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Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES

Corporate Director of Local Services - Barry Rowland

PROPOSED NO WAITING & RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING ZONES COCKSHAW - HEXHAM

Purpose of report:

To consider introducing 'Resident Permit Parking' Zones and 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the Cockshaw area of Hexham

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Corporate Director of Local Services agrees the proposals set out in the report relating to;

1) The provision of 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions on Cockshaw in Hexham and Resident Permit Parking in the Layby of Haugh Lane only.

Key issues

- 1) Staff that work in the Town Centre as well as shoppers make use of the unrestricted parking in Cockshaw to avoid charges for parking.
- 2) Parents use Cockshaw as a pick up and drop off point for the nearby Sele First School.

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BACKGROUND

Introduction

- 1) Parking in Hexham is following the model and objectives set out within the Northumberland Parking Strategy. '2 hour limited waiting' bays are provided in the centre of town to encourage high turnover and allow more users to make use of facilities. Improved enforcement arrangements have since increased pressure on residential areas with drivers seeking to avoid parking charges. As the area of Cockshaw is located just beyond any limited waiting restrictions it has become commonplace for people to utilise the unrestricted free parking at this location.
- 2) The parking problem is compounded twice daily by Sele First School with the surrounding land brushing past Cockshaw Terrace. Although the main entrance is located on the opposite side via Cowgarth it is subject to 'No Stopping' restrictions in the form of 'School Keep Clears' and 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions leaving limited space for pick up and drop off.
- 3) Many of the streets within Cockshaw are particularly narrow in nature with one or two pinch points creating access problems for larger vehicles and in some cases emergency services. Taking into account the geographical layout of Cockshaw with its various entry points and considering the constraints imposed legally on the provision of zones, the area marked in red on Appendix 1 was identified as a potential Resident Permit Zone. Working with the Local Council Member for the area two other locations were requested to be included as zones; namely Prior Terrace and within a layby on Haugh Lane.

Consultation

- 4) Consultation was carried out in May 2012 with a proposal to introduce Resident Permit Zones on Cockshaw, Prior Terrace and Haugh Lane. The consultation also included the option of providing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Cockshaw Terrace and Glovers Place to prevent obstructive parking as shown in Appendix 1.
- 5) 420 Consultation letters were sent out to those affected and to associated statutory bodies. Of those that responded 51 were in favour, 45 were against and 13 neglected to state a preference either way (See Appendix 2). During the consultation period, a petition was submitted voting against two of the proposed Resident Permit Zones,

showing the signatures of 19 residents from Prior Terrace and 102 residents from Cockshaw.

- 6) Requests were made to designate bays to individual households. Such a system is not operated throughout the County and would be unworkable under these circumstances in any case. Generic concerns regarding the annual charge for the permit and the maximum allocation of two per household were cited repeatedly within the responses. This is understandable for a proposal of this size, likewise for the conflicting responses regarding the actual scale of the problem. Although the split between those for and against the consultation was marginal, the petition adds significant weight to the need to remove the Resident Permit Zone proposals for Cockshaw and Prior Terrace.
- 7) In light of the responses, surveys were conducted between 26/07/12 and 9/08/12 to ascertain the level of parking throughout the day. The results showed that the variation in vehicular numbers is minimal. There was a slight rise in number on Eilansgate and Kingsgate but overall it is assumed that residents leave for work and their space is replaced by shoppers or staff using the town centre. Significantly, no streets were full at any given time which would suggest that whilst the level of parking may be a nuisance it does not significantly add to the difficulty of gaining access to premises. Traffic cones were also put out by residents in areas where 'No Waiting' restrictions are planned which is a good indication for providing a more formal and permanent deterrent.
- 8) The proposal for Resident Permit Parking within the Layby on Haugh Lane was welcomed bearing in mind the scheme is already operational in the two layby's either side. This will create additional space for existing resident permit holders on Haugh Lane to park. The intention to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions was widely acknowledged as a necessary measure to allow the passage of vehicular traffic.
- 9) The Council has the power to hold a public inquiry before making a traffic regulation order. Such an inquiry might enable disputed evidence to be tested under cross-examination and the need for an order to be critically examined by an independent inspector. In this particular case, officers believe that the extensive consultation process and involvement with interested parties, means that such an inquiry is unlikely to bring any fresh information to light and it is therefore recommended that an inquiry is not held.

APPENDIX INDEX

Appendix 1 – Consultation Plan

Appendix 2 – Consultation Summary

Appendix 3 - Proposal

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Northumberland Parking Strategy - July 2011

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IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy:	None
Finance and value for money	To be financed from the Local Transport Plan
Human Resources:	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Residential Use
Sustainability	None.
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations:	Motorists and residents will be required to comply with the restrictions imposed.
Consultation	Emergency Services, Road User Organisations, County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Hexham Central Ward

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member Deidre Campbell – Policy Board Member,
Streetcare and Environment

Subject: *PROPOSED NO WAITING & RESIDENT
PERMIT PARKING ZONES
COCKSHAW - HEXHAM*

Consultation 109 Responses
51 For
45 Against
13 Neither

Decision Taken: *TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL AS SHOWN
IN APPENDIX 3*

Signature of Corporate Director

Benny Rowland

Date

18/10/13

Appendix 2 – Consultation Summary

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	APPENDIX 2 CONSULTATION SUMMARY - COCKSHAW
1			If only to ensure that we can park outside our house and make sure that our vehicle is safe. This is definitely a requirement on Eilansgate Terrace. Most people are apathetic to the continuing intrusion of non-residents to this street and I hope this will ease some of the friction currently experienced by residents.
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1			I whole heartedly agree to your proposals, I have lived in Prior Terrace for 35 years and get sick of not being able to get a parking space due to commercial vehicles being parked as well as the family car/cars. I see that 2 permits can be given to cater for visitors, but hope that this will not be abused by 2 & 3 car families.
1			I fully support the proposal concerning Haugh Lane - resident permit parking only provided that this relates to additional resident permit parking to the two existing recessed parking bays immediately in front of Stephenson House that already have resident permit parking only designations. These two bays are to the north-east of the blue hatched area (underneath the label resident permit parking only on Haugh Lane). If these existing areas are to be withdrawn then the residents of Stephenson House & their visitors / trades vans / carers etc. would not have enough parking in just this newly designated bay. Residents of Garden Terrace do not permit parking in their street except residents of that street & their visitors.
1			As my wife is disabled, will there be any provision for parking in Eilanville?
1			I would like to see Prior Terrace grouped with the other Cockshaw area parking permit. I cannot see any reason why it needs to be separate. I think it would be fairer if each household was allowed 2 permits and one visitor permit.
1			Yes please, if it means I might get to park outside my front door more often! Parking bays would help even more!!
1			Parking currently on Kingsgate Terrace is very difficult. Prices of permits is very reasonable & cheaper than Newcastle City Centre Permits. Residents living in terraced housing in a town centre should not really have more than 2 cars. The new scheme is very much welcomed.
		1	Unless each bay is designated to a household what a complete and utter waste of time and money. Another money making scheme for the council. Good idea if designated bays but very much doubt that would be possible. Also money could be spent (of which we pay) to maintain our road re

