

## **Local Waiting Restriction Programme**

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

**Recommendation: It is recommended that:**

- (a) work on the local waiting restriction programme is noted; and**
- (b) the recommendations contained in Appendix 2 to this report are agreed.**

### **1. Summary**

This report is to consider the submissions to the statutory consultation on the restrictions proposed in the West Devon area, as part of the local waiting restriction programme.

### **2. Background**

In October 2021, a list of requests for new or amended waiting restrictions for the area was collated by the council. These requests have been considered by officers and proposals drafted. Officers have consulted the relevant local County Councillors and Chair/Vice Chair before they were advertised from 26 May until 20 June 2022.

A summary of the proposals advertised can be found in Appendix 1 and the associated plans have been attached as supplementary information to this report.

### **3. Consultations/Representations**

Details of the objections received to these proposals, and the County Council's response are shown in Appendix 2 to this report.

Following advertisement:

- Proposals which did not attract objections will be implemented.
- Proposals that received objections are detailed in Appendix 2 to this report with recommendations for each location.

### **4. Strategic Plan**

The restrictions proposed support the priorities in the Strategic Plan as they aim to improve road safety to improve health and wellbeing and to better manage traffic and parking in the areas to respond to the climate emergency and support sustainable economic recovery.

## **5. Financial Considerations**

The total costs of the scheme will be funded from the Minor Traffic Management Improvements budget, funded by Local Transport Plan grant.

There is a cost to the Council in advertising a new Traffic Order for each Committee Area, this will be approximately £1,500. In addition, the costs of any changes to signing or lining will be attributed to that Order.

## **6. Legal Considerations**

The lawful implications and consequences of the proposal have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

When making a Traffic Regulation Order it is the County Council's responsibility to ensure that all relevant legislation is complied with. This includes Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that states that it is the duty of a local authority, so far as practicable, secures the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and provision of parking facilities. It is considered that the proposals comply with Section 122 of the Act as they practically secure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic.

## **7. Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)**

The proposals are intended to rationalise on street parking and improve mobility and access within the district and are designed to:

- Enable enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encourage commuters to make more sustainable travel choices e.g. Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.
- Assist pedestrians and other vulnerable road users in crossing the highway.

The Environmental effects of the scheme are therefore positive.

## **8. Equality Considerations**

There are not considered to be any equality issues associated with the proposals. The impact will therefore be neutral.

## **9. Risk Management Considerations**

No risks have been identified.

## **10. Public Health Impact**

There is not considered to be any public health impact.

## 11. Reasons for Recommendations

The proposals rationalise existing parking arrangements within the HATOC area by:

- Enabling enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encouraging those working in the town to make more sustainable travel choices e.g. Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.
- Assist pedestrians and other vulnerable road users in crossing the highway.

The proposals contribute to the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in the area and therefore comply with Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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### **Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers**

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<b>Background Paper</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>File Reference</b>
Nil		

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**Details of Proposals Advertised**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Plan Reference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Parish/Town</b>	<b>Proposals</b>	<b>Statement of Reasons</b>
Philip Sanders	ENV5940-1.1	Chapel Street/Fore Street	Bere Alston	Introduce no waiting at any time. Remove no waiting and adjust goods vehicles loading to Mon-Sat 7am-12 midday.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Philip Sanders	ENV5940-03	Fore Street	Bere Alston	Upgrade no waiting Mon-Sat 9am-6pm to no waiting at any time.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Philip Sanders	ENV5940-04	High Cross Crossroad	Bere Alston	Introduce no waiting at any time.	To prevent obstructive parking outside the primary school.
Philip Sanders	ENV5940-05	Road from Upperton House to Sunny Glen	Buckland Monachorum	Introduce no waiting at any time, no waiting Mon-Sat 7am-7pm and a bus stop clearway Mon-Sat 7am-7pm.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Philip Sanders	ENV5940-06	The Village	Buckland Monachorum	Upgrade the school keep clear to a mandatory status.	To prevent obstructive parking.
James McInnes	ENV5940-07	Fore Street	North Tawton	Introduce no waiting at any time.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Debo Sellis	ENV5940-08	Access to Plymouth Road Industrial Estate	Tavistock	Introduce no waiting at any time.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Debo Sellis	ENV5940-09	Carmel Gardens	Tavistock	Extend existing no waiting at any time.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Debo Sellis	ENV5940-10	College Avenue	Tavistock	Introduce no waiting at any time.	To prevent obstructive parking.

