



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

27/03/2020

Proposed Resident Permit Parking Only, Giles Place, Hexham
Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of a proposed Resident Permit Parking Only on Giles Place, Hexham.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the following parking restrictions are introduced:
'Resident Permit Parking Only' on Giles Place, Hexham.

Link to Corporate Plan

Living - "We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for"

Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"

Learning - "We want you to achieve and realise your potential"

Key Issues

1. Residents have raised road safety concerns for both pedestrians and motorists caused by parked vehicles on Giles Place, Hexham.
2. The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Cessford, through his Members' Local Improvement Allowance.

Background

1. Residents contacted their local Ward member with concerns regarding safety issues for both pedestrians and motorists caused by parked cars on Giles Place, Hexham.
2. Indiscriminate parking on the road is making it difficult for residents to negotiate this road safely.
3. After meeting with Councillor Cessford, officers proposed that 'Resident Permit Parking' restrictions be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns.
4. A consultation letter was sent to 16 residents and 18 statutory consultees on the proposed parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter is attached in Appendix A.
5. 10 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 10 in favour and 0 against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
6. The results of the consultation were discussed with Councillor Cessford, who agreed that a detailed design should be drawn up showing the precise nature of the scheme and that residents should be re-consulted to ensure clarity. A key amendment to the scheme included the change from a single yellow line to a double yellow line on the opposite side of the proposed 'Resident Permit Parking Only' bays. This would ensure the free flow of traffic can be maintained where road widths are limited.
7. A second detailed consultation letter was sent to 16 residents and 18 statutory consultees on the proposed parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter and detailed plan are attached in Appendix C.
8. 11 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 10 in favour and 1 against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix D.
9. The results of the second consultation were discussed with Councillor Cessford, who agreed that the restrictions should be amended as requested by residents to include 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines) as shown on the attached plan as Appendix E.

Delegated Decision

Delegated Decision

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Members Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Cessford
Legal	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
Procurement	
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
Risk Assessment	The scheme has been designed to minimise the road safety concerns that are caused by indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. Obstruction / congestion of the highway
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for residents and road users in the area
Carbon reduction	N/A
Wards	Hexham Central with Acomb

Delegated Decision

Background papers:

File ref: 2019/006 - HO196625

Appendix Index

Appendix A - Consultation Letter

Appendix B - Consultation Responses

Appendix C - 2nd Consultation Letter and Detailed Plan

Appendix D - 2nd Consultation Responses

Appendix E - Proposed Plan

Author and Contact Details

Report Author ***Sarah Hudson Technical Assistant (M.S.S)***

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed Resident Permit Parking
Zone on Giles Place, Hexham.

Consultation:

For:	10
Against:	0
Neutral:	0

Detailed Consultation:

For:	10
Against:	1
Neutral:	0

Decision Taken: To introduce the parking restrictions
as proposed.

Signature of Director



Date

16th June 2020

Appendix A



Your ref:
Our ref: 2019/006
Enquiries to: Ms Sarah Hudson
Email: HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk
Tel: 0345 600 6400
Date: Tuesday 28th May 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Resident Permit Parking Zone Giles Place, Hexham

Concerns have been raised by residents of Giles Place in Hexham about indiscriminate parking by non-residents, causing obstruction issues and parking problems.

Councillor Cessford has therefore agreed to fund the introduction of a residents permit parking zone only if there is a favourable consultation with residents.

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the proposals, to introduce a 'Residents Parking Zone' at Giles Place, Hexham.

Signs would be erected as necessary indicating where Resident Permit Parking is in operation. Bays would not be provided within the zone as they are not required for this type of restriction. To cover administrative costs, residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits. (Currently £25 a year per permit, equivalent to £2.08 per month). A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking.

A freepost response form is enclosed for you to return your views, or you can email them to HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk. I would welcome a reply by **Friday 12th July 2019**. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to all individual comments. You may also wish to note that any comments received may be included in a Decision Report and may be available for public inspection.

