



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

PROPOSED 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON COLLYWELL BAY ROAD IN SEATON SLUICE

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

1st December 2022

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Collywell Bay Road in Seaton Sluice due to parking concerns.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposals to introduce a "No Waiting at Any Time" (Double Yellow Lines) parking restriction on Collywell Bay Road in Seaton Sluice are **not** approved.

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

Concerns have been raised with the local councillor about inconsiderate parking on Collywell Bay Road in Seaton Sluice.

Background

1. A consultation letter was sent to 43 residents and 26 statutory consultees on the proposed parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter is attached in Appendix A.

Delegated Decision

1. 34 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 21 in favour and 13 against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
2. The results showed a marginal majority in favour of the proposal. However, there were concerns in relation to the proposed restrictions moving the parked vehicles in front of residents properties.
3. The results of the consultation were discussed with Councillor Ferguson. Councillor Ferguson commented 'It was useful as a consultation exercise but we can see no gain in progressing with the scheme'.

Delegated Decision

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	None
Legal	None
Procurement	None
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	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	None
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Hartley

Delegated Decision

Background papers:

File reference – HO210092 – 2021/099

Appendix A – Consultation Letter & Plan

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Author and Contact Details

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Delegated Decision

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed “No Waiting at Any Time” parking restrictions on Collywell Bay Road in Seaton Sluice

Consultation: For – 21
Against – 13
Neither - 0

Decision Taken: To **not** introduce a “No Waiting at Any Time” parking restrictions on Collywell Bay Road in Seaton Sluice

Signature of Director



Date

06.12.22



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The Occupier

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,
 Collywell Bay Road, Seaton Sluice**

Concerns have been raised with County Councillor Ferguson, regarding vehicles being parked on Collywell Bay Road, causing potential traffic safety issues. It is reported that vehicles are having difficulty negotiating this area safely. Councillor Ferguson has therefore requested that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced on one side of this road in order to alleviate these concerns, as shown on the attached plan.

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 advise you on the proposed introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions on Collywell Bay Road, Seaton Sluice as shown on the attached plan.

The County Council is seeking your views on the proposals and a freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that comments received will be carefully considered.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Director for Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is **Friday 5th August 2022**. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

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.

