

# PLANNING AND HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> March 2020

REPORT TO CONSIDER:
OBJECTION TO THE TRAFFIC REGULATION
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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1. To advise the Committee regarding an objection that has been received, by the Council, in respect of the proposed TRO for the proposed CPMS that is intended in the area of Ashbrooke Phase 2, and to request the committee to not uphold the objection that cannot be resolved within the constraints of the scheme, as set out below.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Committee will be aware that the Council propose to introduce a permit-based CPMS in this area. The CPMS has been designed following extensive consultation with elected Members, residents, businesses and other organisations in the area, and is intended to reduce the amount of indiscriminate and obstructive parking, principally by city centre workers, on the streets within the scheme.
- 2.2. On 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 the CPMS TRO was advertised both on site and in the local press. The 21-days advertisement period gives persons who may object to the scheme, the opportunity to raise their objection formally with the Council.
- 2.3. In response to the TRO advertisement the council received one objection. The proposals are shown on plans in Appendix A, the approximate location of the objector is shown on a plan in Appendix B, with a summary of the objection in Appendix C and a copy of the full objection in Appendix D.

#### 3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1. The Council has a duty under Section 122 of The Highways Act 1980; "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." And "the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises."
- 3.2. The indiscriminate parking at junctions causes difficulty for all users with reduced visibility for pedestrian and vehicular traffic attempting to negotiate the congested streets, thereby increasing danger for said road users to the detriment of highway safety.
- 3.3. Access to premises is affected by commuter parking making it difficult or impossible for residents to park their vehicles in the vicinity of their homes,

causing people to walk greater distances, often carrying goods and supervising children.

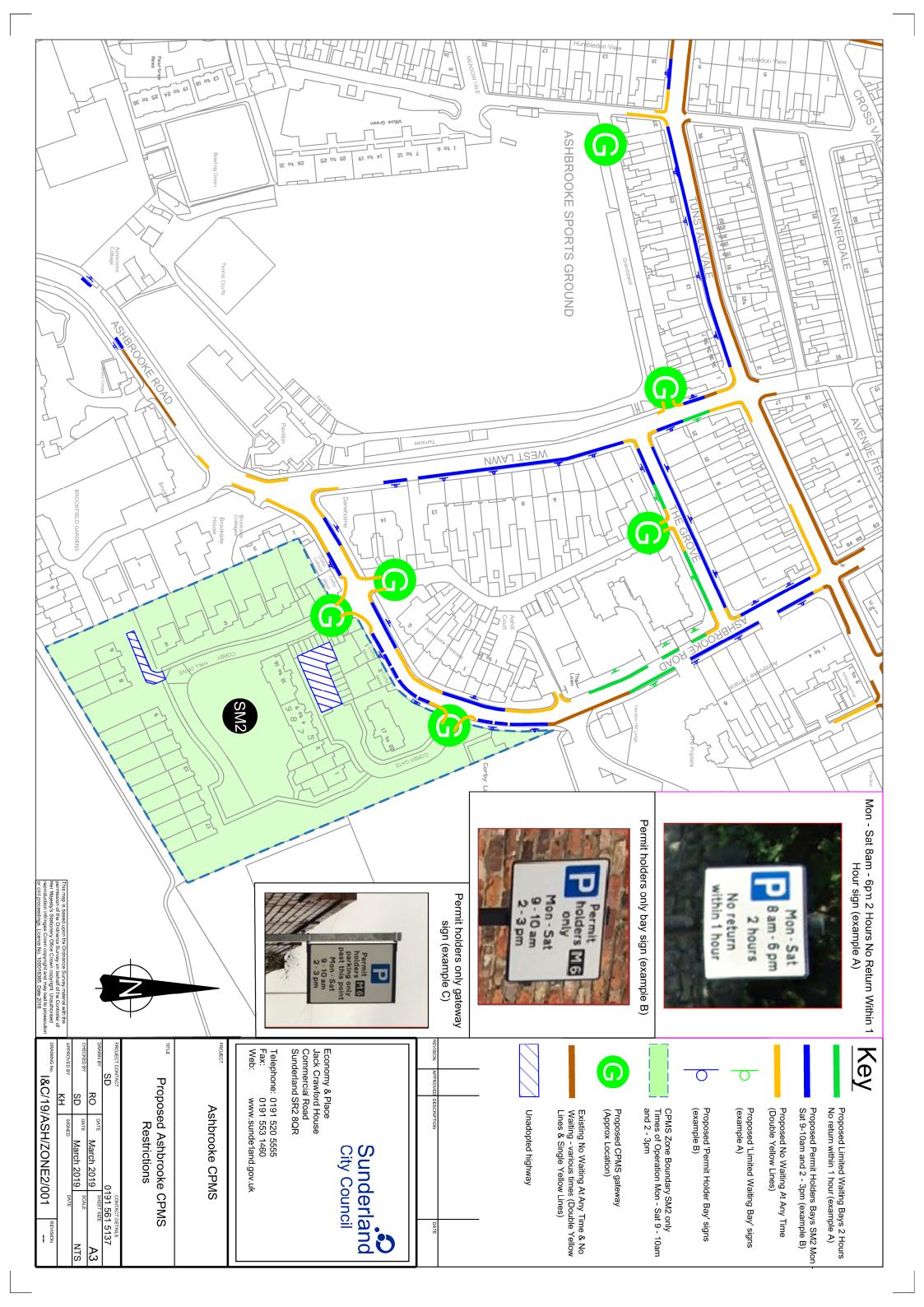
3.4. It is therefore considered necessary to introduce permit based parking areas, designed to deter long stay commuter parking whilst allowing residents and visitors to the area more opportunity to park within said areas. It is also proposed to introduce a number of additional restrictions, including; limited waiting, and no waiting at any time. These restrictions are considered necessary in order to compliment the permit parking areas.

