



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones

Proposed Parking Restrictions – The Wynding, Beadnell

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

30 August 2023

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions at The Wynding in Beadnell.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are implemented in order to improve road safety in the area.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the following key themes in the Corporate Plan for 2023-26:

'Thriving Places and Culture – Neighbourhoods are safe, clean and well maintained'

Key Issues

1. Northumberland County Council has received concerns regarding obstructive and indiscriminate parking on The Wynding in Beadnell.
2. Additional 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are proposed in order to alleviate these concerns.
3. The proposal is supported by the local County Councillor and Beadnell Parish Council.
4. The scheme is to be funded through the 2023/24 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

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Background

The Wynding is situated near the centre of Beadnell and is primarily residential in nature, with some commercial properties also present. At the southern extents of The Wynding, the carriageway is largely derestricted and visitors to the Beadnell Towers hotel often utilise this road for parking as demonstrated in Figure 1 below. Due to the narrow widths of the carriageway, this causes issues with obstructions and forward visibility, especially for those residents attempting to access their driveways.



Fig. 1: Current layout of The Wynding, Beadnell

As a result, 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) are proposed to alleviate concerns raised with obstructive and indiscriminate parking. During the consultation, responses from residents and Beadnell Parish Council requested a slight extension to the double yellow lines to cover the access of Beadnell Towers and at the junction with Swinhoe Road and Meadow Lane.

The original plan and amended proposal following the results of the consultation can be observed in Appendix A & B, with consultation responses listed in Appendix C.

The proposed parking restrictions are intended to increase road safety, maintain the free flow of traffic where possible and to protect the amenity of the area. Northumbria Police, other emergency services, relevant statutory consultees and directly affected residents will be notified of this amendment as part of the process for making the Traffic Regulation Order.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies.
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the LTP 2023/24 programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order.
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Risk Assessment	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees and directly affected residents and businesses have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Bamburgh

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Background Papers

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Appendix A – Pre-Consultation Plan

Appendix B – Post-Consultation Plan

Appendix C – Consultation Responses

Author

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer	Director of Environment and Transport
Subject	Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at The Wynding, Beadnell
Consultation	For: 6 (86%) Against: 1 (14%)
Decision Taken	To introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at The Wynding, Beadnell

Signature of Director



Date

28th September 2023

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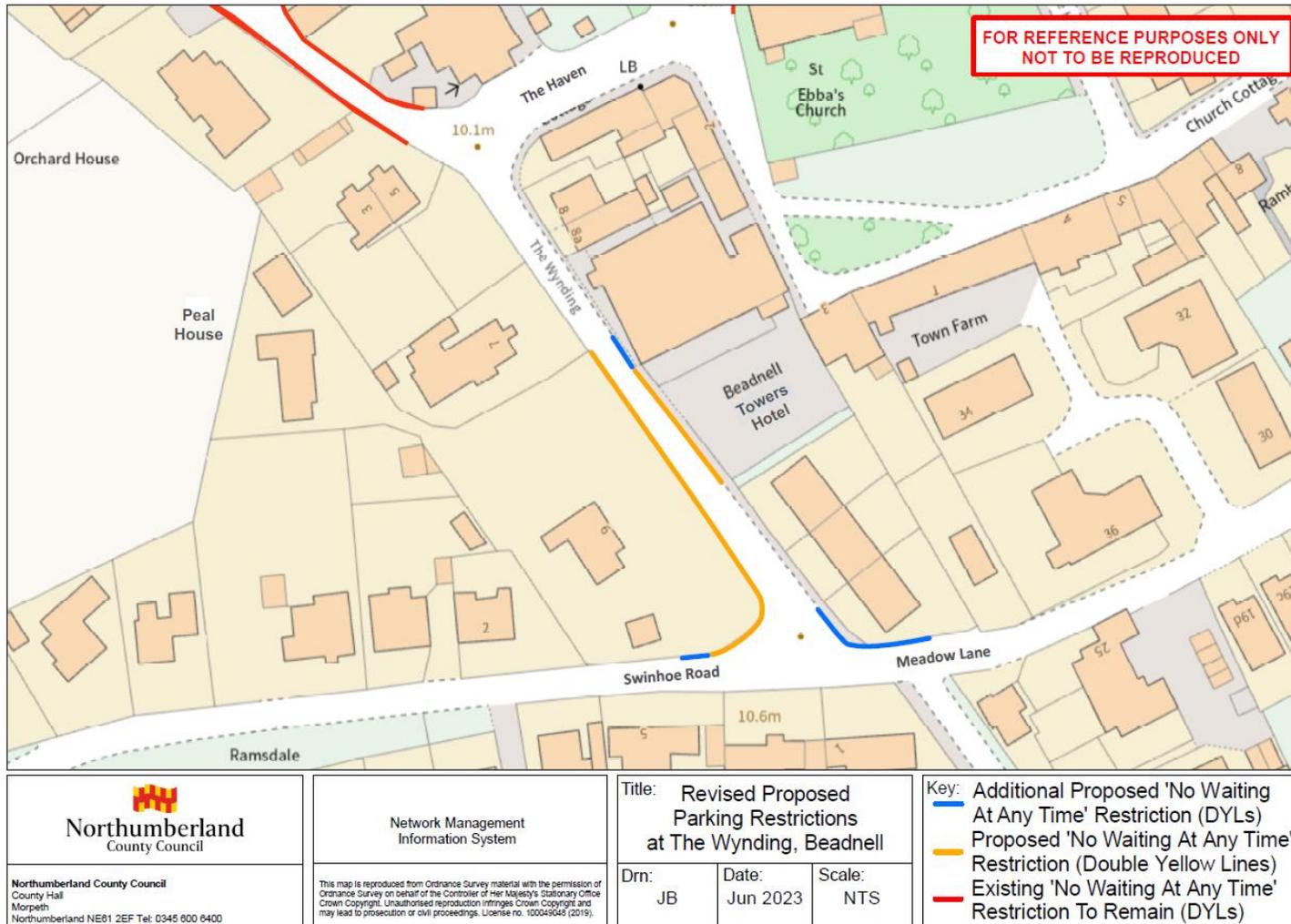
Appendix A – Pre-Consultation Plan



