

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
FORE STREET, ST. MARY'S CHARE, ST. MARY'S WYND & MEAL MARKET  
HEXHAM PEDESTRIAN & CYCLE ZONE (PROHIBITION OF WAITING)  
ORDER 2023 (TRO\_029)**

Northumberland County Council, in exercise of their powers under Sections 1 to 4, 124 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Part VI of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of 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 the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 and may be cited as "Northumberland County Council Fore Street, St. Mary's Chare, St. Mary's Wynd & Meal Market Hexham Pedestrian & Cycle Zone (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2023".

**2. Interpretation**

2.1 In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:

**"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;

**"cycle"** has the same meaning as in section 192 of the Road Traffic Act 1988;

**"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;

**"parking dispensation"** means a dispensation issued solely at the discretion of the Council who is satisfied that in all the circumstances it is reasonably necessary for a vehicle to wait in a parking place, may issue to the applicant a Parking Dispensation. The holder of a Parking Dispensation may park only in those parking places and for such periods as specified on the parking specification. There is a fee payable for a parking dispensation which is specified on the application form;

**"proscribed hours"** means the hours of 10am until 5pm every day;

**"vehicle"** has the same meaning as that assigned to "motor vehicle" in section 136(1) of the Act.

2.2 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 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.
- 3.2 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 Pedestrian and Cycle Zone**

Save as provided in Article 7 of this Order, no person shall, except on the direction of or with the permission of a police constable in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to proceed along the lengths of highways specified in The Schedule of this Order.

#### **5. Waiting**

Save as provided in Article 7, 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 highways specified in The Schedule of this Order.

#### **6. Loading**

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 load or unload on any lengths of highways specified in The Schedule of this Order during the proscribed hours.

#### **7. Exemptions**

Nothing in Articles 4, 5 and 6 of this Order shall prohibit any person from causing or permitting any vehicle to proceed along the lengths of highways specified in The Schedule so long as may be necessary:

- 7.1 to enable an emergency vehicle when used in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;
- 7.2 to enable mobility scooters also known as an 'invalid carriage' in accordance with section 136(5) of the Act;
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 to enable the vehicle to be used by the highways engineer for highways work being undertaken on behalf of the Council; or
  - 7.5 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
  - 7.6 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; or
  - 7.7 to enable the vehicle to be used for a purpose authorised and described on a Parking Dispensation issued in accordance with this Order; or
  - 7.8 to enable the Vehicle to load or unload outside of the proscribed hours.

## **8. Revocations**

- 8.1 This Order will hereby revoke "Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 The County of Northumberland (Fore Street Hexham) (Prohibition of Driving. Prohibition of Waiting, Disabled Parking Bays and Revocation) Order 2006" in its entirety.

**THE COMMON SEAL OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

was hereunto affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023 in the presence of:-



*S. Briggs*

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Duly Authorised Officer

Seal Number: 25510

## THE SCHEDULE

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**Pedestrian & Cycle Zone, Prohibition of Waiting and Loading on the following  
lengths of highway (and for reference only, detailed on the attached plan)**

<b>USRN</b>	<b>Street</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Description</b>
41304989	FORE STREET	HEXHAM	Both	At its junction with Cattle Market to a point 16 metres south of its junction with Market Place
41305173	MEAL MARKET	HEXHAM	Both	At its junction with St Marys Chare to its junction with Fore Street
41303573	ST MARYS CHARE	HEXHAM	Both	For its entire length
41303579	ST MARYS WYND	HEXHAM	Both	At its junction with St Marys Chare to a point 10 metres west of its junction with St Marys Chare