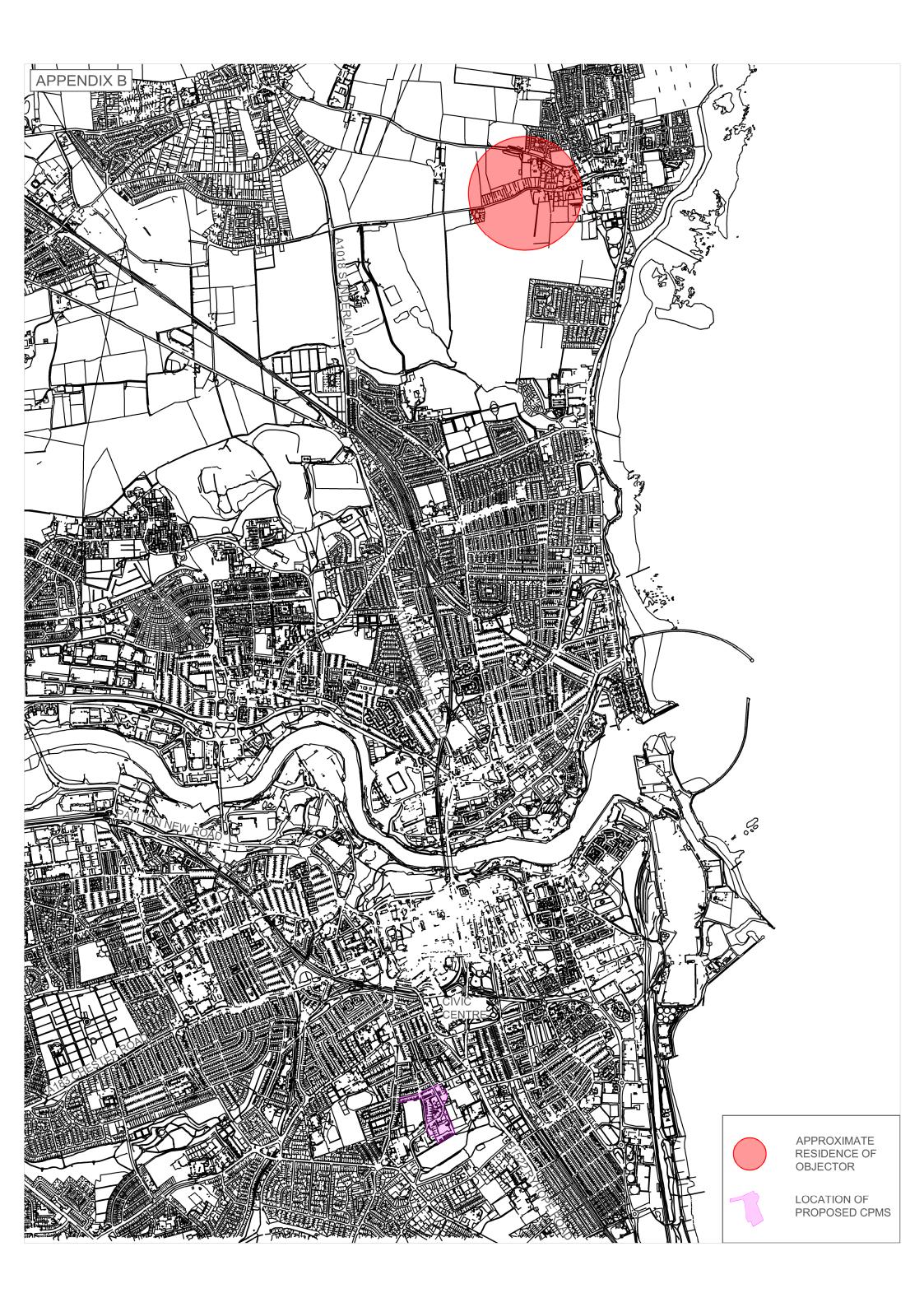
### 4. RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Head of Infrastructure and Transportation be advised that:

- 4.1. The objection to the TRO, for the proposed CPMS in the area of Ashbrooke Phase 2 not be upheld;
- 4.2. The objector is advised accordingly;
- 4.3. All necessary preparatory works are carried out to enable delivery of the CPMS on site.







## APPENDIX C

Objector	Nature of Objection	Consideration of Objection
Objector 1	1. It will restrict free	The scheme is designed to
	movement in the area,	reduce long term commuter
	particularly to visitors.	parking and is only
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	restricted
		for 2 hours per day permit
		parking only (Monday to
		Saturday) between 09:00 -
		10:00 and 14:00 - 15:00
		outside of these hours
		people are free to park
		without a permit.
		Residents can also
		purchase a visitors permit to
		allow visitors to park within
		the restriction times.
		Scratch cards are also
		available for residents
		within the CPMS to
		purchase which allows 10
		daily permits per book,
		adding additional parking
		availability for visitors to the
		area.
		Parking restrictions have
		also been omitted from
		stretches of carriageway
		around the area to allow for
		parking all hours of the day.
	2. It will have a negative	The scheme is designed to
	effect on local businesses	reduce long term commuter
	in the area.	parking and is only
		restricted
		for 2 hours per day permit
		parking only (Monday to
		Saturday) between 09:00 -
		10:00 and 14:00 - 15:00
		outside of these hours
		people are free to park
		without a permit.
		Limited waiting bays are
		proposed around these
		businesses and stretches of
		highway have been
		excluded from any
		restrictions to allow parking.
		Officers met with
		representatives of
		Ashbrooke Sports Ground
		throughout the engagement

	process and also carried out discussions over the phone with members of St John's Church.
3. The area is lightly populated and far enough from the city centre to discourage all day parking.	Complaints, reports and requests were received by Sunderland City Council from both residents and local councillors regarding dangerous and inconsiderate parking around the Ashbrooke area. This included high volumes of vehicles parked in the area all day.



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Dear Mr Waugh,

I have recently received information through the local press that the area around Ashbrooke Road, Tunstall Vale, The Grove and West lawn are to be subject to a CPM scheme

I do not see any justification to include this area in a CPM. There is no evidence to support road tax payers being excluded from parking in this area at certain times

The area is lightly populated and far enough from the city centre to discourage all day parking as well as there being no business operations that would encourage all day parking

Introducing such a scheme is in my opinion extreme localism and rapidly turning areas of the town into ghettos and no-go zones only suitable for the free movement of locals to the exclusion of other city dwellers.

The other serious impact to be considered is Ashbrooke Sports club and activities at St Johns Church.

Ashbrooke sports club is an important facility for the city and used all year round.

If restrictions are applied on a Saturday day time, then what are players from visiting teams and clubs to do about parking. This is likely to have a serious detrimental impact on the long-term viability of the sports club

This will actively discourage sports participation at a time when lack of exercise and obesity are a serious problem in this country.

St johns Church holds various community activities throughout the day involving a lot of elderly and retired people. Again, parking restrictions will discourage attendance at a time when community based social activities have been an important part of mental health and beating loneliness.

Yours sincerely