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Appendix B – Post-Consultation Plan



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Appendix C – Consultation Responses

Key: F = For; A = Against

F	A	RESPONSES
1		Thank you for your letter of 16th February 2023. I would like to make two comments and one suggestion. 1. I am pleased to see that these proposals will not adversely affect the other residents of The Wynding. 2. This proposal will be helpful not just to the day to day access issues caused by indiscriminate parking but will also ensure that larger commercial vehicles and the emergency services vehicles can access our properties. My suggestion would be to extend the yellow lines on the eastern side of The Wynding per the amended plan below. My reasoning being the practice of half parking legally and half parking on yellow lines. If such an instance occurred per your current plan it would ruin the whole intention of what you are trying to achieve.
1		You may recall the efforts in the past that included a request for yellow lines on the east side of the junction of The Wynding and Meadow Lane. Due to the angle, if someone parks on the corner (not an unusual event) it is on occasions impossible to see oncoming traffic when turning left into [Meadow Lane]. The police have been and commented, enforcement officers would like to help, but without the yellow lines are unable to do so. If yellow lines go in as now proposed, could lines on the corner be considered at the same time i.e. both corners at the junction would have yellow lines?
1		I refer to the post parking proposals for The Wynding, Beadnell NE67 5AY. I addressed the BPC at a meeting last May, when a senior member of Northumberland Council and local Councillor were present. I am flabbergasted to learn that proposals, do not cover the property or properties adjoining the dangerous junction outside my own property. It seems to me that there is a distinct bias towards the Beadnell Towers Hotel, they are causing the dangerous parking conditions on the junction, their hotel staff and guests continuously park ON or OVER the junction, for the sake of repeating myself it is only a matter of time before a serious incident occurs, there have been several near misses. Where in the country would a council allow parking on a junction?? The BPC have evidence of such parking incidences via photos, the hotel seem oblivious to the dangers, indeed do not seem interested. I urge the council to extend the double yellow lines to cover the area adjacent to the junction and the cottages adjoining. Thank you for consideration.
1		I am a long term resident of Beadnell and do support the installation of double yellow lines to The Wynding, but they should be the full length of the road from The Haven to Swinhoe Road. The reason being that with traffic parked on The Wynding it becomes a one way street creating difficulties for traffic as well as causing occupants of the houses problems in accessing their properties.
1		Thank you for your email re proposed parking restrictions on The Wynding at Beadnell. We agree with the proposal, however currently there is a more immediate, real danger at the end of The Wynding at the junction with Meadow Lane / Swinhoe Road. We have observed cars parked on the junction, numerous times, causing a hazard to both pedestrians and drivers. Beadnell Parish Councillors have proposed the addition of a stretch of yellow lines on BOTH sides of the corner of the junction of The Wynding and Swinhoe Road and we would give full support to this amendment.
1		We are writing in response to the proposed parking restrictions on The Wynding, Beadnell NE67 5AY notified by letter on 16 February 2023 (Your Reference HE213537D-46). Unfortunately we cannot agree to the specific changes suggested in terms of double yellow lines. We agree that there are concerns about indiscriminate parking in this area but do not believe double yellow marking will improve the issues faced. We have not seen any evidence that traffic is impeded. We do agree with double yellow lines [on the west side of The Wynding] as parking on that side of The Wynding significantly restricts our exit from our driveway (especially so when cars are parked very close to the edges of our driveway). Unfortunately the staff at the hotel and some visitors park on our side of the road including on the part you propose to double yellow. This frequently results in cars obstructing our driveway (parked either side or partially over) and means on street parking is often unavailable. If the road is partially double yellowed on our side this will restrict available parking further and result in more cars parking in front of our house and surrounding houses restricting or obstructing our drive access and available parking on the street further. In short we believe the further restrictions proposed are not necessary and will further compound existing problems. A realistic and workable solution would be to restrict parking to residents only (with permits) to the front of the three cottages on our row. Provided this was enforced it would mean there would be available parking for residents. We trust this is clear but please contact us if further clarification or explanation is needed.
1		Beadnell Parish Council support the proposed location for double yellow lines on The Wynding in Beadnell, however, Parish Councillors would like double yellow lines to be placed on the north side of the junction between The Wynding and Swinhoe Road because any vehicles parking close to the junction makes it difficult (sightline) for vehicles exiting The Wynding onto Swinhoe Road.
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