			potholes but that would be common sense.
	1		A big NO, has anyone taken time to count the number of properties compared with parking spaces? I've lived Prior Terrace over 20 years, with no problem the people who park in the area are residents and I'm not prepared to pay even a pound a year to do something I've been doing free for 20 years, parking on my street. Local councillors just seem to want to create an issue as was evident in there recent canvassing. Putting the parking issue to the public. After the canvassing during the recent elections (local) it seems this is the only topic on the candidate's agenda! Anyone familiar with the area will know Prior Terrace & Kingsgate are houses and flats, so even if every resident had only 1 permit there would be no improvement. Only change would be residents expected to pay £15 and still hope to find a parking space, then of course the cost of enforcing it. Personally it's not a problem residents accept they may not be able to park outside their own doors. So as a long-time resident 20+ years have managed like everyone else, basically residents park in the area, permits will not change anything.
1			We fully support the scheme as since parking charges were introduced in the town centre, more and more non-residents have been parking in the street. There has also been a problem with people parking on both sides of the street meaning ambulances etc are unable to get up the street. So the proposed scheme should rectify this. I appreciate the reasonable £15 charge per permit- my only concern would be if this were to rise each year?
1			Do not have a car but 2 sons with cars so would rather have 2 visitors' permits.
1			Great idea thank you long overdue
		1	A generally excellent solution which cannot come soon enough however, the following also needs to be encompassed into the scheme unless it is just transferring the problems to either out of hours for traffic enforcement or is forcing the problem into the sheltered housing contained within the scheme. The following are considerations that I believe need to be incorporated. A no loading/unloading at any time ban in teh roads covered by the no waiting restrictions and this to apply also to disabled parking. This to be enforced 24/7 and apply to pavements! The sheltered housing complexes have restricted access say no entry unless for access. Council join with ISOS to enforce the residence only parking in their complexes.

1		My wife & I totally disagree with your proposal. We live in a cul-de-sac consisting of 6 pensioners bungalows, we have lived here for over 5 years and have never had a problem parking. You now suggest we not only pay for our own parking but also for our families parking. Who now unfortunately come to do tasks for us that we are now unable to do ourselves? So much for the government trying to keep people in their own homes. My wife is also the holder of a blue badge (paid for) which as you should know allows us to park legally free of charge in Hexham and elsewhere. Then you propose we pay £30 per year to park at our own door its absolute rubbish.
1		We are a 2 car household and have not experienced difficulty in parking close to our house. In the main we vie for parking with our neighbours - we fail to see how a permit system would improve the situation as everyone would still be going for the same number of spaces. It is only at school drop off and pick up times when there are greater problems, not sufficient enough to require permits however. We would very much begrudge having to pay for a permit, however nominal the fee may appear to be. If permits are to be introduced, why can't they be provided to households for free?
1		This has been long overdue. The amount of cars parked on Kingsgate is an accident waiting to happen, especially as it is so near a first school and children are trying to cross roads with cars speeding and fighting for spaces, I'm surprised there hasn't been an accident. Permit parking would introduce better control to the amount of traffic and as a result the state of the kerbs might improve! I would hope the permit parking would be policed as people working in Hexham and averse to paying car park fees would no doubt attempt to flout the rules! Would people be pre-warned of the permit parking being enforced? And face penalties for flouting rules? We have lived on Kingsgate for many years and would welcome some justice in being priority for parking in front of our own house - after all we pay a higher poll tax rate than some residents a few hundred yards away yet we can't get parked on our own street!
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1		While agreeing in principle I would like to know more about what the visitors permit covers. I do not have a car but I do have family who stay for two or three days at a time about five times a year. Would I have to pay £15 for a residents permit to cover their visits? How would the permits be allocated? By address or by car? If by car how would a non-car owner proceed? If other people are to be charged to park will that mean we have to have parking meters along our streets? Something else for you to consider is the effect on parents who use Kingsgate/Cockshaw/Windmill

			Hill for parking while dropping off and collecting their children from Sele 1st School.
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1			Thank you for the details of the proposed resident parking scheme in zone H5 Hexham. This is the best thing that could happen in this area. From a road safety point of view it would hopefully stop all the following. People abandoning their cars anywhere with scant regard to the highway code or other people's safety. Parking on yellow lines and pavements. Parking on tight bends. Blocking vision on junctions and entrances/exits. Also we have had problems with emergency vehicles being hindered by badly parked cars on our narrow streets and bridges. Hope this is of some help.
1			Resident parking cannot come quick enough. If anything its 20 years too late. It seems crazy you go to the shops for half an hour, then when you return someone has parked outside your house. You have to park a street away from where you live and that car can sit outside your house for hours, all day and in some cases days.
	1		I do not experience problems with regard to parking in my street. Obviously issues have been received by individuals residing in the area however object to paying another form of tax purely to park my private car.
		1	Following our conversation earlier today on parking proposals in this area, at your request here is a summary of some of the points raised. i. Thank you for explaining in more detail a scheme which in principle I fully support as ameliorating difficult conditions here, particularly in terms of abolishing all-day parking which has lost the Council money and caused us hazard and inconvenience. ii. I personally am willing to pay for 2 permits, as I have only one car and can therefore accommodate a visitor. It seems likely, however, that houses with 2/3 cars will find the restriction difficult, as I'm sure you're aware, so I'll be interested to see how that resolves itself in the 12-month trial period you suggest is likely. iii. Will all residents be obliged to display the relevant sticker (on their vehicle(s) so that those who infringe the regulations are immediately identifiable? iv. Could you clarify if the visitors permit will be required for workmen to our properties or will they be exempt? v. Will small businesses which park their vehicles by their homes in both Kingsgate and Cockshaw be subject to the restrictions? vi. It may be possible to discuss increasing off-street parking with the residents of Dunwoodie Ter in the rather overgrown council-owned lane behind their houses. vii. As I'm sure you are aware, the tarmacked and then rough lane behind Ordley Ter and the next 4 houses is privately owned by each resident along it, and not therefore subject to your regulations. viii. To increase further parking for existing users, please

		<p>consider, if not eliminating, then at least considerably reducing the extent of the yellow line on the road alongside Cockshaw burn as it approaches the footbridge leading to the Sele. Three more cars could park there safely while still leaving a yellow line area below the footbridge. ix. In principle I, like some other residents, would not be averse to parental parking if properly managed - though we suffer at present from dangerous/inconsiderate parking, a good deal of rudeness, and neglect from regulatory officers. Would it be worth considering two periods between say 8.30 and 9.00, and again 2.30 to 3.30, when a 20 minute stay was acceptable?</p>
		<p>x. As suggested, the head teacher at the Sele School is immensely co-operative and sympathetic to problems here, so it might be worth keeping her informed of your scheme and its eventual implementation. xi. As disabled parking is not exempt in this scheme from restrictions, perhaps that could be indicated clearly on proposed signage. xii. It seems sensible to implement the proposed scheme in the school holidays - ideally over the summer - so that parents don't find themselves changing their habits suddenly during the term. xiii. Whatever modifications or final proposals are finalised, I do feel that implementation by the new civic officers is going to be crucial. In the past, short- and indeed all-day parkers have ignored 'Road closed signs' when public work has been undertaken in Cockshaw. I think therefore that as well as resentment there will be some who aim to ignore the regulations after they have been taken for granted for a while. In the meantime, please encourage the new officers to impose the existing legal requirements here and prevent cars blocking accesses, pavements, junctions and cobbled stretches. I hope this doesn't confuse the issues above, but I could also raise 3 other highway-related issues concerning Cockshaw in this email: a. occasionally we have horse-riders who come down Dunwoodie-Ordley and then ride their horses up the footpath to the Sele (or do the reverse trip) as if it was a bridleway. This means we can get horse dirt on a public path or on the road outside, and pedestrians walking out with dogs or children suddenly find themselves confronted with a large animal in a relatively enclosed space. Is there any signage which can be put up to deter this?</p>
		<p>b. Is it worth putting CCTV cameras on the no-entry signs at the top of Ordley-Dunwoodie as first thing in the morning and last thing at night, and sometimes even during the working day, we get cars and other vehicles coming down it the wrong way? As they are doing this illegally they inevitably add to the hazard by doing it as fast as possible, even on dark nights/mornings. c. Could you discourage the leaving of up to 5 bins on the pavement below Albion Ter on a permanent basis? At present, if cars park illegally on the pavement on the Wilkinson Place side, there is sometimes</p>

