

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – JOBS, ECONOMY AND
TRANSPORT**

5 August 2014

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**OBJECTIONS TO PROHIBITION OF WAITING ORDER – MILL
ROAD, CROMFORD**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To advise the Cabinet Member of the results of the investigations following receipt of one objection to the proposed “No Waiting at any Time” (double yellow line) restrictions on Mill Road, Cromford and to recommend that the Order be made as (as advertised).

(2) **Information and Analysis** Cromford Mills form part of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site and as such attracts thousands of visitors each year. It is located along Mill Road which is also home to the Cromford Canal and Wharf, and Cromford Meadows (a privately owned field adjacent the Canal where the owner has recently introduced parking charges [during the County Council's Traffic Regulation Order process]). Parking charges already exist at the Cromford Canal site and have recently been introduced to the Cromford Mills site which has subsequently resulted in displaced parking along Mill Road. Parking now occurs all along the northern side of Mill Road and as such causes visibility problems for vehicles exiting the Mills car park, as well as causing forward visibility problems when the parking occurs around the Mill corner.

Numerous discussions have taken place over this parking with the current and former local Member, the Authority's Conservation Officer, Parish Council and the Arkwright's Society Chief Executive, and although restrictions along the entire length was requested, there was a consensus that parking should be restricted at two locations to try and keep the area in keeping with the World Heritage Site.

As parking usually only occurs on the northern side of Mill Lane, it is proposed to introduce a short section of ‘No Waiting at any Time’ across the entrance to the

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Mills car park and extend the existing waiting restrictions to encompass the Mill corner.

The proposals, as shown in drawing number ST/BG/320/12C, were requested by the previous local Member, Councillor Purdy and Cromford Parish Council, and have followed the statutory consultation and public notice procedure. One objection has been lodged following the public consultation.

The objection raised relates to the current situation on Mill Road. The objector believes that the current parking levels did not affect the free movement of two way traffic and that the only reason for introducing the restrictions was to force visitors into the pay and display car parks. The Objector would like the County Council to divert its resources to Water Lane in Cromford where frequent congestion problems occur due to parked cars; this situation is exacerbated by large numbers of HGVs.

Officer Comment

The proposals put forward have derived from numerous discussions with interest parties to address parking concerns on the northern side of Mill Road. The proposals restrict parking at two locations which will aid access into off-street parking areas.

The local Member for Cromford has asked that the Traffic and Safety Team investigate the current parking provision on Water Lane, Cromford and, if deemed necessary, introduce measures to reduce congestion and improve road safety.

Local Member Comment

Councillor Ratcliffe has been informed and supports the proposal.

(3) **Financial Considerations** This work forms part of the approved 2014/15 Local Transport Plan scheme for Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) works.

The cost of the lining will be approximately £500 and will be met from the TRO Capital Budget.

(4) **Legal Considerations** Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 states that it shall be the duty of every Local Authority exercising the functions in that Act (so far as practicable having regard to the matters listed below) 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.

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The matters referred to above are:

- 1) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
- 2) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run; 2ii) the national air quality strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environment Act 1995;
- 3) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
- 4) any other matters appearing to the Local Authority to be relevant.

Section 2 of the 1984 Act states what a TRO may provide for and this includes prohibition of waiting. Notice of proposals must be given in accordance with Regulation 7 Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and at least a minimum of 21 clear days for the receipt of written objections must be allowed. Objections can then be considered by the Local Authority.

Regulation 14 of the 1996 Regulations enable an order making authority to modify an Order in consequence of any objections or otherwise, before it is made. Where substantial changes are to be made, the order making authority must notify those likely to be affected by the modifications and giving them an opportunity to make a representations which the authority shall consider. In this matter, it is considered that the modifications constitute a reduction and are therefore not a substantial change.