I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

Yours faithfully

S Hudson
Sarah Hudson
Technical Assistant (Members Small Schemes)



County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF
E: highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk



Delegated Decision

Appendix B

Post Code	F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
NE47 7JJ	1			Impossible to park Mon to Sat inclusive Sun after 6 easier. Blocked by white van and or trailer in middle of road. Residents and their visitors unable to park or blocked in. Workers parking with car park few steps away and residents unable to park!
CA8 7JN	1			I support this so I can visit my granddaughter anytime of the day not just after 5pm. You cannot park on this street during the day. Its full. The evenings and Sundays are empty.
CA8 7JQ	1			When visiting my family, I have to park in Wentworth car park regularly during the week as I am unable to park. Whenever I visit in the evenings I have no problem, the street is empty. When your visiting family you don't really want to have to change disc zones every hour. Especially if it's an all day or overnight trip. I have found it very difficult to visit before 5pm. Very unfair for residents. Sometimes I cannot even drive through the rear of Giles Place as inconsiderate road users completely block the road.
NE46 3QE	1			The street after 5-6pm holds very few cars (2-3 on occasions). The street during the day is full with some cars restricting access to Giles Place or blocking Giles Place in full. Cars arrive 9-10am park until 5-6pm. Residents have to park in Wentworth to access their own homes, to allow many workers to park. Parking is available all day in many locations around Hexham for workers. When cars regularly block the street, due to inconsiderate parking there would be no access for emergencies. Residents are often found blocked in and out of their own homes due to this.
NE46 3QL	1			
NE46 3QE	1			Hi, I definitely agree. That's great news as several times a week I have to park outside other people's houses and many times I've had people giving me abuse for parking in a street which does not belong to me. Plus this will save the drink drivers who use these bays outside Giles Place to go to and from the pub (Tannery).
NE46 3QE				Dangerous parking to the rear causes distress when ample parking for workers is provided free of charge within 500m walking distance from Giles Place. Parking and obstructions are just unnecessary and unfair to residents of Giles Place.
NE46 3QL	1			I do not own a car and therefore I am only interested in the permits for visitors which I would purchase. I do not think that there are issues with some residents causing obstruction issues and parking problems. When people are renovating houses there are vans and trailers parked in the middle of the road for a substantial amount of time. Some residents are also parking a foot to two feet on the kerb and on such a small street it is often difficult to get in through your own front door. There are now properties which are holiday lets and this can mean two extra vehicles at times on the street. I therefore think that only one permit per household should be provided. There are no speed restrictions on this street and it is NOT a one-way system; this adds to the problems.
NE46 3QN	1			I support the proposals if Glovers Place, Holy Island are included. I think if Giles Place gets a residents parking zone, Glovers Place, Holy Island and Albion Terrace MUST also be included in that parking zone. Cars that can no longer park at Giles Place will simply park in the street behind. If anything it is probably harder for residents to park in Glovers Place and Holy Island than it is to park in Giles Place. I have a disabled parking bay outside xx Glovers Place and I quite often come home to find people parked in it, when the street is full.
NE46 3QL	1			Is it 75% of occupied houses? Sometimes the road is completely blocked. There are so many cars and vans parked that the kerbs are being tipped up and broken, this makes the pavement dangerous.
NE46 3QN	1			I support the idea of a residents parking scheme for Glovers Place, however I would not want a scheme which made the already difficult parking on Glovers Place worse. This could happen if the residents of Giles Place were given parking rights on Glovers Place when they can have had no expectation of parking at their front doors when they moved in. I'm sure a scheme can be designed that would satisfy the residents making full use of the available local streets and perhaps including the already existing nearby residents parking scheme. I note in terms of achieving 75% in favour there are some empty properties on Glovers Place/Holy Island at the moment. Most importantly the residents need to have possible schemes discussed with them!
				I attach several photographs, in support of the application for Residents Parking at Giles Place, Hexham. Photographs - include busy during the day street with road blocking happening regularly when residents can't park outside their own homes. Photographs of empty or near empty street Sundays and evenings when workers are not parking unnecessarily. Thank you for your support in taking the time to look at this very dangerous and illegal situation that happens here.
	10	0	0	

Appendix C



Northumberland County Council

Your ref:
Our ref: 2019/006
Enquiries to: Ms Sarah Hudson
Email: HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk
Tel: 0345 600 6400
Date: Thursday 30th January 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Resident Permit Parking Giles Place, Hexham

In May 2019, all residents of the above area were consulted on the above proposals. The consultation exercise ended on 12th July 2019, and responses were received from 12 consultees with 12 in favour, 0 against and 0 neither for nor against the proposed measures.