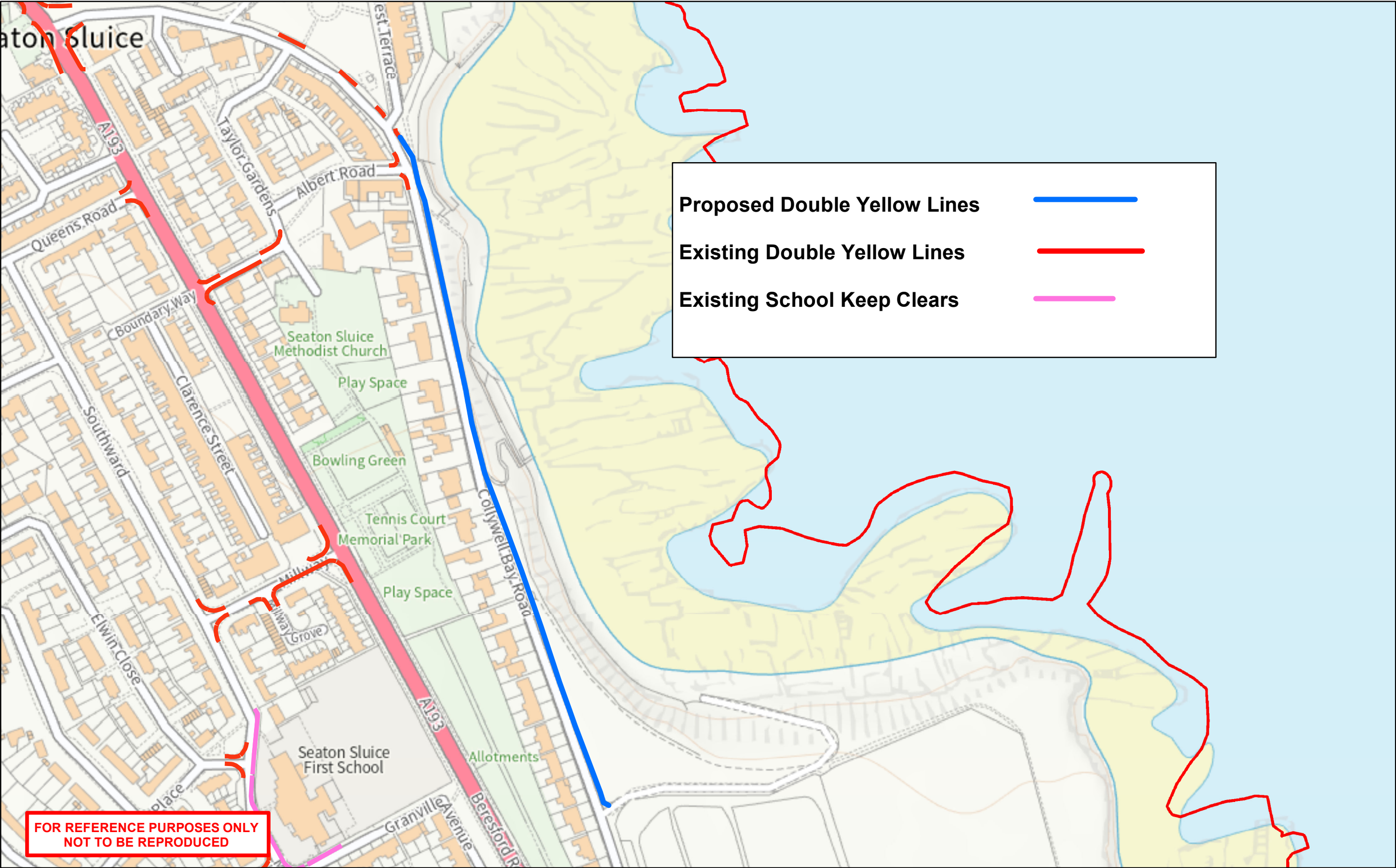
Yours faithfully

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Post Code	F O R T E R	A G A I N S T E R	Other Relevant Comments
		1	We support local businesses such as the pubs, club and Castaways Tea Room, without parking the businesses would suffer a downside in trade, they employ local people, including family of ours, and restricting parking may cause potential customers to go elsewhere. We both work in hospitality and know all too well how challenging the last few years have been. With further restrictions it's more likely that visitors to the area would park outside our garages to visit the beach on Collywell Bay or the tea rooms, leaving no access to our property/garage or a place to park ourselves. We have a large family with X adult children, all who drive, therefore we need parking near our residential home location. If the coast side of Collywell Bay Road has double yellow lines, homes with limited of-street parking will be penalised. Since the first restrictions we see challenger's with parking, this would make it worse for residents not better. The existing double yellow lines have not improved either the parking or safety of the area, as disabled badge holders park on double yellow lines and enforcement officers don't currently patrol in the area, the last time being good Friday, which doesn't seem to support the requirements for further restrictions. The officer in question mentioned that even though we're residents, if we park to close to the yellow lines we would receive a parking notice. Like Mr XX our neighbour, we would suggest additional parking rather than restrictions via double yellow lines, we would also support a reduction to 20mph which seems to be successfully rolled out in other residential areas. I am available to further discuss my concerns, should either of you require further information?
NE26 4QY	1		The parking situation around Collywell Bay Road/Taylor Gardens/Albert Road has become increasing unbearable over the last few years., and once we get the proposed 20mph signs erected at Taylor Gardens/Albert road should have a significant result around the area. Thank you.
NE26 4QY	1		Proposed No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Collywell Bay Road. I wish to comment on the proposals. I have attached copy photographs to illustrate the parking issue and the necessity for the yellow lines as I have marked along Collywell Bay Road. You can see the parking issue not only from cars but commercial vehicles which makes it impossible for traffic to pass or find a break in traffic to pass safely. This situation has become worse year on year