		<p>no available pedestrian passage on this entire section. I wish you good luck with implementing the residential parking scheme. Please let me know if I can be of further help, and keep me informed as to on-going developments.</p>
		<p>Following on our previous conversation and the subsequent message below, it is only fair to comment to you on how reactions have developed concerning the proposed scheme, particularly with the arrival on Cockshaw of the enforcement officers. As you will know, a petition has been presented by residents protesting against parking charges. I have not signed this, but I do understand and share the feeling that we will be expected to pay for a privilege which we feel increasingly we will simply not gain. As we see it, from our long experience as residents rather than as a result of some abstract theory, the proposed scheme, as at present set out, will not work: (a) other users will continue to park here without charge;; and (b) they will do so in an even worse way than at present. (a) It is likely that all-day parking will end, but short-term parking by parents will continue - as it has done in the past when the road has been officially closed - because not all parents have children old enough to be allowed to walk up the footpath to the school by themselves. As before, I urge you to consider suggestions that you actually legislate for this, with short-term parking backed by no return within a specified period, and perhaps with a charge. His argument against this that the Council has to operate a county-wide policy is nonsense. All our towns and villages are different. Not all old residential areas have schools within them and/or close proximity to the centre; and likewise therefore not all schools are sited in old parts of inhabited areas with extremely limited parking. It is, surely, a matter of common sense that it is the actual situation which needs addressing, not some non-existent norm.</p>
		<p>(b) The result of your proposed scheme must be that parents will continue to park, but that they will do so even more inconsiderately and dangerously than at present. The reason for this is the ways the new enforcement officers enact their instructions Please correct this if it is a misapprehension, but we understand these officers have a very limited brief. When we see them at work down here, they deal only with cars parked on the yellow line here (even when, to everyone's annoyance and indignation, a car has perhaps only an inch or two of wheel touching the yellow line). Because of this, while they have been on duty here (a) a car has come down past the no entry signs while they have been present; (b) in reaction to over-zealousness about the yellow line, cars have parked even more extensively on pavements, cobbled areas and accesses in such a way as to cause obstructions on either pavements or the road or both in full sight of these officers. So we can only conclude that the enforcement officers, as they are instructed to operate at present, would seem to be an additional factor in the present and future problem. As noted before, the safest thing is to reduce the yellow line considerably, not to force short-term parking onto far more hazardous and - surely actually illegal - areas,</p>

			<p>in company with (a) properly legislated short-term parking. Such would be obvious to all officers, if resident cars display stickers and short-term parkers displayed a parking ticket, and would therefore be enforceable. If you were to come here anonymously between 2.30 and 3.30 you would see the real problem, and the unlikelihood of your present solution working. Please consider this matter thoroughly, do not impose on residents an unworkable and worse scheme, and do not treat residents unjustly by expecting them to pay a charge to park when others will be continuing to do so freely and obstructively.</p>
1			<p>Good plan</p>
1			<p>By coincidence this crossed over with a letter I sent o you on 12th May 2012. I am fully in favour of the permit parking for the very reasons outlined in my letter. Rarely can I park in my street, let alone outside of my own home. People who don't live in teh street taking up our parking spaces. Thank you for your time in looking into this for us. I know it is appreciated not only from me. I am still concerned however that all spaces will be taken when I get home late at night form work & not sure how this can be addressed? I would welcome your advice on this & I am willing to pay for anything that would guarantee me being able to park outside my home.</p>
1			<p>I have purchased a county wide parking permit of 6 months duration! Does this mean I have to pay extra £15 to park at my own home?</p>
	1		<p>Although I understand that Hexham has parking issues (I run a nail bar in Hexham and feel that parking does not assist my clients) I do feel this is a money making scheme. If this is to help residents ensure they can park why charge them. There is approx. 14 houses & 28 flats on Prior Terrace if we can get 2 permits each tat is 84 permits at £15 each = £1260 for Prior Terrace alone!! Even half of that at £630 seems unfair on top of astronomical council tax charges. I currently have no problem getting a space and I think this may cause a problem - not to mention potential disagreements between neighbours. My opinion of this is that it is simply another way to make money. If this if for our benefit then give each resident a permit!</p>
		1	<p>On the surface this looks like a money making exercise for the council? I already pay council tax for pot hole riddled road & bins not emptied often enough!!! I mentioned to my local councillor before the earlier election the problem of not being able to park outside our homes & that other residents had 2 or 3 vehicles and that people working in Hexham used our street as a free car parl. But if each house (not flat) on our road was guaranteed a bay relating to each property I would gladly support this proposal. My reason for saying this is each block of 4 flats only has space</p>