Summary of Submissions

**ENV5940-1.1 - Chapel Street/Fore Street, Bere Alston**  
**5 responses - Local Member, 1 resident of Pilgrim Drive, 1 resident of Chapel Street, 1 resident of Station Road and 1 resident of Pounds Park Road.**

Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>2 respondents support and 3 oppose the proposals.</p> <p><b>Objections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concerns that proposals for Fore Street are not aligned with request from the Parish Council and residents. It is felt that the combined restriction originally requested is the correct restriction for this location.</li> <li>- The businesses that rely on this parking area for their trade do not want this area to be without a time limit on the parking time. Parking in the village is so limited that areas such as this must be regulated during the day.</li> <li>- The stop is needed for elderly and all and has been for years, if anything on delivery days put cones out.</li> <li>- Busy street at the heart of the community. There are a huge number of elderly residents who rely on parking here so that they can visit with ease. Many have mobility issues and cannot walk to/from the nearest car parks to access shops/amenities. Isolating the elderly even more than they already are in this village. Most people are here less than 20 minutes at a time.</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting arguments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As the driver of buses there are times when they have to mount narrow pavements to pass badly parked cars.</li> <li>- Fully supports the extension of double yellow lines on Chapel Street.</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggestions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resident has off street parking off Chapel Street, access is often difficult due to parked cars, concerned restrictions may encourage parking on both sides of the road, making it even more difficult to get access to their driveway. Suggesting the proposals are extended to their driveway.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reason for Proposal:</b>            To introduce double yellow lines at Chapel Street - Bedford Street junctions to improve safety and increase forward visibility and remove parking restrictions and adjust timing of the loading bay outside the Co-op at Fore Street.</p> <p><b>Officer comments:</b>            Objection and support noted.</p> <p>The Fore Street amendment removes any parking restrictions when the loading restriction is not in operation, making it much simpler.</p> <p>Experience has shown that single use bays (i.e. either limited waiting or Loading only) are better understood by motorists. The signing for shared use limited waiting/loading only bay is more complex and whilst legal and correct in some instances motorists have misinterpreted the times when either activity may be conducted.</p> <p>By introducing a loading bay Mon-Sat 7am until 12pm midday with unrestricted at other times, provides a clear restriction for the public to understand, removing any risk of confusion and penalty charge notices being issued unnecessarily.</p> <p>There is existing limited waiting that is not being changed, however the proposal provides additional parking from midday until 4pm that was not previously available.</p> <p>We are not making any changes to the bus stop.</p> <p>It is not possible to extend the double yellow line restrictions at this</p>

time, without readvertising the additional length of restriction.

However, it is recommended that the restrictions are implemented as advertised and if it is considered necessary, further changes can be considered as part of a future review.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that a (virtual) site meeting is undertaken with the local County Councillor to review objections and the site prior to making a decision on whether the advertised restriction (or any part of that restriction) should be progressed with the final decision delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the local County Councillor and HATOC Chair.

### ENV5940-03 - Fore Street, Bere Alston

12 responses –10 residents of Fore Street, 1 resident of Lockeridge Road and 1 resident of Cornwall Street

#### Comment

#### Devon County Council Response

2 respondents support and 10 oppose the proposals.

#### Objections:

- Buses, gritters and other heavy vehicles get through, the area known as the narrows by the Methodist church is not a problem providing those cars are parked "tight", locals know to do this.
- Big increase in parking in the area due to building of properties close by putting pressure on space.
- If unable to park outside my house at night, where will I or others park? Other streets nearby are not the answer, its inconvenient and increases fuel usage driving around to find a space (carbon/cost considerations). The Council should provide alternative parking.
- Unable to load, it is impossible to carry items to the distance where it may be possible to park.
- Traffic will rattle through at night if it's clear. Narrow paths, if at all after dark, there is an increased danger of pedestrian injuries/accidents.
- Parking slows the traffic on Fore Street which is good.
- Small children would have to walk, often in the rain, to the car before school, on a stretch of road that does not have a pavement for the full length.
- Would have to consider moving if the parking restrictions were implemented, however we have been advised by the estate agent that the proposed restrictions would lower the value of our property and would want compensation.
- May resolve one problem but create another with increased parking in other areas.
- Most vehicles are overnight/working people, why can't it just be changed to (after bus and delivery lorry movements) a later time thus saving the cost of the

#### Reason for Proposal:

To prevent obstructive parking.

#### Officer comments:

Objections and support noted.

We have received reports that some vehicles are unable to travel along Fore Street when the No Waiting restriction does not apply. This would apply to all larger vehicles requiring access along the road for deliveries or emergencies.

It is not the responsibility of the County Council to provide parking on the public highway. There are no rights to park on the public highway and parking is only permitted at locations where it does not cause an obstruction to traffic movements or visibility.

Drivers are able to load and unload on double yellow lines.