since covid restrictions came to an end. The volume of parked cars has become a safety issue for residents and emergency and NCC vehicles and it would seem right that residents comments should take precedence over those visits who may only visit occasionally and do not have to live with the issue on a daily basis you will also note some existing yellow lines have disappeared as marked on the attached plan. Also to extend the yellow lines north to the Tower house and west in front of Castaways tea shop to prevent this continuous obstruction of the highway. The East side of Collywell Bay Road is a registered coastal cycle way.
		1	Proposed parking restrictions. I am strongly opposed to the proposals and the following is the text of an email sent to the Councillor. - I will not be supporting the proposals for the following reasons. General-if no alternative parking is created then restrictions like this only make matters worse for residents by transferring the problem somewhere else. So I ask you ... where will the people who currently park on the blue line park their vehicles? In particular, the family who live on the corner of Collywell Bay Road and Collywell Court/Albert Road. They currently own 3 cars and get regular visitors who also need to park. With the restrictions in place, where will they park? Re: the sketch (enclosed) the area I have marked is used by customers of Castaways and persons accessing the beach via the pedestrian ramp and general visitors. Where are they going to park? I know the "Where will they park" answer ... In front of other residents houses, driveways, garages Castaways Teashop etc and thus persons who live there will not be able to park next to or even near their own homes. There are two areas which could be at least partly converted into car parking i.e. the bland looking dog toilets that are the West Terrace Green and the grassed area in front of the Community Centre.
NE26 4QU	1		no comments
NE26 4QZ		1	no comments
NE26 4QZ	1		My concern is if you put parking restrictions on other side of the road we as residents will never get a space outside of our home, ideally we would be better off with permits to allow us to park in our own street. The road is very busy due to motorists coming off main road to miss speed cameras but we have to put up with them speeding down Collywell and a load of abuse if you get in their way. I've always been concerned about parking on other side of road for visitors but I do think it is too busy now. So I suggest permits and stop the road being used as a racing track and please think about residents as we can't park up if someone is in our space.
NE26 4QU	1		no comments

