

The Borough Council of Gateshead (Chainbridge Road Gateshead) (Car Club Parking Place) Traffic Regulation Order 2016

Statement of Reasons

The proposal to introduce a car club parking place in the west of Gateshead on Chainbridge Road, has been raised by local councillors as a result of requests by local residents in the Blaydon area of Gateshead.

The proposed location of the car club vehicle place has been identified because it is in close proximity of bus and train stations, which will increase transport options for the local community.

The car club vehicle club offers people in the area an alternative to owning a vehicle and in addition provides a cheap, more environmentally friendly and convenient alternative to getting around the area. The proposal will help improve mobility for those people who are unable to own their own vehicle and it is in-line with the Council's Local Transport Plan. In this document Gateshead, with other Tyne and Wear partners, sets out a vision to safer, healthier and more sustainable lifestyle in a more attractive environment. Our objectives are therefore to reduce congestion, improve road safety, improve air quality and improve the quality of life of our residents.

The general demand for road space outweighs the ability to provide adequate space at peak times and therefore the policy is to reduce congestion by providing genuine alternatives to the car e.g. public transport, cycling and walking. The provision of car club parking places allows residents to use a car when necessary while choosing sustainable modes for most of their trips.