

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
BLYTH MARKET PLACE RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE
EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2023
(TRO_021_02)**

Northumberland County Council, in exercise of their powers under Sections 1(1), Section 9 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, hereby make the following order:

1. Commencement and Citation

This Order shall come into operation on 7th August 2023 until the 7th February 2025 and may be cited as “Northumberland County Council Blyth Market Place Experimental Order 2023.”

2. Interpretation

In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

“**the Act**” means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

“**civil enforcement officer**” shall have the same meaning as in section 76 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 with the reference to ‘the authority’ in subsection 2 thereof being a reference to the Council;

“**Council**” means Northumberland County Council;

“**driver**” in relation to a vehicle waiting in a parking place means the person driving the vehicle at the time it was left in the parking place;

“**emergency vehicle**” means a vehicle as defined by regulation 3 of the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989 (SI 1989/1796);

“**market day**” means any day designated for the holding of a market by the Council in accordance with Section 50 of the Food Act 1984 and Section 37 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982;

“**market stall**” means a stall licenced by the Council utilised as part of a market day;

“**market trader**” means a licenced person authorised by the Council to operate a market stall;

“**market traders vehicle**” means any vehicle used by a market trader on a market day for the purpose of setting up, dismantling or running of a market stall licenced and authorised for such a purpose by the Council;

“**proper officer**” means any officer of the Council for the time being appointed for the purposes of approving modifications or suspensions of Experimental Orders under Section 10(2) of the Act;

“**the Regulations**” means the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996;

“**restricted parking zone**” means an area comprising all of the roads or parts of the roads or streets or parts of the streets described in Schedule 1 of this Order;

“**vehicle**” has the same meaning as that assigned to ‘motor vehicle’ in section 136(1) of the Act of 1984;

Any reference in this order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, applied, consolidated, re-enacted by or as having effect by virtue of any subsequent re-enactment.

3. General

- 3.1 The restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any restrictions or requirements imposed by any Regulations made or having effect as if made under the Act or by or under any other enactment.
- 3.2 Where an Act of Parliament referred to in this Order or any Regulation, Direction or Order made under it is repealed and new provisions enacted (with or without modifications) new provisions shall be substituted in this Order where relevant.
- 3.3 Except where otherwise stated, any reference in this Order to a numbered article or schedule is a reference to the article or schedule bearing that number in this Order.
- 3.4 The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of Parliament.

4. Introduction of a Restricted Parking Zone

Save as provided in Article 6 of this Order, no person shall, except on the direction of or with the permission of a Civil Enforcement Officer, cause or permit any vehicle to stop along the lengths of highway specified in Schedule 1 of this Order during the proscribed hours.

5. Waiting

No person shall, except on the direction of or with the permission of a police officer in uniform or a Civil Enforcement Officer, cause or permit any vehicle to wait on any lengths of highway specified in Schedule 2 of this Order.

6. Exemptions

Nothing in Article 4 of this Order shall prohibit any person from causing or permitting any Vehicle to stop along the lengths of highway specified in Schedule 1 so long as may be necessary:

- (1) to enable an Emergency Vehicle when used in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;
- (2) to enable mobility scooters also known as an ‘invalid carriage’ in accordance with section 136(5) of the Act;
- (3) to enable the vehicle to be used in connection with any of the following operations namely:
 - (i) any building operation or demolition; or
 - (ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic; or
 - (iii) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of that length of highway; or
 - (iv) the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near that length of highway of any sewer or of any main pipe, or apparatus for the supply of gas, water,

electricity or any telecommunications apparatus as defined in paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2 to the Telecommunications Act 1984; or

- (v) to enable a vehicle to be used in the service of a local authority or water authority in pursuance of statutory powers or duties if the vehicle cannot be used for such purpose without stopping on the length of highway specified in Schedule 1; or
- (vi) to enable the vehicle to be used by the highways engineer for highways work being undertaken on behalf of the Council; or
- (vii) to enable the vehicle to be used for the purpose of delivering or collecting postal packages as defined in section 87 of the Post Office Act 1953; or
- (viii) if the vehicle is waiting owing to the driver being required by law to stop, or being prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond their control;
- (ix) to enable a licenced market traders vehicle to be used for the purpose of setting up, dismantling or running of market stalls on a market day;
- (x) to enable the vehicle to load or unload outside of the proscribed hours.

7. Supplementary Provisions

The operation of this Experimental Order or any provision of it may be modified or suspended by the Specified Officer if it appears essential:

- (1) in the interests of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic; or
- (2) in the interests of providing suitable and adequate on-street parking facilities; or
- (3) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which any length of highway affected by the Order runs.

This power shall be exercised only after consulting the appropriate Chief Officer of Police and giving such public notice as the Secretary of State may direct.

8. Revocations

This Order will hereby revoke:

- (1) “The County of Northumberland (Market Street and Regent Street, Blyth) (Prohibition of Entry and Revocation) Order 1988” in its entirety; and
- (2) “South East Northumberland Area (Waiting and Loading) Composite Order 2011 Amendment No 42 Order 2016” Schedule 9 – No Stopping on Verge and Footway: ‘Church Street, Blyth – At its junction with Waterloo Road to its junction with U9503 Waterloo Road Back Lane’.

