

Appendix B– Responders original correspondence

Date received	Comments
<p>14.03.19 email Business</p>	<p>We refer to your proposals regarding waiting restrictions on Arthington Street/Whiting Street/Valley Road, this being the third of such applications in the last 20 years. We would draw your attention to the fact that three of the four businesses to the North side of Whiting Street, including ourselves have not received the notification of proposed traffic regulation order. The notification was only passed to ourselves by the occupants of 2 Whiting Street on 9th March 2019, thus allowing insufficient time to prepare any comments in support of, or against the proposals. Furthermore, the principals of two of the businesses are unavailable until week commencing 18th March 2019 to provide their documentation. To allow for the fulfilment of their obligations the authority should extend the closing date by a suitable period of time, such that the public is given their opportunity to respond.</p> <p>We would like to register our strongest objections to the proposed restrictions and comment as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We initially question the validity of the reasoning stated in your proposal, in that it will facilitate the movement of traffic and improve access and visibility at junctions for all road users. This company has been located here since 1992 and has never had any problems with access, visibility or movement of ours and our suppliers vehicles that would be enhanced by these proposals. We would make the point that all our suppliers are under strict instructions to never deliver with oversized articulated vehicles as the road system, access, egress, lack of turning facilities and local semi residential environment is inappropriate for the pollution, noise, obstructions and other problems associated with this type of traffic. 2. To our knowledge the waste refuse personnel attending this location has never had any issues undertaking their tasks. We have small to medium sized lorry deliveries and none have ever failed to undertake their task. 3. We have taken the action of keeping the access gates to our development closed as the use of our entry by neighbours oversized 40 tonne vehicles for turning has rendered the drains cracked and damaged. 4 The proposal if passed would result in a much reduced level of parking for the local community and employees, as a result of these restrictions. This will thus congest the remaining road space and cause an unacceptable level of blockages for the general road users, pollution and safety levels will be detrimental to the environment. The day to day retail shopping customers to the food wholesaler on Whiting Street will particularly clog up the whole area rendering it impassable. 5. The proposed restrictions would create a general level of hardship to the other businesses their employees and the residential tenants on Whiting Street. 6. It is clear to those residing and working within the local environment that the by far the biggest issue of congestion, access, visibility, pollution, vehicular turning, health and safety is being created by the presence of

	<p>articulated vehicles entering the local environment from Valley Road.</p> <p>7. The local authority has a duty and obligation to the local community to create as safe and healthy environment as reasonably possible. This would easily be satisfied by vehicle weight restrictions at the junction of Valley Road and Arthington Street</p> <p>8. We consider that the local authority has an obligation to take no further action until the concerns detailed above have been fully investigated, directly consulted upon with the local community, residential and business as a very minimum. The authority should undertake a 24hr/7 day monitoring exercise to satisfy themselves that this proposal will resolve the issues to which their proposal alludes.</p> <p>9. This is the third waiting restriction, Proposed Traffic Regulation Order since the food retailer and wholesaler moved into Whiting Street. On the previous occasions the local businesses informed the authority of their reservations that very similar waiting restrictions to these would not deliver an improvement to the general road users, but would in fact be detrimental, as the use of articulated vehicles into the local environment would potentially increase and thereby degrade the local environment. A new set of business owners are now resident and have lesser experience of the history. However, they are now starting to recognise and complain about the situation.</p> <p>10. We are attaching some evidential material that demonstrates the main platform of the traffic issues at this location that is detrimental to general road users and reflects upon the authorities past failures to correctly address the issues experienced by the local community. Another opportunity now presents itself; we must avoid getting it wrong again.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>