			for 3 small cars max. If this guarantee cannot be made we may as well carry on as now and save our £15, as I cannot see how it could be policed or how it would possibly benefit us.
	1		I am from solving the parking problems, the permit scheme will result in our having to pay for the problem!! I do not have a car but I do get visitors from time to time. These people will, I'm sure still find the same problems in trying to park on Eilansgate Terrace. The 2 car couples and teh people who live on Eilanville will still fill Eilansgate Terrace with their vehicles, so any permit that I have will be useless - in other words, I am paying for a non-existent privilege! Also, what happens to the parents when they park their cars on Kingsgate Terrace and Dunwoodie Terrace while they deliver and collect their children from school? I believe that this is just yet money making scheme as far as Northumberland County Council is concerned. Good old Hexham - the honey pot on Tynedale! Please remember that we are not all rich and paying for these permits is a totally useless exercise for us residents. We will be no better off as far as finances or parking is concerned. Time for a re-think perhaps.
		1	I would inform you that as emergency service we may be required to use the above road for access and egress in the event of activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for out-patient appointments. I do appreciate however the need for restrictions to improve road safety. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
1			Yes I am for the residents parking permit there is cars parked outside my front door 24/7. I would definitely purchase a residents pass & visitors pass.
1			This will hopefully relieve congestion especially during school drop/pick up times. This would definitely be a help to us as it is very difficult to get a fire appliance through this area at times. We have in the past had to leave the appliance next to the Old Tannery PH and run to Cockshaw Court, which if not a false alarm could have had serious implications. I know the school have sent requests to parents in the past about parking in the Cockshaw area which has an impact for a short period of time but things soon go back to people parking anywhere they can.
	1		I live in sheltered accommodation and it would never work as carers are in and out all day long. Also, as all my family live abroad or long distant you can count on one hand the visitors I get and as a pensioner (as are all the tenants here) it's simply too expensive out of my pension.
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1	1		I am writing to represent tenants at properties at River View. The building is part of a HMO flat share and therefore has 4 different - unrelated- individuals residing in the property. I have been advised that as two of the residents have already acquired passes for the front of the property; my 2 remaining tenants have nowhere to park. I hope that there will be provisions made for situations such as this: treating our rooms as individual households. I would appreciate a response from yourselves on this matter so that I can keep my clients informed.
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	1		This will solve nothing.
	1		As an employer based at 1 Giles Place myself and my staff are enduring constant abuse and had restrictions enforced on us regarding parking. I employ 9 staff and we are car sharing as best we can to eliminate having numerous vehicles but we still have 6 cars to park. We are having to park in the Glovers Place area where we have been told by numerous residents we are 'in their space'. I therefore ask - as an employer - where do my staff park??? We have 3 spaces outside the office but this is a 1/2 hour waiting zone?? I find the whole issue of parking a nightmare and ask the question - why???
1			I think residents should be able to purchase more than two permits; I have my work van and car, plus when family come to stay.
	1		I am strongly against the permit parking why should I have to pay to park outside my own house this is totally unfair and wrong because most of Hexham has parking problems not just our area. All you want is more money (greedy)
		1	We live at 47 Gilesgate, Hexham and have been made aware that a residents parking scheme is proposed for Cockshaw. I am writing to you as the consultation document from the council was only circulated to the residents in the proposed area but if it goes ahead as proposed we will be badly affected. The spaces outside our house which we presently park in will become the only free public on street parking spaces for hundreds of metres, but we will not be able to park anywhere else around our property as it will all be part of the scheme. It is already very difficult to park near to home but if this goes ahead we will never be able to find a space and there will be nowhere nearby for us to use. I would like to suggest that we are added to the resident's scheme or we will be very much disadvantaged. I hope you can help. Our house is the former Turnbull's shop premises. Incidentally the map from the council shows our back garden as Garland Place and instead of Gilesgate it shows as Giles Place. This is not correct as I'm sure you'll know.
1			As a resident of Tanners Row with private parking for 9. There are 18 flats can we still purchase permits to.

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	1		I have three rooms in my house so would need 3 permits anyway. Plus if I bring a different car home and don't have the permit in me would break the rules.
1			No waiting at any time strongly supported. Residents parking permits not sufficiently flexible to allow access for the short-term parking for access to Sele Park and Schools for Hexham residents outside this area. We would like a 1 hour restriction no return in 3 hours opposite Cockshaw Terrace and on the outside of Tanners Row. Please consider aesthetics when considering the RTR signs in this conservation area.
	1		We do not believe that we should have to pay for parking in our area. We only experience busy times between 8.30-9am and 2.30-3.30pm, Mon - Fri. As we are at work this causes us no inconvenience. Even with a residents permit to park we would not be quarantined a parking space outside our house. Where would our visitors park? If they were forced to use Wentworth or find alternative parking it would be way outside our area cost our visitors money and inconvenience to ourselves if we had to pick them and their luggage up. This feels like money making effort by a cash strapped council. We pay a fortune in council tax - this would just be another hidden tax. Where would these funds be allocated? Would this go towards the general upkeep of the area which is being neglected due to lack of resources?
	1		I agree that something needs to be done about people parking outside my house while they go off to work for the day I do not agree with the proposal. I have a family of 5 children so I own a mini bus for family journeys and holidays, and we have a small car for work. My husband also has a van for his business which we / he cannot do without. 2 permits would not be enough for us and it would also mean that our visitors would have nowhere to park. I also disagree with having to pay per permit, it should be £15 per household. I think that you should put double yellow lines along the problem areas i.e. Cockshaw Burn, and I think parents should be allowed to park for short periods, i.e. 8-9am and 2.45-3.30pm to enable them to drop their children off and pick them up from the Sele school. I would rather share my car parking space with the rest of Hexham than pay for your permits. People pay enough road tax they should be able to park outside their own house freely. As we live in the town centre it has to be expected that sometimes others will park in our street also you are just being greedy for money and selfish!
	1		This will have absolutely no impact on our parking problems. If you wish to make a change for the good then give each house owner a permit to park outside their house. We already have residents from other streets in the resident permit parking zone parking on our street as it is!! Your proposal will not work. The only people to benefit will NCC, more pennies in their purse, sorry your purse!! This proposal is not for the benefit of the residents! It is purely a money making opportunity. Give us a proposal

		where we both benefit. I would not mind paying £15 a year for a parking space to be quarantined outside my house.
1		The flow of traffic would be greatly enhanced if parking was restricted to one side of the road in Kingsgate Terrace. Cars currently park on the pavements on both sides. If they do not then large delivery lorries, fire engines etc would not be able to drive along. The exit to and entrance into Kingsgate Terrace from Eilansgate is dangerous when cars park right up to the corner, often cars have to back out on to Eilansgate when cars meet at the junction and there is room only for one car. No waiting at any time double yellow lines on both corners would increase safety considerably. In Kingsgate Terrace it is often necessary to back up a considerable distance when cars come from both directions - there is no room to pass and resident permits will not solve this problem.
	1	I have lived in my house for 4 years and although sometimes it has been difficult to find parking very close to my house I have never not found parking a minute or 2 away. I think it is wrong to put restrictions on parking as I live opposite the school at the Sele and parents have to park to walk the children into the school. Remember the children are 4-6 years of age. If anything happened to a child because of teh parking restrictions I would advise legal action against teh council ad sue. We have 2 cars in the family and use them both for business, so when my 76 year old mother comes to visit, where should she park? The same for friend and family, on birthdays or family occasions or are we not allowed to have visitors anymore? Having to pay for parking is killing the town centre as people that I know who live more than a walk away have said it is easier to just go to Tesco or the Metro Centre as there is no chance of getting a fine if you run over the time that you think you are going to be. This will not solve anything, it just means that the problem will move to the next area, then you will have to do the same there until teh whole of Hexham is a parking zone. Remember a lot of the congestion only happens twice a day and does not last long.
1		I am very glad that at last something is being done about the dangerous congestion occurring daily on Glovers Place and Cockshaw Terrace, congratulations! At the age of 86 years I no longer need a residents permit - but would like to have a permit for visitor parking, which includes relatives, carers and nurses? Would residents parking be specific to one specific area? At present some residents have cars which they rarely use - thus blocking parking spaces but visiting carers, medical staff etc can usually find somewhere to park - but this could be difficult if there were allotted residents parking only!
	1	I am absolutely against these parking restrictions, except for the around Cockshaw Court & the narrow bridge towards the skinners. I've lived here for 12 years and I haven't heard of any one making complaints.