		1	<p>First off I could not be more against the proposed no waiting at any time on the top section of Collywell Bay Road if there is an issue on this section it is just going to make it even worse on the section I live on if that is even possible as cars will just move further down Collywell where I live and where parking is already an absolute nightmare as I can never get parked. I live between the cafe and the Waterford Arms opposite the war memorial, approx. 2 years ago work was carried out on Beresford Road and traffic was diverted along Collywell and at this time the section from the cafe to the Waterford Arms was made for residents only parking, so it is known that parking on this section is a massive issue I sit at my window seat and it is car after car if a car moves out of a space there is another car in that space within seconds. People going to chip shop, kings Arms, Waterford Arms, cafe which all have their own parking but I don't as I live in an upstairs flat. All along the coastline Tynemouth, Whitley Bay it is residents parking and pay parking at car parks the issue on Collywell Bay Road will never improve unless the section of Road from Cafe to Waterford Arms is residents parking only. Why has this not happened yet? No waiting on this section marked on the map how does this alleviate the problem? It will just push cars further down Collywell Bay Road. All residents on Collywell Bay Road are having problems parking why have you just addressed to top section? Surely residential parking is the way to go, the council receive monies from residents permits and residents have no problem parking it's a win win situation.</p>
NE26 4QZ	1		We fully support the proposal for double yellow lines at Collywell Bay Road as sometimes it is a nightmare negotiating driving up the road.
NE26 4RF	1		I am in favour of the proposed "No Waiting" on Collywell Bay Road, however I am a little concerned that this will "Force" visitors to park on the residential side of the road making it challenging for residents to park at busy times as this is already an issue. A suggestion would be to enforce a permit system for residents in line with other popular coastal towns (Whitley Bay/Tynemouth) Visitors should be encouraged to park at beach car parks or links car park and perhaps NCC could implement changes/ticketing at these car parks to re-invest in local community.
NE26 4RF	1		14 days a year between 10am and 3.00pm. As a resident of Collywell Bay Road for past 32 years I have noticed an increase in vehicle traffic BUT ONLY as above mainly on Sunny Bank holidays and weekends. People attend between about 10am and leave in late afternoon. Double yellow lines will be in force 24 hrs a day - 365 days a year and will just move cars to the other side of the road i.e. causing more problems for residents. It appears to me this is using a sledge hammer to crack a nut. Most days the street is free flowing without major problems.
NE26 4RF	1		On balance I am broadly supportive as parking can be an issue on some days of the year and the problem is increasing. However this is only an issue on some days ie summer or special events so measure may be disproportionate. Risk is that it is became more difficult for residents without off road parking not being able to park outside home on busy days.
NE26 4RF	1		While we fully approve of the proposed parking restrictions, we feel this is not enough to alleviate the problem. As Collywell Bay Road is residential from Castaways southwards. We believe a one way system is needed, as residents and visitors will then park on the west side of the road, virtually making it single track. This leaves less gaps for people to pull into when driving north, to give way to oncoming traffic. Having everyone park on the west side also makes it difficult for residents to see oncoming traffic when pulling out of their driveways, and thoughtless visitors often park so close to residents driveways that it's difficult to manoeuvre their cars out. We also believe the road should be made a 20mph limit.
NE26 4RF	1		I agree that parking restrictions are needed on Collywell Bay road. The main problem is at the northern end of the Street from the ramp down to the bay and to Beresford Road, with parking on both sides of the road causing difficulties for some drivers. The problem is that imposing parking restrictions at the bottom of the street will mean motorists will park further up the road, not everyone parks sensibly. Collywell Bay Road is often congested, especially at weekends and an easier flow of traffic will mean an increase in the speed of traffic which can be ridiculously fast anyway. I realise that it is a difficult situation but I think it may solve one problem but only increase another. Speeding is a major problem on our street, especially with young drivers racing up the street at crazy speeds on a road that is popular with dog walkers and pedestrians. Perhaps Councillor X would like to bring that to the attention of the council. It may be worthwhile meeting with residents to discuss the problem.
NE26 4RF	1		1) Double yellow lines running alongside a nice old stone wall will spoil the unspoilt look of the road. 2) we have a real problem with speeding cars along the road late at night. Cars on 2 sides act to slow them down a little, but if they had a clear run down one side of the road, I fear the speeds would go up and more people may choose the road as a good option for racing along. 3) If you did go ahead with the double yellows, it seems daft to end them before the gate (at the southern end of your diagram) as the reminder of Collywell Bay Road to the south of that point curves on its way to joining Beresford road, and is currently quite dangerous with cars heading North along Collywell Bay road coming around the corner on the other side of the road. If that was the only part of the road without the double yellows then I think many more cars would be parked at the south end of the road and make it more dangerous. (a helpful more idea could be if one of the houses half way up the street reduced their number of vehicles - the street would suddenly be pretty clear)
NE26 4RF	1		Having double yellow lines as proposed will alleviate the problem of having cars parked opposite our driveway creating difficulties for getting our cars in and out but, more importantly, create a hazard for people exiting the coastal path where there's no pavement. The last large vehicle dumped there wasn't moved for several weeks. The most difficult part of the road to negotiate however is the section between Castaways and the health centre as its on two bends and it's almost impossible to see if somethings coming towards you. I am disappointed that the proposal doesn't include the addition of continuous yellow lines here. the road has become a lot busier in recent years and has to provide a safe environment for vehicles from the many cyclists to delivery lorries, learner drivers, vans and even a National Express bus the other day. Would a 20mph speed limit be considered to help make it safer?

