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Date: 4th July 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Parking Restrictions – Blyth Market Place

I am writing to inform you that Northumberland County Council intends to implement new parking restrictions on the Market Place and its adjoining areas on a trial basis for a period of 12 months. The effects of this are to introduce:

- A Restricted Parking Zone, operating every day between 9am – 7pm, with no waiting or loading permitted during these hours;
- 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions on the U9503 Waterloo Road Back Lane.

A drawing showing the location of the above new parking restrictions is enclosed.

The Traffic Regulation Order, which is required so that the restrictions can be enforced, will now be prepared.

Consideration will be given after a trial period as to whether or not the provisions of this Order should be made permanent or if further amendments to the restrictions are required. Currently, at the end of a 12-month trial period, the Council intends to consider making an Order which will continue in force indefinitely either having the same effect as the original Traffic Regulation Order, or with amendments made if they are deemed to be required. The effects of this Order will be reviewed after a 6-month period.

During this period if you wish to make comments on the new restrictions you are invited to do so via email to: HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk.





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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 of Local Services and may be available for public inspection.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is parking being restricted?

Shopping areas such as Market Street, where pedestrians will normally predominate, are put at risk during vehicular movement and manoeuvres. As a result, we need to ensure that this area is safe for both pedestrians and cyclists by mitigating vehicular traffic resulting in full use of the area, either at all times or at certain times of day.

Longer term arrangements for the Market Place following the trial will be integrated with planned improvements to the area as part of the Energising Blyth Regeneration Programme. Northumberland County Council are planning to improve the Market Place including the introduction of a new Culture Centre in the area.

What signs will be implemented and where?

Examples of the signage is provided below. The entry signs, along with repeater signs across the Market Place, will be installed within the next few weeks.



The signs mean that no motor vehicles are permitted to park on the Market Place between the hours of 9am and 7pm. Exemptions will be made for emergency services if required and for traders with market stalls, but only to load and/or unload.



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Who will enforce the scheme?

Our Civil Enforcement Officers regularly patrol this area. At present, they cannot prevent parking on the Market Place due to a lack of restrictions. Once the Restricted Parking Zone is implemented, a Penalty Charge Notice can be issued to vehicles contravening the restrictions.

Yours Faithfully,

William Binks
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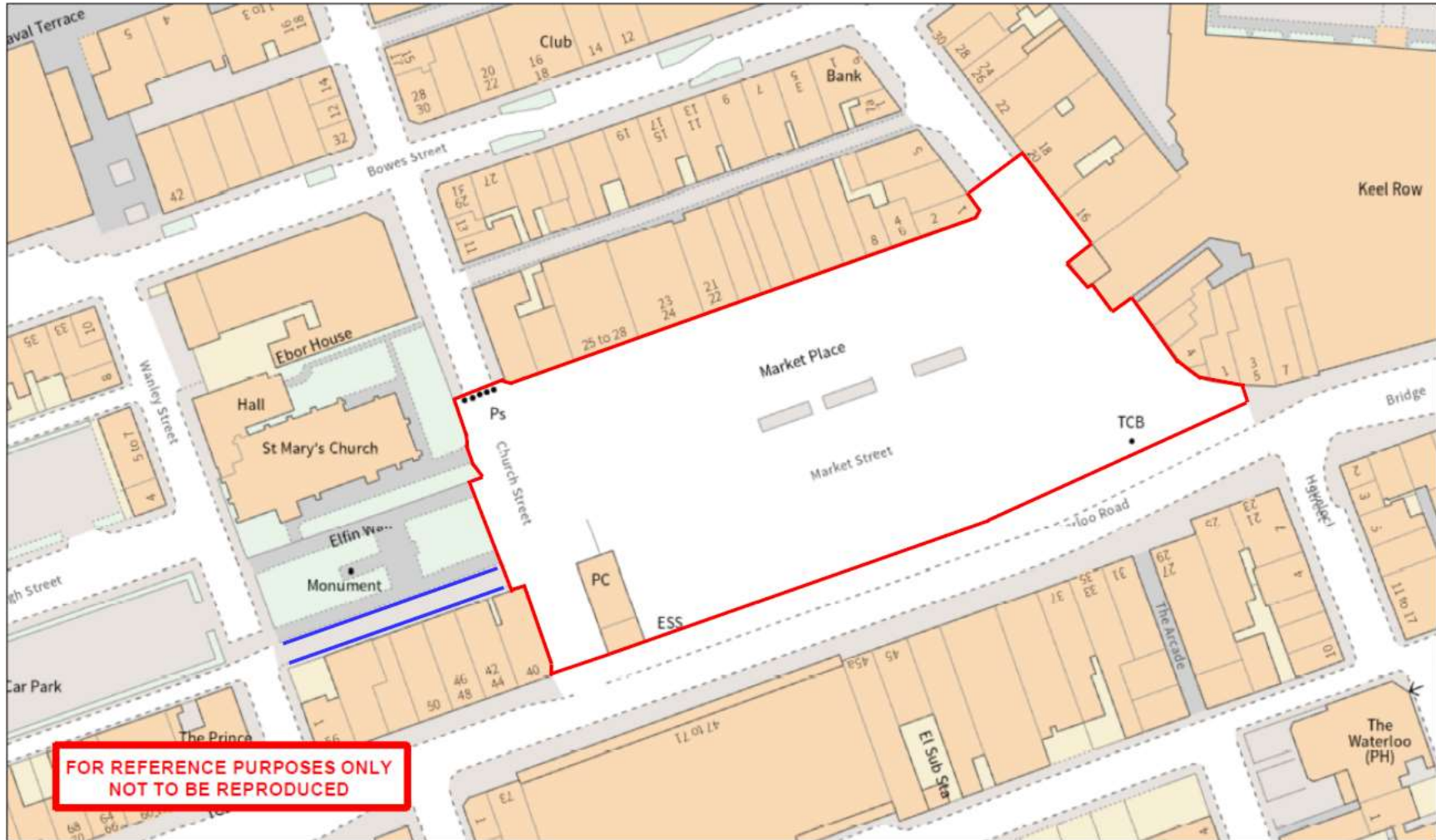


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