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		1	I am writing about the proposed resident permit parking plans at Cockshaw Court in Hexham. I am the scheme manager of a sheltered accommodation for the elderly in the site on your map where you are going to propose the permit parking: disagree and all the residents do that they should pay to park outside their properties when most of them are struggling financially anyway. I cannot see how this can be implemented at Cockshaw Court as my residents have Gp's, nurses, carers, family and friends visiting they would possibly feel more isolated as people would not visit thinking they may be fined. I also don't see how you could also make this enforceable as Cockshaw Court as its owned by ISOS Housing and the land inside Cockshaw Court is theirs this is a busy scheme and often have repair vans there as well, however I am in a total agreement of other areas the road leading to Cockshaw is always double parked often the bin men can't collect our refuse as they are obstructed by the double parked cars, ambulances also fire engines are obstructed so I am in agreement that something needs to be done. I look forward to hearing your response thank you for your time.
	1		As a family we strongly disagree with this proposal because we have 3 vehicles one being a works van which my son brings home because he is frequently on 24 hour call if this proposal goes ahead we would be forced to leave a vehicle somewhere else no doubt resulting in complaints to yourselves or risk parking tickets.
	1		The shortage of parking spaces within the proposed area for resident's permits is created solely by the residents themselves. Many of the properties in this area are ground & first floor flats with up to four vehicles per linear property length. Introduction of permits will therefore not increase the number of available parking spaces to resolve the problem and therefore the council cannot guarantee an improvement on the situation as it now exists. This is merely a proposal to permit the council to receive revenue for something that they cannot provide. It is not a service, it is a tax. I own several properties in this area and none of my tenants are in favour.
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	1		Cannot see how it would work unless actively policed as people do not take notice of signs especially any entry at the bottom of Kingsgate. I feel it's just another ploy to boost council coffers. If its £15 this year how much next year and the year after you have not made this clear.
1			Yes we both strongly agree with the parking permits, however we do not agree with the charge as we do pay £100 council tax every month. Also we are tenants and there is no guarantee that we will be living here for a year as for many people living in this area.

1		<p>We agree there is a parking problem in the Cockshaw area although it is not as wide spread as the map implies we are in zone H5 and have never been unable to park on the street in 18 years. It is not acceptable to charge residents to park their cars at home nor should we pay to have our friends and family visit us. My mother is a blue badge holder and will be unable to visit me in my home with the proposed restrictions. I was unaware that the role of the county council is to keep families apart and to make living in some but not all parts of Hexham difficult and over expensive. A number of residents have commercial vehicles for their work. Such restrictions could therefore affect people's employment is this the aim of the councillors who are pushing for the permits. I am curious as to who decided the limits of the area involved as it seems to stop just before the street where a town councillor owns rental properties.</p>
1		<p>In principal resident permit parking has plus points - to get rid of non-residents and taking up resident parking and visitor to residents. However to pay to park in the locality of your own property is not fair. Quite happy to pay for a visitor permit though.</p>
	1	<p>As residents of 2 Millfield Terrace Hexham which adjoins Cockshaw and is on the boundary of the proposed Cockshaw resident permit scheme I write to ask in the first instance why residents of Millfield Terrace, Pearson Terrace and Westbourne Grove etc, who will be badly affected by this scheme should it go ahead, were not given the courtesy of notification of this ill thought out proposal. That aside we say a resounding NO to this unworkable idea on the following grounds. Why should residents within a neighbourhood be penalized financially and inconvenienced massively through restrictive resident parking permits. Where are 2/3 car households, visitors to properties, family, workmen etc etc supposed to park. All because a few parents living outside the area occasionally cause minor traffic congestion when dropping off or collecting their children at the Sele First School by parking inconsiderately and sometimes causing obstruction on a back street. These culprits should be targeted and made to park legally and with consideration to residents or alternatively to designated car parks and walk their children to the school gate. NCC has imposed a fleet of traffic wardens on Hexham who sadly need to make up a living wage by "catching" unwitting offenders in Hexham town centre - is the Cockshaw scheme another way of assisting the survival of the traffic wardens by widening their net and increasing opportunity for parking penalty notices whilst at the same time creating a "nice little earner" for the council from the resident permits issued? If this scheme goes ahead we consider it will reduce the amenity value and overall enjoyment for residents within the whole neighbourhood. The local councillor behind this scheme does not have to live with it and he will not get away easily with imposing this on people he is supposedly representing.</p>

			Secondly, we are becoming increasingly concerned and annoyed by the parking situation per se in Hexham Town as NCC seem intent on ruining the livelihoods of Hexham traders and driving away visitors by making it increasingly harder for motorists to find a parking space and stay longer than one hour. Other towns within the county are not subject to such restrictions or financial penalty – please justify. In our view, parking in the designated car parks should be FOC as it is in several other Northumberland towns as a catalyst for economic recovery Hexham badly needs. I look forward to hearing from you on both counts asap.
1			As a none car owner living in the Cockshaw area I welcome the proposal - often visiting friends and relatives are unable to park in front (or near) my house and I object as a pedestrian having to walk in the road because of cars parked on the pavement in this area.
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		1	We support the idea of resident parking, but feel it is unfair to vote while comments are still being collected. If any comments are acted on we won't know what we are voting for. Our main problem with the proposal is to issue only 1 permit per household (plus 1 visitor permit), when most residents have 2 cars. The proposed area is large and so where will all the second cars end up parked? There is nowhere else and if somewhere is found this will just move the parking problem to another area. A major contribution to the problem is shoppers, workers, teh school run etc. Parking during the day (and saving parking charges). Stopping this may allow 2 cars per household to park in teh area. As first stated we are in favour of some sort of residential parking and unlike some people we won't mind paying a 'reasonable fee' for the permits if the problem can be solved.
	1		We have never experienced problems parking on our street. The only problem area I have noticed is Cockshaw itself - perhaps something specific would be considered for this road. I can only see problems associated with this plan e.g. what will all the parents do who park in the available spaces when dropping off and collecting their children? Yes, the parking spaces are full around these times, but generally for only 20 mins. Will this not just create a problem elsewhere? Is this not just a money making exercise?
1			I support the proposals but as a non-driver I don't own a car. I would be interested in paying for a visitor only permit. I used to live on Clayton Road in jesmond and I had to pay £10 per year for a visitors permit. Other residents who owned cars had to submit their specific car registration number whereas I could use mine occasionally for friends and family. At present my visitors are very lucky if they can park near my house. Moving in was dreadful because we had to carefully carry furniture past other peoples cars. There is no rear street entrance to my house.

	1		<p>The problem with parking seems to be mainly in Cockshaw. A simple solution is sensible placing of double yellow lines, to prevent people parking in a very thoughtless and selfish manner, especially around school drop off times. We absolutely do not support permit parking on Kingsgate Terrace. Firstly we do not wish to pay to park outside our home - a cost that may increase from the current £15 per year. You cannot issue 2 permits per household for parking that would not be available for 2 cars per household - look at all the flats on one side of the road!! We have 2 cars on our household. This would mean we wouldn't have a permit for visitors - including my mother in law who looks after my children in the week. Where are our visitors supposed to park? There isn't an issue for parking in Kingsgate Terrace. It is busy - it has always been so. We don't expect to park outside our house - but we do expect to park on our street - free of charge, and to be able to have visitors to our home, who don't have to park a considerable distance away.</p>
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	1		<p>We strongly disapprove with the proposed permit parking in Cockshaw. You are limited our rights to having more than one visitor. We are already paying road tax and rates, being a pensioner it is most unfair. You are moving the problem from one area to another & it is already causing bed feeling. We are on the school run & it is not a problem to us, but you will create a huge traffic jam. Owing to the recession it would increase costs unnecessary. A yellow line would possible solve the problem.</p>
	1		<p>Permit parking is a tool of traffic management with a view to discouraging non-residents parking and reduce congestion & improved road safety. However observation over the years indicate that only residents park their cars on Windmill Hill, Kingsgate Terrace & Kingsgate apart from school parking for 30min am and pm in term time at the bottom of Windmill Hill, Kingsgate and lower Cockshaw. The car parking on upper Cockshaw is residents only whilst on lower Cockshaw it is mainly residents. Consequently I do not think that the scheme is justified as it will make little difference and cause problems for residents who will be limited to 1 visitor car.</p>
		1	<p>While I think that in principle the idea of permit parking which allows residents to ensure that they can park - I object to the idea that I should pay for this right, especially as I already pay road tax and council tax to maintain these services. In addition, when my family visit, they will now have to park elsewhere, a long way from my house. There should be somewhere made available for visitors of local householders. Other residents of Hexham - outside the proposed zone - can have their families to visit and park free of charge - I disagree with the inequality.</p>