Having considered all objections, the Council may determine to introduce the new restrictions. The Order will need to be formally made, advertised and the requisite signs erected. An Order shall not be made until after the last date for objections. No Order can be made more than two years after the date of publication of the notice of proposals. No part of a TRO can come into force before that date when it is intended to publish a notice of making.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

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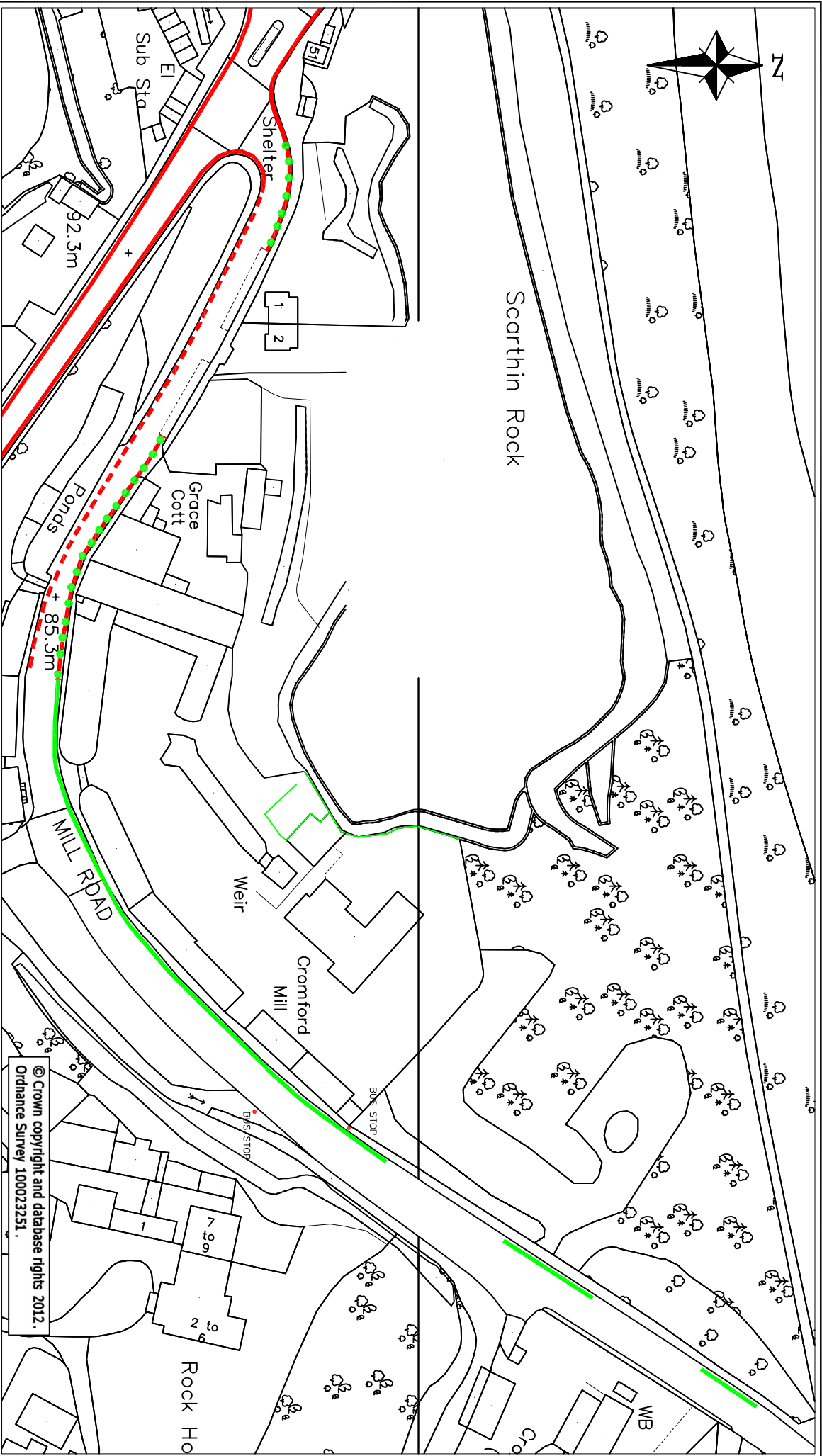
(7) **Background Papers** These are held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Mark Sloan, extension 38687.

(8) **OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

8.1 The “No Waiting at any Time” restrictions Mill Lane, Cromford, as detailed in the schedule, shown on the attached drawing number ST/BG/320/12C, be implemented in due course.

8.2 The local Member and objector be informed accordingly.

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KEY

- Existing 'No Waiting at any Time'
- Existing 'No Waiting' 8am - 6pm
- Existing 'No Waiting' 8am-6pm to be revoked and made 'No Waiting at any time'
- Proposed 'No waiting at any time'

AMENDMENT DETAILS

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ORIGINAL DRAWING SET (20/03/2013)



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DRAWING TITLE

MILL ROAD CROWFORD
PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

CONSULTATION DRAWING

DCE Project

Reference No.

SCALE

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