NE26 4RG	1	<p>1) Anyone who has Difficulty negotiating this area safely should not be driving. 2) Parking on both sides of the road contributes to reducing speeding, as long as an HGV/Fire Engine/Ambulance can pass it is not a problem.3) We should be encouraging people to visit the area, as it contributes to the local economy, not discouraging them. 4) The Council should not pander to the "part" element in the street who consider No-one else should use it. We all pay our council tax. 5)A number of residents in the street have company vans, we agreed 25 years ago when speed bumps were denied that we would always park both sides to help reduce speeding, which has to an extent worked well. 6) Double yellow lines will encourage speeding, particularly at night. 7) I hope this is carefully considered unlike your design to stop cyclists using the cliff top path, which was ultimately proved to be illegal!! 8) Allotment users often park in the street and use the cut to carry their tools to their gardens, they should not be prevented from doing so.</p>
NE26 4RG	1	<p>The area has many visitors and they should be encouraged to visit and park in the village especially near the sea. People go fishing and also the gardeners looking after their allotments behind Collywell will not be able to park. I do not believe that any competent driver would have "difficulty negotiating safely" there are lots of streets all over the country which have cars parked on both sides, this actually make is safer NOT unsafe because the cars must slow down, occasionally when the street is empty you can hear the cars speeding up and down the road, no parking will definitely make this considerably worse with the speeding cars having a clear road to race down. I believe that local business will suffer as the potential customer will have no parking space, it has been a bad time for local business and now just as they are getting back to work since Covid they will be hit with another blow. The area is for everyone not just residents, it is a particularly pleasant place to visit, everyone pays their council tax regardless of where they live.</p>
NE26 4RG	1	<p>The proposed blue line should continue all the way up to Beresford Road to stop any potential traffic problem being moved up to the top of Collywell Bay Road</p>
NE26 4RG	1	<p>I am concerned that residents parking outside their properties may be affected!</p>
NE26 4RG	1	<p>The traffic hazards referred to in your letter are not caused by the residents, they are caused by high delivery lorries using Collywell Bay Road as a short cut through the village because of slower moving traffic on Beresford Road. Boy racers are also a problem and increased tourist. Yellow lines would simply force all vehicles to the West side of the road and create the perfect clearway for the to drive even faster endangering children, pedestrians & cyclists. a more logical approach would be to create a Residents Only Access to Collywell Bay Road with a 20mph speed limit</p>
NE26 4RG	1	<p>Collywell Bay Road suffers from speeding cars, often in excess of 50-60mph. Some drivers use our street to beat the slower traffic on Beresford Road, others just drive fast because they can. Whilst I support the proposals to restrict parking on the sea side, I can foresee that side of the road presenting A quarter mile time trial track, for those drivers who ignore speed limit regardless. In my opinion there would need to be some form of chicanes or similar to slow cars down.</p>
NE26 4RG	1	<p>I support any measures which improve safety and this road has become increasingly dangerous, manly as a result of parking. Many homes in the street have multiple cars, which results in cars being parked right up to the edges of drives, which make it extremely difficult to reverse/drive out safely as it is difficult to see oncoming traffic. Personally, I would prefer residents parking permits to be issued, however if this is unlikely to happen, I would support the proposed restrictions. I would suggest the double yellow lines to be extended beyond the road access to the cliffs towards the southern end of the road.</p>
NE26 4RG	1	<p>I would have no objection to implantation of a parking permit scheme.</p>
NE26 4BG	1	<p>This is long overdue, it is actually quite dangerous, especially for people crossing the road to get to the cliffs.</p>
NE24 4RG	1	<p>1a) We need a ramp for wheelchair access users opposite farm gate the one there has cars parked over it too often. 1)Relatively little traffic on CBR if drivers are careful this is no problem. 2) I suggest limit to 20mh as some reckless drivers use CBR as a fast rat run and that is dangerous for residents who want to access the road. 3) What is a real nuisance is XX and his many, many vehicles which he repairs and sells. Only last week on car was removed from opposite number X which as not taxed. X parks excuse cars at the very south end of CBR opposite grassy area at the south entrance of CBR and well away from his house.4) Occasional day walkers form other areas like to park their cars on the sea side of CBR just south of the farm gate for access to the beach - this should be allowed as it is only temporally 5) We are not a police state, let's be reasonable about it.</p>
NE26 4RG	1	<p>But why not extend it all the way up Collywell Bay Road. What will happen is that the people will park at the top (South End)of Collywell Bay Road. At least extend it to both sides of the layby and for 3 metres beyond the disabled ramp to deter parking over the ramp, level with number XX CWB. I have often seen motorised wheelchairs stranded due to parking over the ramp.</p>

