

Bridge Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order

Consultation Summary

RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION, ADVERTISING OBJECTIONS DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Responses

Lake District National Park (LDNP)

No Waiting At Any Time proposals at A591, Elterwater, Dungeon Ghyll and U5532 Pelter Bridge –

Support the 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at Dungeon Ghyll, near Elterwater and the A591 Ambleside. The measures brought in on a temporary basis made a material difference to the traffic and amenity for both residents and visitors in and passing through these locations and we support these measures becoming permanent. These measures were raised through and supported by the multi-agency Tactical Visitor Management Group (now the Strategic Visitor Management Group, SVMG) and were set out in the Area Action Plans developed as part of this group's remit. Really pleased to see the introduction of further restrictions at Pelter Bridge. The parking at this location has led to residents being unable to access their properties and genuine concerns that emergency services would not be able to reach them if needed. These measures were also raised through the SVMG and were supported. Would suggest working with the highways department to ensure signage at the LDNP car park clearly advises that there is no parking beyond that point to prevent people driving up the road 'just in case' and causing congestion.

Response

Thank the Lake District National Park for their comments. An advisory sign which has been ordered with the wording as follows; 'Narrow Lane, No parking or turning beyond this point'. This will be positioned after the entrance to the car park.

Ref No.	Support/ Conditional / Object	Comment(s)	CCC Comments
1	Object	<p>A591 Jenkins Field, Ambleside and A65 Bentnick Drive, Kirkby Lonsdale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of proposed traffic restriction orders are unnecessary, as the roads you seek to control with double yellow lines are already controlled by double white line systems. A double white line system prevents stopping or parking vehicles for its duration, except for specific purposes. <p>The offence is created in Regulation 26 of The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 The restrictions are explained in Rule 240 Highway Code</p> <p>Rule 240 - You MUST NOT stop or park on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the carriageway, an emergency area or a hard shoulder of a motorway except in an emergency (see Rules 270 and 271) • a pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by the zig-zag lines (see Rule 191) • a clearway (see Traffic signs) • taxi bays as indicated by upright signs and markings • an urban clearway within its hours of operation, except to pick up or set down passengers (see Traffic signs) • a road marked with double white lines, even when a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects to proposed restrictions at A591 Jenkins Field, Ambleside and A65 Bentnick Drive, Kirkby Lonsdale. • It is correct that vehicles parked on a road marked with double white lines can receive a fixed penalty notice from the police. The Council, with support from Cumbria Constabulary, have proposed to install no waiting at any time (double yellow line) restrictions so they can be enforced by our Civil Enforcement Officers. This is beneficial in areas where obstructive parking is taking place repeatedly as enforcement levels are increased. A further benefit is that the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers can enforce on both sides of the double yellow line, up to the edge of the highway, meaning they can enforce against vehicles parking on the verge/footway. With regard to the A591 Jenkins Field

		<p>broken white line is on your side of the road, except to pick up or set down passengers, or to load or unload goods</p> <p>The offence in regulation 26, as outlined above, is an endorsable offence (3 points) and may be dealt with by way of fixed penalty notice (£100), or by way of a notice under Section 72 Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 . This this is a police enforcement issue. The roads in question are:</p> <p>A591 Ambleside - Jenkin's Field A65 Kirkby Lonsdale, Bentinck Drive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects to the proposed "Removing the "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions on the A591 Lake Road (south of Waterhead the northbound cycle bypass pull-in)" - The continued use of the waiting restriction is necessary to prevent "pull-in" from being used as a parking space by vehicle users. Cyclists use the pull-in for its intended purpose. Removal of the double yellow lines will only encourage its use as a permitted parking place. 	<p>at Ambleside objection to the removal of No Waiting At Any Time restrictions these are not proposed to be removed but extended. Due to the way legal schedules are written, existing restrictions have to be revoked in the legal wording of the legal schedules and replaced with the wording which includes the proposed extension. As the restrictions in this location have been in place since summer 2022 (under a temporary traffic regulation order which we are proposing to make permanent) the road markings will stay as present., should these be approved at the South Lakeland Locality Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended the proposals are approved.
2	Object	<p>Police Parking Bays (A591 Grasmere and A6 Shap Road, Kendal)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Object to the proposal for the provision of police vehicle parking bays at the locations specified in the above proposal. Understand these bays are intended primarily for the use of speed camera vehicles, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects to the proposals. • Cumbria Constabulary Speed Camera Van team have advised that there is no legal criteria that have to followed for the implementation of the Police parking bays which are also to be used by the Speed Camera Vans.

		<p>however, Home Office and DoT criteria for the siting of speed cameras, fixed or otherwise, are not met at these locations so their deployment cannot be justified and may be unlawful. Oppose any measures which serve to perpetuate what is quite simply an industrial scale penalty farming racket as it is clear these speed camera vans, apart from failing to reduce collisions, may well be actually responsible for causing them through distraction. There are far too many unnecessary penalties being issued often in cases where the speed limit is set well below the 85th percentile and measures ought to be taken to reduce the number of penalties being issued not increasing them.</p>	<p>Both these sites were set up as a result of public concern, investigated by the Casualty Reduction and Safer Highway (CRASH) group made up of Cumbria Constabulary, the highway department and statutory bodies. These sites have been deemed appropriate for enforcement due to the number of vehicles travelling above the speed limit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data provided by Speed Camera Team for Shap Road Kendal indicates that the speed camera van has been deployed 18 times since March 2023 at this location and 747 Notice of Intended Prosecution have been issued.• The deployment of speed camera vans is an important function in reducing vehicle speeds across the Westmorland and Furness Council area and improving road safety.• Introduction of a legal order to make the bays usable only by Police vehicles (and Speed camera vans) will ensure that this important function can continue impeded and should a
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Summary

- Responses received total 3
 - 1 in Support for proposals at A591, Elterwater, Dungeon Ghyll, Pelter Bridge.
 - 1 in Objection to proposals at A591 Jenkins Rise, Ambleside and A65 Bendrick Drive, Kirkby Lonsdale.
 - 1 objection received to the proposed police parking bays at A591 Grasmere and A6 Shap Road, Kendal.
- Having considered all the responses it is recommended that the proposals are approved and implemented as advertised.