	1	<p>We are extremely concerned at the proposed residents' parking permit proposal. There are only two short periods of time during the working week when parking is a problem around the Cockshaw area. These times are school drop off in the morning around 8.45am and again at school pick up time at around 3pm. The problem usually lasts for no more than 20-30minutes each day. The proposal is to punish the residents for the poor parking decisions made by other drivers visiting the area. No alternative parking measures have been tried in the area to deal with the parking problem such as double yellow lines at the narrowest parts of the roads affected and effective parking patrol enforcement at the problem times. The introduction of resident parking permits means that the residents not only pay for road tax for their vehicles but also will now need to pay an additional tax by paying for parking permits. This is disproportionate and unfair to those residents who do not cause a problem and park appropriately. A number of the households in the area, including my own, are also 2 car families so this means that friends or relatives coming to visit will not be able to park in the vicinity. Nor will households be able to arrange to have work done on their property when both car users are at home. We raised a parking objection with the Council when an application was received to alter a neighbouring family property into 2 flats. The objection was not properly considered and our concerns have been proven as now there are four cars for 2 flats where the likelihood was that there would be no more than 2 cars for one house. In living so close to the centre of Hexham, residents expect that the area will be used by those trying to avoid parking charges in the town's car parks.</p> <p>The problem that all day parking causes is not really the problem in this area as by the time most residents return from work, they have gone. Consideration should be given to reducing the car park charges or not introducing charges until after 9.15am and allow short periods of parking rather than 30 minutes or 1 hour etc. This may encourage the parents who are guilty of trying to park very close to the school not to do so and to park in the Market Street car park. I would suggest that the new wardens recently employed by the Council are put to good use to address the inconsiderate and dangerous parking issues before consideration is given to penalising the local residents. A long period of daily enforcement in the problem areas would soon send out a very clear message to those guilty of abusing the local on street parking. This would also ensure that the narrow roads were left clear for emergency vehicles and larger delivery vehicles. I am also concerned at the validity of this consultation. We are being told that we are being consulted on this issue; however, Councillor Terry Robson was reported in the Hexham Courant of 25 May 2012 as stating that "Motorists who park in the Cockshaw area of Hexham all day will have to move on. For a residents' only parking scheme is on the way,". It appears to me that Councillor Robson is treating this consultation as a foregone conclusion and I strongly object to being treated as having no valid argument against this scheme.</p>
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1			I support the proposals but I am 100% against having to pay for the permit certainly at £15 per year. These permits should be allocated free of charge in with our council tax. It is in other wards taxation. We all know once we start paying for these permits the price will steadily increase year on year. Who is going to police this especially at school times? This is when the parking is at a premium and could cause fractions. All in all a good idea but too costly in my opinion.
	1		Referring to the proposed residents permit parking scheme for the Cockshaw area, H5, we have the following comments. The present problems appear to be mainly at the east end of Cockshaw where it crosses the burn and the proposed no parking should be sufficient to alleviate that. At present the parking, with the exception of Cockshaw, appears to be self-regulating. The most congestion is only at school opening and closing times in term time and is therefore of short duration. The proposed scheme will mean that cars will be parked either on Eilansgate or the roads west of the proposed permit zone. Eilansgate is a major route for heavy vehicles and is in constant use. Extra parked cars will create a traffic hazard as the road has a number of bends. As the major apparent congestion appears to be in Cockshaw during school opening and closing times, this means that the proposed scheme will be targeting mothers with small children. This appears to be a revenue raising exercise. Therefore we are opposed to the proposal as it seems to be a sledgehammer to crack a nut and appears to create as many problems as it solves.
1			I do not have a car now, but I think parking permit a good idea so that when my relatives visit they can park.
	1		The bottom (east end) of Cockshaw is always very busy and given the large number of cars in the area I am not convinced that having parking permits is necessarily going to improve the situation. I would resent paying for a parking permit and still having problems parking at certain times. I would much prefer the flexibility of a free for all, this means that visitors are not beset with problems parking and parents are able to drop children off for school. Having residents permits would mean that dropping of children for school will become a problem in another area of the town but I'm not sure where you expect these parents to park. I know that they will not want to pay for an hour's parking just to drop off and take children into school for 10 minutes. I agree with all the arguments that children should be encouraged to walk to school with parents but this is not always possible for parents going on to work or living further away and will not happen so I wonder what thought has gone into the implications of this. Cockshaw is a drop off point for school and I accept this living near a school but would much prefer that thought was given to appropriate no parking marking to ensure the safety of cars and pedestrians in the area. I admit that I have seen some ridiculous parking from parents but if appropriate marking is put in place and enforced this should stop this. I strongly agree that there should be appropriate yellow lines over the bridge to ensure that there are no obstructions to traffic and that the existing yellow line is needed

		<p>directly opposite the entrance to Cockshaw Court but I do not feel that this line should be continued up towards the footpath bridge over the stream where two more car spaces could be created.</p>
		<p>Enforcement officers are having a field day at the moment giving out tickets on this yellow line when cars are not causing any obstruction unlike on the bridge lower down where parking is totally inappropriate and has been recognized. I do not agree with parking on pavements and am aware this happens outside Cockshaw Terrace but there appears to be no enforcement of this from the police. If due consideration could be given to no parking marking to increase safety in the right places I would be much happier with that approach. I know all local authorities are struggling financially and I could be quite cynical in thinking that this is an opportunity for the Council to raise a bit of money. I would resent having to pay out £30 a year for what I consider would not be a greatly improved situation and could create additional problems in other areas of the town.</p>
	1	<p>I do believe that the proposal is a pure money making idea. In Prior Terrace there have been no problems parking, not always in front of my house but on the street. The terrace is not a through road; it is not near the shops to make it worth the extra walk to park there. People who visit the cricket club usually park on the hill. Speaking with other residents nobody has experienced not being able to park outside or near their home. Hexham needs to rethink its parking policy in general not by marking more charges but by reducing some e.g. charging to park on a Sunday. To reaffirm I believe this is a money making proposal not one of concern of parking for residents.</p>
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	1	<p>I agree in principal, but would like to know if this would be a one off payment as I don't think we should have to pay to park outside our own homes.</p>
	1	<p>We strongly oppose the proposal of permits there is no problem of parking on Windmill Hill, Kingsgate Terrace or Cockshaw. We can easily park at all times, so do not introduce a permit scheme. Why should we pay when we do not have a problem? If there is a problem on Glovers Place, then do not include the above streets in the scenario. This is a total intrusion. A lot of people, including councillors oppose this notion. This is a friendly area of Hexham, people help each other, therefore, in relation to parking, it's not</p>