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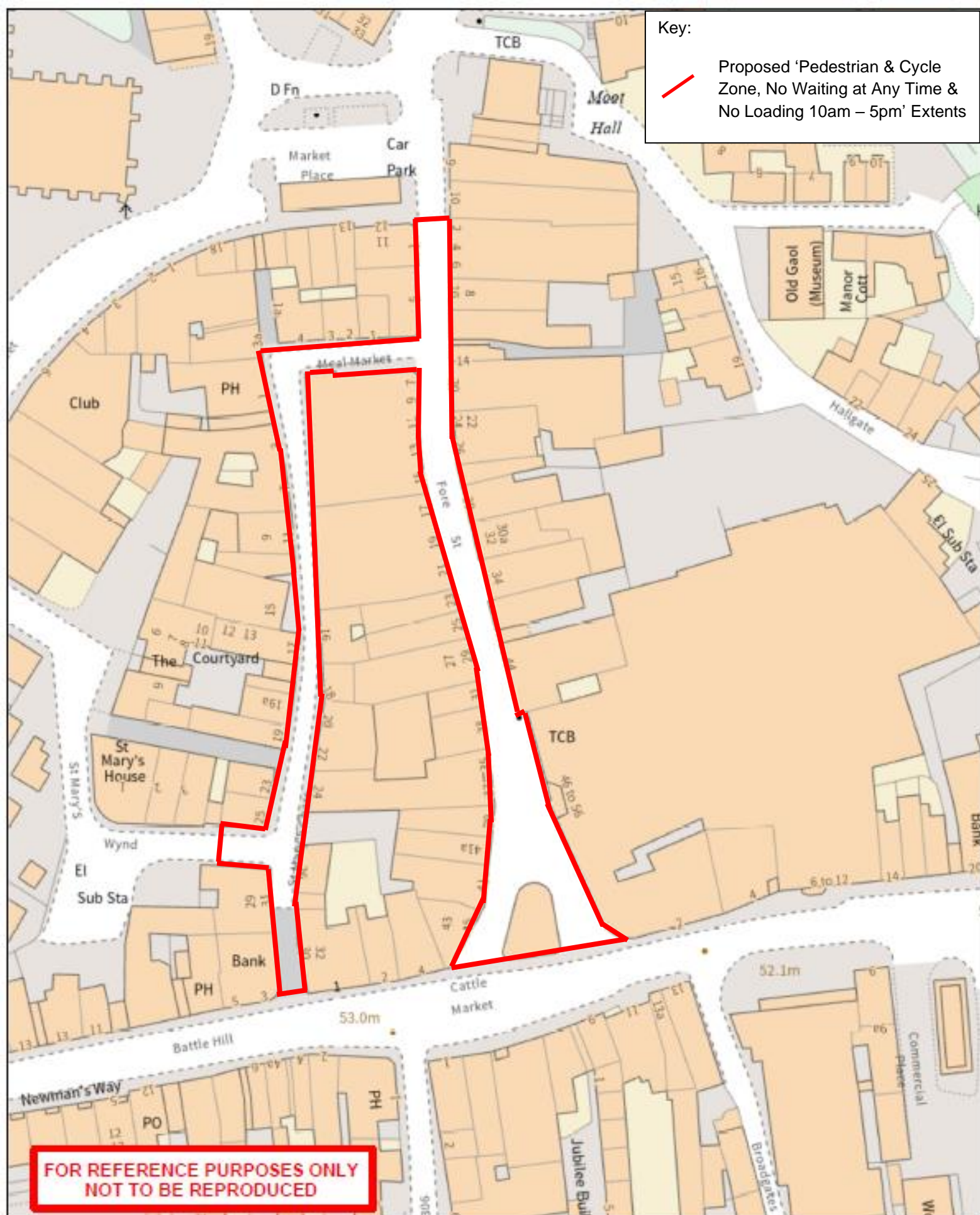
**STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR  
MAKING THE ORDER**

The Order is necessary to introduce a Pedestrian & Cycle Zone in Hexham town centre where local businesses are situated and pedestrians are most prominent, thereby reducing congestion and improving road safety within the vicinity.

Key:



Proposed 'Pedestrian & Cycle Zone, No Waiting at Any Time & No Loading 10am – 5pm' Extents



Northumberland  
County Council

## Network Management Information System

Title:

Proposed Pedestrian & Cycle Zone  
(Prohibition of Waiting)  
Hexham

Dm:

WB

Date:

23.02.2023

Scale:

1:1000

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