Councillor Cessford has therefore agreed to fund the introduction of residents permit parking only if there is a favourable consultation with residents.

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the proposals, to introduce 'Residents Permit Parking' at Giles Place, Hexham as shown on the attached plan.

Signs would be erected indicating where Resident Permit Parking is in operation. Bays would be provided along with Double Yellow Lines and Single Yellow Lines. To cover administrative costs, residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits. (Currently £25 a year per permit, equivalent to £2.08 per month). A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking. Please note that a permit does not guarantee a parking space.

A freepost response form is enclosed for you to return your views, or you can email them to HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk. I would welcome a reply by **Friday 13th March 2020**. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to all individual comments. You may also wish to note that any comments received may be included in a Decision Report and may be available for public inspection.

I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

Yours faithfully

S Hudson

Sarah Hudson
Technical Assistant (Members Small Schemes)



County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF
E: highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk



Appendix D

Post Code	FOR	AGAINST	OTHER RELEVANT COMMENTS
NE46 3QE	1		that's great news This is long overdue to stop very dangerous parking, to make the access to and from Giles place much safer. Also to stop inappropriate and inconsiderate parking. The double yellow lines are a fabulous idea and will limit poor visibility to a main road. It is possible to extend the residents parking to be in line with the proposed double yellow lines in front of the grade one listed building to help support this area too? This will stop and limit inappropriate parking making access to and from the rear of Giles place much safer?
NE46 3QE	1		Fully support the permit parking and for £25 per year it's very reasonably priced Fully support as a visitor to family in Giles place. Very much needed and long overdue. The unsafe parking here has been terrible and no consideration to others or emergency services with the Vans and cars regular blocking a main public road. This will make visiting family much safer and residents being able to properly be very necessary. This should not be used as a car parking area for workers. Plan looks reasonable and safe. Single yellow lines to the rear of Giles place would this encourage double parking? Why not extend the permit parking further in front of the grade 1 listed building?
CA8 7JD	1		It might be worth adding this zone to the zone H residents parking scheme rather than creating a separate scheme given the under utilisation of the space available on Circle Place.
NE46 3QN	1		no comment
NE46 3QE	1		I run a business which has 9 employees at Giles Place, Hexham. Parking is already difficult for both ourselves and our clients. I do not agree with the proposed residents' parking permits as businesses cannot apply for permits even though I own the premises.
NE46 3QE	1		I submitted my feelings regarding Giles place parking and I would like to add that I am concerned about the single yellow line to the rear of the Giles place properties. I fully support the proposal and keen for permit parking as a resident. This single line is unsafe as will cause double parking and restrict access to 2 properties. Also emergency services should people choose to double park after 6pm. This is already a very narrow street without double parking.
NE46 3QE		1	no comments
NE46 3QN	1		I fully support the planned residents parking. I live at Glovers Place and have a disabled parking bay outside my house. I've had the bay for a few years now and find when the street is full, people will park in my bay.
NE46 3QN	1		I am writing rep the above to confirm my partner and I are in favour of the permit parking. I am writing in relation to the proposed resident permit parking at Giles Place, Hexham (ref: 2019008). As stated in our initial request to the council we would ask for the proposed double yellow lines in front of 1 Holly Island (Holly Island Cottage) to be extended to also cover the front of 2 Holly Island (Holly Island House). This would be in order to protect this Grade II listed building, the oldest residential building in Hexham, keep clear the public view of this historic building, as well ensuring the low level windows at this property are not blocked. If the above is not possible we would request disabled parking provision be allocated here instead to reduce the parking at the front of the property and assist my wife who is registered disabled. Often vehicles park in front of the door and onto the small pavement making access very difficult.
NE46 3QL		1	I would be grateful if you can add my name to the list to say I am one of the others I think it is a good idea.

[illegible]