		1	<p>I am contacting you in relation to proposed yellow lines on Collywell Bay Road Seaton Sluice - ref 2021/099. I note the proposed area for yellow lines, in my opinion this will only add to current problem. The photos attached are just beyond where the lines proposed to end (past the entry gate to the private road opposite number XX. Parking is at times so bad I cannot get my vehicle off my driveway. If I know visitors are coming to my house I have to park my car on the road to ensure they can park on my drive otherwise there is normally no place to park. The proposed lines will only force cars to be parked directly outside of houses on the street therefore causing lack of parking for anyone visiting residents. Is there any consideration being given to parking permits? Another issue which does not help is the residents of number XX trades vehicles and can frequently have in excess of XX vehicles, including cars, vans and motorhomes which are all parked in the street, this forces neighbours to park their vehicles on the road to prevent him parking a vehicle for extended periods outside of their home.</p>
		1	<p>I cannot see the logic to impose "No Waiting at any time" on the existing double yellow lines. This is only going to move the parking situation onto the residents side of the road. We need to have residential parking only as the situation is becoming intolerable. As at the moment we have people parking to visit Castaways Cafe, which they should be using the car park at the Community Centre, people arriving in campervans parking free overnight instead of using the caravan park at Old Hartley & day trippers parking up to 6 hours a day. We have speeding cars all day long avoiding the traffic calming measures on Beresford Road, it is becoming very dangerous to cross the road. And also home deliveries have a problem to park. I hope we can reach a satisfactory conclusion to this ongoing problem.</p>
		1	<p>I am concerned about the proposal for double yellow lines on Collywell Bay Road. The proposal involves only the south end of Collywell Bay Road where the residents have driveway access to park their vehicles, those of us at the north end from Albert road to Beresford Road are compelled to park on the street which is difficult anyway due to the number of visitors to the coast and the proposed restrictions on the South end will compound this problem making it even more difficult for these residents. I, as are other residents, more in favour of a residents permit system. There are ample car parks in the area for visitors such as the Links and Fountain Head Bank also the Links road round the Park beside the Melton Constable where parking does not affect the residents.</p>
NE24 4RG		1	<p>We have been residents of Collywell Bay Road Seaton Sluice for over XX years and without doubt the traffic issues have now become serious. Parking on the eastern side of the road is now a major safety concern and we would endorse the introduction of double yellow lines as proposed. These should also extend to the entrance to the cliff road as some people park in this area despite the emergency vehicles only signs on the road. We should also like to point out that the problem is severely exacerbated by a few selfish residents who run car sales businesses from their homes and park their numerous vehicles outside resident's houses for almost the total length of the road. The council and police seem unable to take any action against these people and we would like to recommend parking permits for residents to ensure we can park our cars safely outside our houses.</p>
		1	<p>On balance I am in favour of the introduction of this proposal. I make the following comments to support this in principal and suggest further developments. Having lived on Collywell Bay Road for over 30 years I have witnessed a great increase in through traffic and volume of parked cars. Inconsiderate and potentially dangerous parking by visitors and some residents has impacted on access to and from residents homes. There are "hot spots" where this is more prevalent, namely from the access road for the Kings Arms pub to Castaways Cafe, and the entrance/exit points to the cliff top path around Crag Point. The latter area, close to the paths onto the cliff top, did not encourage visitor parking until a couple of Collywell Bay Road Households of multi-car ownership began parking up on the seaward side of the road, so setting a sort of precedence. To make the road safer for the increasing number of pedestrians, both visitors and local, and not compromise access for home owners, the double yellow lines should be extended to the north as far as the access road to the Kings Arms pub (visibility on this curved sections when cars are parked up on both sides is poor) and to the sough to the junction with Beresford Road. Traffic that chooses to use Collywell Bay Road instead of Beresford Road adds to the congestion and "boy racer" types are an increasing menace. Limiting use to residents and access only and introducing speed restrictions are worthy of consideration/implementation. I have some reservations about the double yellow lines proposal which concern the households with multi-car ownership monopolising the area in front of homes other than their own instead of the opposite side of the road. Vehicles are often left for day/weeks. The other concern is how would restrictions be enforced - existing double yellow lines are already ignored by some motorists. To summarise, I would like the road to be safer for pedestrians and motorists and I would like to have unimpeded access to my drive and be able to park in front of my home. The proposed restrictions should have a favourable impact.</p>

	1			We are fully in support of these proposals as we often have problems reversing our drive. It was disappointing that the permit scheme was cancelled!! Collywell Bay Road, we have notice is one of the few side roads with no speed restrictions!! A 20mph limit should be applied !! Cars race up and down the road especially at night which is not acceptable!!
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