			required. Do not think that people want this when did councillor Robson do any research? Do not put the problems of Glovers Place area onto quiet residential streets.
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1			There is a real need for better control/enforcement of parking in this area. However my only concern with the permit parking system as proposed is how visiting family members and friends can be accommodated. Whatever system is to be initiated I would like to see it enforced as a lack of enforcement renders any system redundant as is the problem with the current yellow lines.
	1		A disgrace another cash making scheme from the NCC well done. We all know what NCC stands for.
		1	<p>We are local residents living in Cockshaw House and support the introduction of new parking restrictions and the management of this by parking enforcement officers. However, the current suggestion for parking restrictions does not recognise the specific problem in teh area and would in fact cause inconvenience to local residents. We believe that there is a better solution, one that would solve the problem while ensuring quality of life for local residents is maintained. This would be permits 8am-6pm and a 20 minutes waiting on the current yellow line. The specific problem with parking in the area is that during the day people use the road to park and go into Hexham and the park. This means that the area becomes congested and it is also difficult for local residents to park near their homes. Parking permits during the day (i.e. 8am till 6pm) would solve this. The problem is not an evening one. In teh evening there is not a problem for residents to find parking and there is not congestion. In fact restrictions after 6pm would cause inconvenience and disruption to the quality of life for local residents. Many residents have 2 cars and therefore with the suggested permits having guests would be difficult. Currently guests can park after 6pm which is ideal.</p> <p>There are 2 further issues that the restrictions could help with although above is our main concern. There are cobbled areas either side of the entrance to Cockshaw Court, designed to ensure safe entry/exit of Cockshaw Court. We would welcome a decision for the enforcement officers to give tickets for parking on these. Otherwise it seems sensible to remove the cobbled areas or place something on them that prevents the parking. The current single yellow line is proposed by yourself to be permit only and no waiting. This is not appropriate for parents dropping off young children at the school who need to accompany them to the school gate. A 20 minute waiting would solve this. It would have to be managed by enforcement officers though. This does not affect us as local residents but seems a sensible approach to suggest. In addition it would mean that delivery drivers/visiting midwives etc could go to local residents for</p>

			20mins.
1			We strongly support the proposals at last thank you. Please note that public access via the footbridge to the Sele Park leisure facilities and to the Sele schools to pick up and drop off children will be restricted by this initiative unless a short term public parking restriction is allowed on the road opposite Cockshaw Terrace and outside Tanners Row, as well as, the residents with parking permits. To stop public parking would increase parking pressure on Beaumont Street which is already very busy. Currently Cockshaw, besides residents, there are cars frequently parking all day thus blocking short term parking for parents, dog walkers and visitors. Please ensure that careful consideration to aesthetics is given when considering road traffic regulation signs in the locality of this conservation area.
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	1		I am happy with my residents parking system as long as those who abuse it are penalised. Evening warden patrols would be a good idea. Having lived here for almost 40 years I always had a free parking permit until this year. I resent having to pay for any permit. A one off payment may be palatable but not an annual renewal fee. This is too much as we do all pay road tax and council taxes. Not too happy. Let's have local government back please, not remote government which is not satisfactory.
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	1		I pay council tax, road fund tax. The street is a cul-de-sac with no through traffic. I have had no problem with parking; I have lived here 47 years.
	1		Most people in Eilanville have their gardens paved so there are no parking places. What will happen if you need a gas man or plumber or doctor, ambulance? I do not mind paying a visitors pass. It will be bedlam if people can't park in Eilansgate. So it needs thinking about.
1			Yes I support the proposal in theory, but why should we have to pay £15 per year for something we have been doing since moving here in 1971. What will happen if we do not go with the proposal and still park our car on the street which we are perfectly entitled to do, will we get a parking ticket!!!! This is just another tax of sorts to get more money out of the general public, which is totally unfair especially to us long standing residents. You get rid of the yellow lines on the front of the street and the parking problem will be solved. The council can't keep pushing us motorists further and further away from our homes and shopping facilities just to gather more revenue for their coffers!! It will not stop other motorists from parking in our area, pass or no pass!! They always find a

			way. We look forward to hearing from you.
		1	I support the resident parking but not as the council propose. First it is quite ridiculous to have a one size fits all throughout the county. In this area very few properties have any off street parking or garage. It therefore makes a mockery of one permit and one visitor to a residence. This is the 21st century and a market town where everyone needs personal transport and consequently most properties will have two or more cars. In this day and age of fluid population families no longer live in close proximity to each other and need to use cars to travel to family so where do they are park? At the moment during the day I have great difficulty in parking at my own premises to load/unload tools and equipment from my work van despite having a frontage that regularly has 10 vehicles parked. My daughter is here every day to have evening meal and pick up my grandson. My son who works brings his car home at time so we can need 4 parking places. It is a case of out of the frying pan into the fire. If it is not Cockshaw residents or school or shopper cars preventing us from parking during work time it will be the council making it even worse. Don't forget who you work for it is the tax payers and residents.
	1		The parking problem on my doorstep is that car owners park irresponsibly, they park on pavements, corners, have no regard for pedestrians, do not have the common sense to leave enough room for service & emergency vehicles to drive through and believe they have every right to do this. Therefore no waiting at any time zone would be very beneficial to our area. However, why do we have to pay when everyone parks for free now, whether they live here or not? You will be making a profit from residents and from car owners who will probably have to pay to park elsewhere. By moving these car owners elsewhere (mainly business people) you will have less parking places for visitors. I would rather have a full street of sensibly parked cars and a busy town centre full of shoppers than to have a dying town. The question also is who is going to benefit from this extra income from permits? The residents? The people of Hexham? Or elsewhere in Northumberland - because the lack of teh councils concern when we have snow and ice on the roads and pavements in this area is evident.
	1		I strongly object to any kind of parking restrictions or permit parking. There is no problem with parking on Cockshaw. Residents park on one side of the street. If there is no problem, why introduce a permit? Weekends are particular quiet, I can always park, if my friends visit, I do not want to have to provide only one permit (as you suggest). What happens if all my family want to visit? The parked cars down one side of Cockshaw slow the rate of traffic down to approx. 15mph. Why should I have to pay for a permit? I like to be able to park in my street at my own liberty. I strongly object. We are a tight community and we do not want

			restrictions/permits. We all know whose car is whose. We do not need to be policed by traffic wardens either. Do not suggest that people of Cockshaw want permits - I have found out that they certainly do not. Do not spoil our market town by this dictatorship of a scheme; it will ruin our friendly community. Do not tell us where to park as we're sensible people who oppose this.
1			I support the proposals in principal but would there be any problems having intermittent wood deliveries during the winter months as we have wood-burning stoves? Are you considering also having limited waiting times for school drop offs?
	1		Why should I pay £15 when I am not guaranteed a space outside my front door? OH yes, sorry that's £30 because if you have visitors they need a permit as well. My wife is a home carer, for every area she visits a new permit will be required. As its different areas in Hexham. What happens if the people she visits do not drive? They will have no permit to give her (and our permit will be no good if it's not the right zone) This is a total ludicrous stupid idea by the council to fleece residents out of more cash we don't have. Simply put up signs saying not parking and give people tickets that park there that's why you pay wardens.
	1		I see no reason why the residents of Prior Terrace should pay for something we have managed ourselves for the 24 years I have lived on the Terrace and furthermore the majority of residents I spoke to and signed the petition whole heartedly agree with me. I don't know who Mr Terry Robson has spoken to but it wasn't me.
	1		There are certain areas in Hexham where I can understand that permit parking's would be necessary but Kingsgate Terrace isn't one of them. I never have any problems and just see it as another unnecessary expense when it's already difficult to make ends meat. I signed the petition against it and judging by the opinions of neighbours I have spoken to I'm not the only person against this proposal.
1			The council has considered the proposals set out in your paper of 14 May 2012 and has agreed it will support them.

		1	<p>In overall terms there is not a great deal wrong with the parking in the Cockshaw area. We have lived here for over 20 years and have come the following conclusions. 1. The streets are busy for short periods of time when the Sele School is opening and closing plus also at lunchtime for the younger kids. This is NOT a problem because the extra parking slows down the traffic (very oddly this is still at 30mph zone) and the parking is only for 30mins periods. Plus when you live near to school this really should be expected. 2. The informal and not strictly highway authority approved parking on street corners, near junctions etc is unofficially tolerated by the police because it slows traffic down. The reason the council installed pedestrian footpath widening on Cockshaw some 20 years ago was to slow down the traffic. Now with more cars per household the traffic is slowed by the current practice of parking. Applying a standard highway authority solution will increase speed by formalising parking practices. 3. There is a problem of a small number of cars parking all day who work in Hexham. In recent years this has reduced as a problem due to the closure of once busy offices in Gilesgate and elsewhere in the centre of Hexham. We assume that this is not a council policy and that the current vacant buildings will return to economic use. Thus the problem of all day commuter parking will increase. 4. Over the last 20 years and more the Cockshaw area has become home to more people of working population who tend to have 2 cars per household. Due to the absence of good employment opportunities in Hexham most of these people work in areas like Tyneside and therefore during school hours there are spaces for parents with school children. 5. Formalising car parking into bays set by national standards not designed for the unstructured and informal Victorian streets of Cockshaw will inevitably reduce the number of parking bays and speed up the traffic and make the area more attractive to the rat-run traffic.</p>
			<p>For example we would expect that the proposal will encourage cars to park outside the houses on Dunwoodie Terrace / Orderly Terrace and force passing cars onto the pavement. As someone who in a previous employment both ran and assessed controlled parking zone initiatives I would suggest that the above conclusions would be borne-out by empirical research for the Cockshaw proposal had your council commissioned evidence based research? The proposal you submit for consultation seems rather a blunt instrument to address the issues and could damage much of what is good about living in this neighbourhood. I would suggest the following would be more proportionate and locally sensible solutions. A. Impose a residents parking permit system for Monday to Friday only - excluding bank holidays. B. Set the residents parking time zones to prevent just the few and persistent all day car parkers who work in Hexham and leave their cars in Cockshaw area by setting residents only parking limits at say 9:30am to 11:30am and again at 1:00pm to 2:30pm. The practice is widely used in areas like Gosforth and it works. C. Allow residents to have 2 permits per household. D. Avoid marking bays as an unintended consequence of this will be to remove the unofficial parking practices which slows the traffic and has given the area a good recent safety record. E. Set a 20mph zone for the area. The lack of</p>

		<p>effective research in times of very limited public funds for highway schemes is odd. For example, as consultants we do not know how many cars the current resident's park and how many spaces the proposed car parking zone would set. This is pretty basic stuff. However, since the scheme has political support then one way to make progress is to learn by doing.</p>
		<p>That is, despite the council having developed a scheme for consultation without effective empirical research or focus groups or a desktop exercise - I believe any scheme should be introduced on a trial basis only - this would allow your council to collect intelligence and assess it against agreed measures of success (set the outset) to evaluate whether or not this initiative is working. I appreciate the council's willingness to consult at this formative stage of developing a scheme and thank you for offering me the extension day to send in my submission.</p>
1		<p>I refer to your letter dated 14th May 2012, reference M/E/1/110/8/CONS/CS in relation to perceived 'on going parking difficulties' and proposed measures to prevent use of the road by vehicular traffic in a manner which is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road. I am a resident of Ordley Terrace, Cockshaw and would advise any parking difficulties are limited to times of school drop offs. Since the introduction and presence of the parking officer (witnessed this morning) this issue has considerably reduced and the uncontrolled parking that does take place would be properly managed by the introduction of the new road markings as suggested on your drawing, number HE128325-UB290-01. To extend the proposals to include a full resident permit parking zone is not commensurate of the scale of the perceived parking difficulties on Cockshaw/Ordley Terrace. For the most part any localised issues are due to inconsiderate parking at unsuitable locations that do coincide with your proposals for 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions. I would also suggest road markings be introduced at the narrowest width of Ordley Terrace, i.e. from number 15 (inclusive) west to the junction with Kingsgate (please refer to hand annotated version of your drawing). I feel the cost of the scheme to the residents is grossly in excess of the scale of the issue. The simple introduction of the additional road markings (renewal of the existing) and continued presence of parking control officers would be far more effective than rolling out an area wide permit parking scheme. I would be grateful to learn what data (accident or reported incidents) has informed the Council's perception of the parking difficulties. Finally, on the matter of road safety I would also express concern to the alignment and arrangement of the Ordley Terrace/Kingsgate junction since the 'No Entry' arrangement is ineffective.</p>

			<p>On several and frequent occasions road users travel the wrong way as means of a short cut through to Tanners Row. This has culminated in several confrontations between the residents of Ordley Terrace and the road users and I would welcome your review of the road arrangement to establish what improvement works could be carried out to prevent this from continuing.</p>
	1		<p>With regards to the traffic management consultation for residents only car parking for the Cockshaw area of Hexham I would like to notify you of my opposition to the scheme. The scheme will not solve any parking issues which exist in the area. The displacement of vehicles will only create new problems for the adjacent non-residents only parking areas. The majority of local residents are amenable to the area being used for school drop off and for visits into Hexham and do not require these proposed parking restrictions. I trust these points will be considered as part of the consultation process and that the scheme is not progressed.</p>
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Appendix 3 – Proposal

<p>CONTRACT DRAWING NO.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Northumberland Northumberland County Council</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>PROPOSED 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' RESTRICTIONS</p>	<p>REVISION Drawing Status</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPENDIX 3</p>	<p>Check NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY HALL, ROBERTS NORTHUMBERLAND, NE1 2EF TEL: 01670 633000</p>	<p>440 The UR290 COCKSHAW AREA - HEATHAM</p>	<p>Drawing Title PROPOSED RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING AND NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Northumberland Northumberland County Council</p>
<p>Approved for issue on behalf of the Council by the Council's Planning Committee on 14th March 2012. The Council's Planning Committee is the Council's decision-making body for all planning applications. The Council's Planning Committee is a sub-committee of the Council. The Council's Planning Committee is a sub-committee of the Council. The Council's Planning Committee is a sub-committee of the Council.</p>							