The Common Seal of Northumberland County Council was hereunto affixed this 25th day of July 2023 in the presence of:-



Duly Authorised Officer



Seal Number: 25648

SCHEDULE 1

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Schedule 1 – Streets Comprising the Restricted Parking Zone

USRN	Street	Town	Side	Description	Proscribed Hours
3204844	MARKET STREET	BLYTH	Both	For its entire length	9am – 7pm
3204097	REGENT STREET	BLYTH	Both	At its junction with Market Street to a point 5 metres north of its junction with Waterloo Road	9am – 7pm
3201654	CHURCH STREET	BLYTH	Both	At its junction with Market Street to a point 5 metres north of its junction with Waterloo Road	9am – 7pm

SCHEDULE 2

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Schedule 2 – Waiting

USRN	Street	Town	Side	Description	Proscribed Hours
3219016	U9503 WATERLOO ROAD BACK LANE	BLYTH	Both	At its junction with Church Street to its junction with Wanley Street	At Any Time

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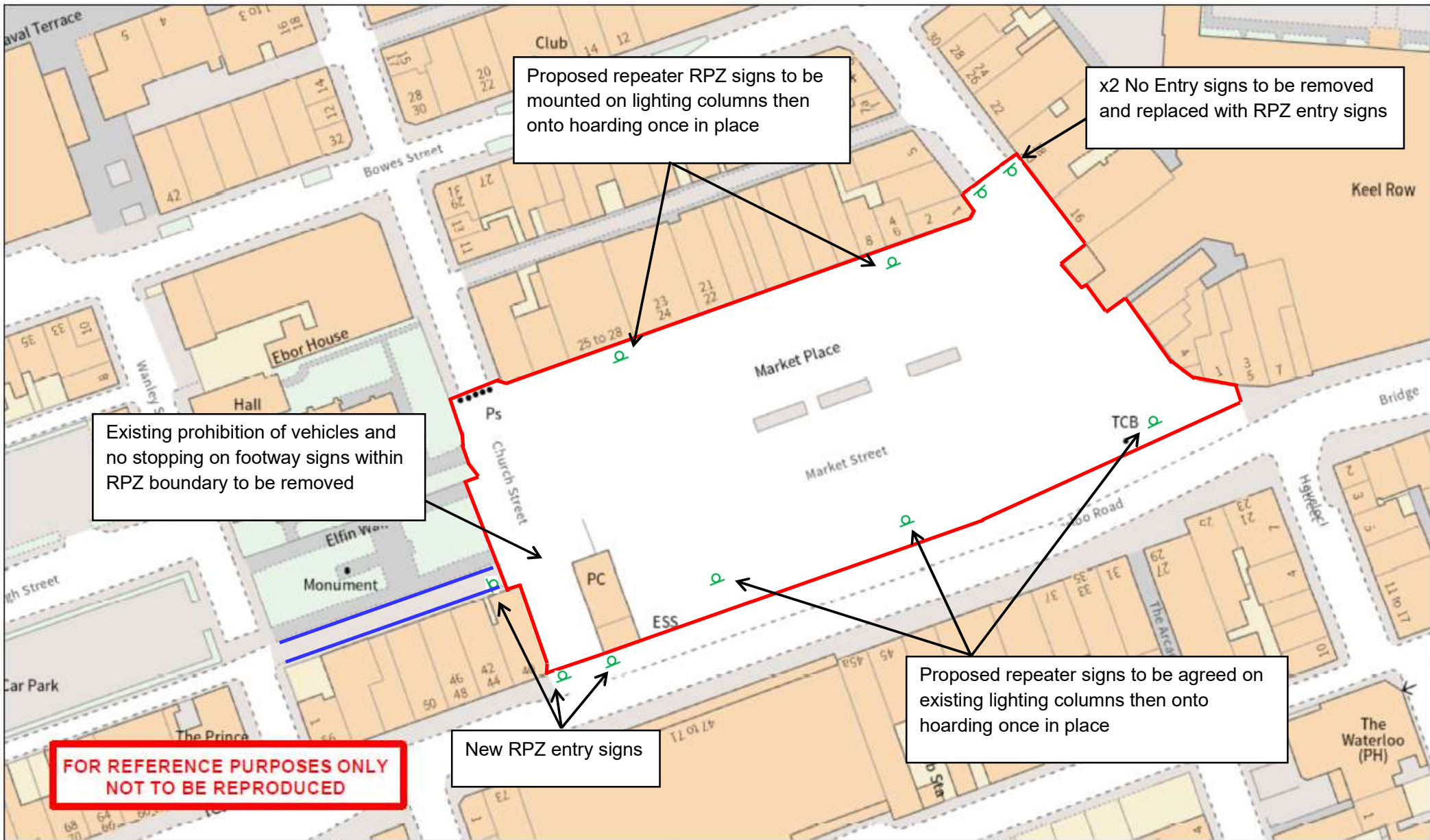
STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER

The effect of this Experimental Order will be to introduce a Restricted Parking Zone and 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in order to effectively enforce obstructive and indiscriminate parking in a predominantly pedestrian area of Blyth on an experimental basis.

The reason for introducing these restrictions by way of an Experimental Order is to assess the impact the new restrictions to the vicinity have as a solution to the parking issues in Blyth Market Place, where pedestrians are more prominent. Restrictions are being introduced to alleviate the increased level of obstructive and indiscriminate parking currently being experienced on the Market Place and to allow further approved developments to be constructed in the area. These include a Restricted Parking Zone extending from a current experimental Restricted Parking Zone at Bowes Street and its adjoining areas. Due to the significant changes to the landscape and new initiatives being introduced on the Market Place and its adjoining streets, it is considered that an Experimental Order is suitable to be introduced in this instance.

Consideration will be given after a trial period as to whether or not the provisions of this Experimental Order should be made permanent or if further amendments to the restrictions are required. Currently, at the end of an 18 month trial period, the Council intends to consider making an order which will continue in force indefinitely either having the same effect as the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order or with amendments made if they should be so required.

The effects of this Order will be reviewed after a 12 month period.




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Title: **Restricted Parking Zone
Market Place
Blyth**

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Key:

- Restricted Parking Zone Extents
- p New Traffic Signs
- New 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines)