

Derbyshire County Council Road

Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The Derbyshire County Council (Various Roads, Castleton, High Peak) (Prohibitions and Restrictions of Waiting, Stopping and Parking) Traffic Regulation Order 2025

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Derbyshire County Council has a duty under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 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.

To do this it appears to the Council that it is expedient to make an order under –

- Section 1 (b) for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road,
- Section 1 (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic,
- Section 1 (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Reason

The old Mam Tor Road and Buxton Road, Castleton

There has been concern raised by the Safer Neighbourhood Team, regarding parking on the old Mam Tor Road and the problems this is causing, with them receiving numerous calls for service. Visitors are parking in the area every day including the weekend and during holidays the road is constantly full of campervans with sometimes up to 50 parked along the road up to the turning circle, which is preventing buses and lorries turning.

There is a Clearway waiting restriction in place, but this is not effectively signed, due to removal of signs in the past and the lack of understanding from the motorist on what a Clearway means. The majority of those parking are tourists so the turnover of those ticketed is rapid as the next day it is a different person from out of the area parking up. The Police's Safer Neighbourhood Team have been advising drivers and doing media releases on social media to inform motorists that though there are no lines there is a Clearway restriction in place. It is proposed therefore, to introduce a Red Route.

A Red Route which is a No Stopping at Any Time (indicated by double red lines painted on the road) between the parking bays and including the turning circle at the top of Old Mam Tor Road. The double red lines are the same restriction as the Clearway, no stopping at any time, the only difference is that the double red lines cover the verge as well, a Clearway does not. The only vehicles that can stop on a red route are licenced taxis or disabled blue badge holders, but they can only do so for the purpose of picking up or dropping off – there is no parking allowed.

The red lines means that there is no diminishment of the restriction in place, it is just that the lines can be painted on the road. It is appreciated that lines are not always aesthetically pleasing within a countryside environment, but the lines can be laid at a minimum width and the red colour is less of a contrast with the road surface.

Signs are not required, but it is intended to erect temporary information notices for the first six months to inform motorists what the restriction means. Though it should be noted that this lining is used extensively throughout the UK.

There are currently parking bays on this section of Mam Tor Road which currently operate at weekends and bank holidays only. However, visitors are coming to the area throughout the week and therefore, at these times the parking is not being managed. It is proposed to retain these bays as Pay and Display bays, but operating all days of the week, between 9am and 5pm, where the maximum stay will be 4 hours no return within 1 hour. This will ensure that there is a turnover of parking space in these bays.

Further up Mam Tor Road, will be the marked parking bays are being defined as General Parking Places at all times, allowing any vehicle to park there unrestricted. This is as long as they are parked wholly within the bay otherwise the stopping prohibition would take effect.

On Buxton Road, on the south side, as with the old Mam Tor Road, the Pay and Display bays are being retained, but to operate 9am to 5pm, maximum stay 4 hours and no return in 1 hour all days. Again, to ensure that there is sufficient turnover of vehicles for visitors to this area.

Unnamed Road to Blue John Cavern turning head, Unnamed Road to Sparrowpit and Unnamed Road from Rushup Edge Farm, Castleton

Existing double yellow lines will be replaced with the introduction of a Red Route.

How Lane, Weaving Avenue, Castleton

Parking is currently occurring adjacent to the solid white line system on How Lane increasing in intensity during the height of the holiday season. Currently, the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers are unable to ticket a vehicle purely due to it being parked adjacent to the solid white line, even though there is a willingness to do so. Therefore, it is intended to introduce double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) along the length of How Lane where the solid white lines are located. This is up to the entrance to the YHA Castleton, Losehill Hall site entrance.

On Weaving Avenue, this increased visitor parking causes issues for the property closest to the junction with How Lane at times blocking the resident from leaving or accessing their driveway. It is therefore, intended to extend the existing double yellow lines currently at the junction with How Lane, further into Weaving Avenue to protect the resident's access.

Back Street, Castle Street and Pindale Road, Castleton

The opportunity is being taken to create some blue badge parking bays on both Castle Street and Back Street to assist those visitors to the nearby St Edmund Church. These are intended to operate all days, 9am to 5pm, maximum stay 3 hours with no return within 1 hour, affording the opportunity for visitors to use the bays during this time and local residents outside this period.

The current single yellow line on the east side of Back Street will be converted to a double yellow line, to support the prospective increase in traffic manoeuvres in the bay opposite and also remove any parking that currently occurs on this narrow street as the single yellow line only operates Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays and only from 8am to 6pm.

On Pindale Road there is an existing single yellow line, signed as no waiting Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays 8am to 8pm. However, given the increase in the attractiveness of this area to visitors within the week and in line with the changes made to Back Street and Castle Street, it is proposed to change the restriction to No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow line).

As double yellow line restrictions require no signage, this will also enable the removal of the existing time plates for the single yellow line which will reduce sign clutter.

Millbridge

Concern has also been raised at the parking occurring on Millbridge in the vicinity of Trickett Close. This parking is preventing local farming vehicles getting through along with a number of buses and coaches taking visitors to the local Hollowford outdoor Centre.

Unnamed Road to Blue John Cavern turning head

Finally, a request has been received from Blue John Cavern for some limited waiting bays to be created on the unnamed Road to Blue John Cavern turning head, in the vicinity of their entrance. It is therefore, proposed to convert, 10 of the unrestricted bays into limited waiting bays. Operating all days, 9am to 5pm, with waiting is limited to 2 hours, no return within 1 hour. This time period, it has been agreed with Blue John Cavern, as being sufficient to cover the time required to visit the venue. It will ensure that there is a turnover within these bays.

The proposals are more particularly delineated in the draft Order which accompanies this Statement.

Under Delegated Officer Approval, following consultations with the Local Member it was agreed to make the Order, subject to the consideration of any objections which may be received following the public advertisement of the proposals.

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