, Bramhope to resolve local residents concerns of parking in close proximity of this junction reducing the ability to safely use the junction. The proposal can be seen as Appendix C, drawing 1298-LCC-01-XX-M2-TM-TRO-03.
- 4 The scheme was legally advertised from 21 December 2023 to 11 January 2024, inviting objections, during which time two objections were received to the Order and are detailed in Appendix A with the Leeds City Council response.

## What impact will this proposal have?

- 5 By overruling the objections received, Leeds City Council can introduce the parking restrictions as proposed, ensuring parking does not take place in close proximity of the junction in question, satisfying local concerns relating to these practices, while ensuring that the resultant road safety concerns and accessibility issues created by these practices are addressed.

## How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 6 The parking practices noted at the junction of A660 Leeds Road with Wynmore Avenue posed a health and safety risk to members of the public and local residents by reducing the ability to safely negotiate this junction. This scheme supports the Health and Wellbeing pillar, by ensuring that residents and others in this area are able to make safe turning manoeuvres.

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## What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: Adel & Wharfedale

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 8 Ward Members and Bramhope Parish Council were formally consulted on the various proposals for the Traffic Regulation Order on 19 May 2023 with no adverse comments or objections received from Ward Members or the Parish Council.
- 9 Residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity of the proposal were consulted via letter on 4 July 2023. Two responses were received from residents with regards to the proposals for A660 Leeds Road with Wynmore Avenue, in support of the proposals.
- 10 West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service and Yorkshire Ambulance Service were consulted on the proposals 19 May 2023. No objections were received.

## **What are the resource implications?**

11 The works contained within this report were approved in a previous report dated 15/04/2022 and there are no further resource implications above and beyond those highlighted there.

## **What are the key risks and how are they being managed?**

12 Should the objections received be upheld and the waiting restrictions not be introduced, Leeds City Council would not resolve a public safety risk highlighted by the local community. This may result in the prevention of safe use of this junction to vehicles and particularly emergency service vehicles that may not be able to attend emergencies in an efficient manner as a result of parking in close proximity to the junction. It is recommended for this reason, the objections are overruled and the Order be made and sealed as detailed within this report.

## **What are the legal implications?**

13 The recommendations set out in this report require the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) to consider the objections received during the statutory consultation period before considering whether the Order may be made. This will enable the Council to comply with the requirement of the Road Traffic Act 1984, as well as the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996/2489.

14 All work proposed lies within the framework of highways legislation and national and local standards for design where applicable. All other relevant legislation has also been taken into consideration, including duties under the Equalities Act.

15 This report is not eligible for Call-In.

## **Options, timescales and measuring success**

### **What other options were considered?**

16 Consideration was given to extending the overall length of the parking restrictions on the northern side of Wynmore Avenue from A660 Leeds Road, following receipt of the objections. However, it was considered not necessary to do this whilst achieving the aims of the proposal. Additionally, any extension of the proposed restriction would result in parking being displaced from a position where it can be accommodated without obstruction, to a location where disruption to residents may occur through parking close to private driveways. This was considered inappropriate.

### **How will success be measured?**

17 Officer observations shall be carried out to ensure compliance of the new parking restrictions. Feedback from the local community shall also be welcomed and it would be considered a successful intervention if residents believe the junction has become easier and safer to use.

### **What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?**

18 Should this report be approved, the works shall proceed to implementation with a view to completion in Spring 2024.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A – List of objections received and Leeds City Council response
- Appendix B – Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening Form

- Appendix C – Plan of the proposed waiting restrictions.

### **Background papers**

- None.