Compensation cannot be claimed for changes to on street parking restrictions.

implementation of this unpopular proposal. Reflecting the usage of Fore Street and its residents.

- The uneven road slope is apparent when vehicles pass by the Methodist Church.
- If the existing restrictions were enforced there would be no need for further restrictions. Existing restrictions are ignored. Often have to park a long way from our house and this will just make it worse for those of us who obey the law.
- Car parks in Pilgrim Drive and the Parish Hall are often full and with these new restrictions it will be impossible to park in the evening and Sundays.
- Speeding motorists which are already prevalent within the village concerns over health and safety for those leaving the Methodist Church.
- More adequate policing of the existing restrictions would result in a clear road from 9am on, however, most delivery lorries arrive between the hours of 6.30 and 8.30am.

**Supporting arguments:**

- There are problems with vehicles parked on Fore Street causing obstruction to both vehicles and pedestrians. Will restrictions apply on Sunday?
- Fully supports the proposals traffic/access measures for Bere Alston. Concerned not to see Cornwall Street included in any plans due to it being a very narrow street and intersecting with Fore Street.
- Many vehicles blatantly park on double yellow lines on Fore Street, as well as the single yellow line. This is a major cause of buses and Co-Op lorries not being able to safely navigate the roads from Bedford Street, through Fore Street, as well as causing us and others on numerous occasions, not being able to access Cornwall Street.
- Both empathetic and understanding of increases in populations, vehicles, outgrowing villages. However, there is parking available up the length of Pilgrim Drive, as well as on other roads, just a couple of minutes' walk, from Fore Street, which are wider than Fore Street and much wider than Cornwall Street.

**Suggestions:**

- Would like Cornwall Street to have restrictions as vehicles park on the footway, no access for emergency vehicles, sometimes have to drive on the footway to get past which is dangerous for pedestrians.
- A more holistic and open-minded approach to vehicle management is needed.
- 20 mph speed restriction would be more useful.

Restrictions will apply at all times 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

New restrictions cannot be added to the TRO at this stage without readvertising. Comments will be passed to the appropriate DCC Officer to discuss with the County Councillor.

Speed limits are not within the remit of this traffic order.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.

**ENV5940-04 - High Cross Crossroad, Bere Alston**  
**1 response - 1 resident of Pentillie Close**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Devon County Council Response</b>
<p>1 respondent supports the proposals.</p> <p><b>Supporting arguments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Coming from The Down going straight across to Pentillie Road is becoming more and more dangerous. Parked vehicles obstruct visibility. A van is always parked there which makes the problem even worse.</li></ul>	<p><b>Reason for Proposal:</b> To introduce double yellow lines at junctions to improve safety and increase forward visibility.</p> <p><b>Officer comments:</b> Support noted.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation</b> It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.</p>	

**ENV5940-05 - Road from Uppaton House to Sunny Glen, Buckland Monachorum**  
**1 response - Local Member**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Devon County Council Response</b>
<p>1 respondent commented about the proposals.</p> <p><b>Additional comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Not aware of parking issue in this location and wishes to hear the views of the parish council.</li></ul>	<p><b>Reason for Proposal:</b> To prevent obstructive parking around the bus turning area and bus stop, in response to concerns raised by bus operator.</p> <p><b>Officer comments:</b> No formal support or objection given and no response from the parish council. However, as the proposal is to facilitate buses it is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation</b> It is recommended that a (virtual) site meeting is undertaken with the local County Councillor to review objections and the site prior to making a decision on whether the advertised restriction (or any part of that restriction) should be progressed with the final decision delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the local County Councillor and HATOC Chair.</p>	



**ENV5940-06 - The Village, Buckland Monachorum****2 responses – 1 resident of The Village and 1 resident of Buckland Monachorum****Comment**

2 respondents oppose the proposals.

**Objections:**

- Existing advisory parking restrictions are satisfactory and work well for both the school and residents.
- No parking in front of the school gates and opposite a war graves cemetery will penalise visitors to the village at weekends and also anyone with mobility issues wishing to visit the Cemetery. This area is one of few parking spots in the village, especially for visitors.
- Parking is a very contentious issue in the village as have so few spaces left.
- No parking outside of school hours would be a major restriction on the village facilities.
- Could potentially create parking issues in other parts of the village.

**Suggestions:**

- Have restrictions only when school is in session.

**Devon County Council Response****Reason for Proposal:**

To prevent obstructive parking within the school keep clear area.

**Officer comments:**

Objections noted.

We can adjust the school keep clear so it is only enforceable Mon - Fri 7am - 6pm to allow for before and after school activities. It is not practical to take into account the school holidays, as these change each year, also there may be activities and clubs throughout the school holidays.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that proposals are relaxed to adjust the times to Mon - Fri 7am - 6pm and implemented.

