

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Borough Council of Gateshead (Waiting, Loading and Speed Restrictions) Order 2015

Curzon Place Gateshead

Following the formal adoption of the Curzon Place Gateshead by the Council, the traffic regulation order will formalise the existing no waiting at any time restrictions (double yellow lines) to enable them to be enforced by the Council.

The following parking issues listed below, have been identified as compromising road safety for all road users and the safety of occupiers of adjacent properties, if access for emergency services is restricted

- commuter parking
- turning head obstructions
- vehicles parked on both sides of the road
- dropped kerb obstructions
- access obstruction

In addition the Council is introducing the loading bay operating between the hours of 8.00am to 8.00pm to ensure that there are loading facilities available to enable premises on Curzon Place to receive deliveries during an appropriate period of time.

Bill Quay 20 MPH Zone

The Bill Quay 20 mph zone scheme was introduced on the 27th July 2015 as part of the Council's Speed Management Plan. The Speed Management Plan sets the standard speed limit in urban areas as 30 mph with local speed limits of 20 mph encouraged in situations where there is a particular risk to vulnerable road users.

The Gateshead Council Speed Management Plan therefore sets out the Council's policy in relation to the mitigation of the effect of inappropriate traffic speeds on Gateshead roads and was adopted in 2007.

In May 2009 Cabinet approved an implementation strategy to introduce 20 mph speed limits or zones at specified retail centres, at schools and within previously traffic calmed areas.

The 20 mph speed limit zone around Bill Quay Primary School, Davidson Road was introduced in order to improve pedestrian safety in line with those policies.

Following a review of the scheme, it noted that Hall Terrace and Brack Terrace (and its associated back lane) and South Parade Back although previously consulted upon with the original scheme were excluded from the finalised scheme and the proposed order is intended to rectify that omission.