**ENV5940-07 - Fore Street, North Tawton****2 responses – 2 residents of Fore Street****Comment**

2 respondents oppose the proposals.

**Objections:**

- The road is very wide and 3 vehicles parking there causes no obstruction, it is much wider than most roads in North Tawton.
- Would like to know the reasoning for this proposal and why parking is being removed in a town that has a real problem with lack of parking. Has there been a specific incident?
- Where would Devon County Council like the residents of these properties to park? The properties are cottages that come with no off-road parking.
- Speeds of vehicles will increase in this area.
- Have always parked opposite the property as they are disabled and need to be within 50 meters of the house. Drive themselves so cannot always rely upon someone being able to drop them off, park their car and do the reverse when they want to go out. Therefore, the current proposal will effectively make me housebound.
- Restrictions will force all the cars currently parked on Fore Street into Taw Valley Avenue, Taw Valley Close etc.

**Devon County Council Response****Reason for Proposal:**

To prevent obstructive parking.

**Officer comments:**

Objections and support noted.

Detailed reasoning for the restrictions were obstructive parking at bus stop meaning bus cannot stop at the kerb and causing issues for large vehicles trying to drive over bridge, vehicles parking on top of virtual walkway causing pedestrians to walk further out into the road, outside the garage footway parking is causing damage to a new footway and obstructive parking at the crossing point on Taw Vale. Outside Pine Lodge parking on verge causing damage.

It is not the responsibility of the County Council to provide parking on the public highway. There are no rights to park on the public

<p><b>Supporting arguments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would support a no waiting at any time restriction on the south side of the road to stop unnecessary problems for larger vehicles such as from Gregory's depot.</li> </ul> <p><b>Suggestions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would support clear restrictions to allow the local bus service to use the bus stop by the rugby club on the north side of the road.</li> </ul>	<p>highway and parking is only permitted at locations where it does not cause an obstruction to traffic movements or visibility.</p> <p>If resident has a blue badge they can apply for a <a href="#">disabled bay</a> to enable easier parking/access to their property in a suitable location that does not obstruct the highway.</p> <p>However, it is recognised that there is a demand for parking in this location and it is recommended that further discussions take place with the local County Councillor and Chair of HATOC to review the proposed restrictions to identify whether the extent of restrictions can be relaxed.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>It is recommended that a (virtual) site meeting is undertaken with the local County Councillor to review objections and the site prior to making a decision on whether the advertised restriction (or any part of that restriction) should be progressed with the final decision delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the local County Councillor and HATOC Chair.</p>	

<b>ENV5940-08 - Plymouth Road Industrial Estate</b> <b>1 response - Elected Member</b>	
<b>Comment</b>	<b>Devon County Council Response</b>
<p>1 respondent opposes the proposals.</p> <p><b>Objections:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not aware of any parking issue at this location.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reason for Proposal:</b> To prevent obstructive parking.</p> <p><b>Officer comments:</b> Objections noted.</p> <p>The proposals are supported by the local member as lorries are parking on the footpath blocking pedestrians and causing issues for drivers.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>It is recommended that a (virtual) site meeting is undertaken with the local County Councillor to review objections and the site prior to making a decision on whether the advertised restriction (or any part of that restriction) should be progressed with the final decision delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the local County Councillor and HATOC Chair.</p>	

**ENV5940-09 - Carmel Gardens, Tavistock**  
**1 response – 1 resident of Carmel Gardens**

**Comment**

1 respondent supports the proposals.

**Supporting arguments:**

- Supports the proposals.

**Suggestions:**

- Restrictions on the north side need to be extended from Watts Road to the entrance to No 16 Carmel Gardens. Otherwise people may park on the north side which would be dangerous.

**Devon County Council Response**

**Reason for Proposal:**

To prevent obstructive parking.

**Officer comments:**

Support noted.

It is not possible to extend the restrictions at this time, without readvertising the additional lengths of restrictions.

However, it is recommended that the restrictions are implemented as advertised and if it is considered necessary, further restrictions can be considered as part of a future review.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.

**ENV5940-10 - College Avenue, Tavistock**  
**1 response – 1 resident of College Avenue**

**Comment**

1 respondent supports the proposals.

**Supporting arguments:**

- A measured response to the issue of vehicles parking on the give way line and within two car lengths. Thank you should make it easier for the waste collection to enter the close and safer for us entering and leaving College Avenue.

**Devon County Council Response**

**Reason for Proposal:**

To prevent obstructive parking.

**Officer comments:**

Support noted.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.