

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES

PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS, BILTON MAIN STREET, BILTON

Executive Director of Local Services, Barry Rowland
Executive Member, Ian Swithenbank, Streetcare and Environment

Purpose of report:

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, and comments provided during the Alnmouth Station Parking Meeting of Wednesday 17 September 2014, regarding the implementation of proposed No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions at Bilton Main Street, Bilton, together with the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enable enforcement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions should be provided as proposed, however, the markings should extend beyond Oxo Cottage to further improve road safety.

Key issues

- 1) Scheme being funded through 2014/15 LTP Programme
- 2) Supported by Local Councillor, and all residents from Bilton Main Street who responded to the consultation.
- 3) Scheme is part of the on-going Alnmouth Railway Station Improvements

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BACKGROUND

- 1) The County Council have been working with Councillor Heather Cairns to address the parking problems currently experienced on Bilton Main Street, Curly Lane, South View and other associated areas largely as a consequence of overflow parking at the nearby Alnmouth Railway Station.
- 2) Plans for additional parking within the car parks are on-going, however funding has now been made available via the County Councils Local Transport Plan and with the support of Councillor Cairns, Officers are now looking to address the current road safety concerns.
- 3) In an attempt to improve the current situation a combination of 'Residents Permit Parking' and 'No Waiting' restrictions was the subject of a consultation letter to approximately 140 households / businesses, and approximately 25 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations. A plan showing the proposals is attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix 1).

CONSULTATION

- 4) Residents were consulted from 28th April to 9th June 2014. The results of the consultation are set out below:

	For	Against
Resident Parking	31 (52%)	29 (48%)
No Waiting restriction	31 (53%)	27 (47%)

(3 responses failed to state a preference).

- 5) The results of the consultation are evenly split. Experience has shown that it can be difficult to introduce restrictions where there isn't a majority in favour. The consultation comments have, however, confirmed that there is a parking problem in the area. There is also the proposed additional car parking at Alnmouth Station to take into account.
- 6) Given the response to the consultation, a public meeting was arranged to discuss the way forward. A series of options and recommendations were discussed (see Appendix 2).

ALNMOUTH STATION PARKING MEETING

- 7) The whole Alnmouth Railway Station Scheme was discussed with residents and commuters on Wednesday 17 September 2014, over 70 attendees were present. When discussing the proposed 'Residents Permit Parking' and 'No Waiting' restrictions, Councillor Heather Cairns confirmed that although total responses were evenly split, when considering responses received from residents of Bilton only, it was clear that these residents are in favour of the 'No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions' being implemented as proposed.
- 8) One resident requested that the parking restrictions be extended beyond Oxo Cottage on both sides of the road, an extension of 95 metres to what was originally been proposed. Since the Alnmouth Station Parking Meeting, a site meeting has taken place to investigate this request. At the site meeting Councillor Cairns spoke with a resident of Oxo Cottage who confirmed they would have no objections to the measures being extended. It has therefore been agreed to extend the restrictions as this would further improve road safety. A plan of the revised restrictions is attached as Appendix 3.
- 9) While concerns were raised that providing parking restrictions at Bilton would move the problem elsewhere, Councillor Cairns commented that there is a huge road safety issue at Bilton and the process of implementing these parking restrictions would commence in due course. However, she highlighted that this measure is just one in a package of measures proposed to address indiscriminate parking in the area.
- 10) Once restrictions are in place, the area will be monitored to determine the impact on other areas in the vicinity of Alnmouth Railway Station.
- 11) While no further action is planned at this moment in time with regard to the proposed 'Residents Permit Parking' schemes on Curly Lane and South View. Other measures highlighted in Appendix 2 will continue to be programmed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12) From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concerns raised in this area and it is inevitable that some sections of the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. Following the consultation exercise and recent Alnmouth Station Residents Meeting, it is clear that residents of Bilton, and Councillor Heather Cairns are in favour of Parking Restrictions being implemented in order to improve road safety in the area. It is therefore recommended that the scheme to implement 'No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions' at Bilton Main Street should proceed as proposed, however the restrictions should be extended beyond Oxo Cottage on both sides of the road.
- 13) The Council has the power to hold a public inquiry before making any 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.

14) Accordingly it is recommended that the Executive Director of Local Services agrees to proceed with the introduction of the following Traffic Regulation Order;

- North Northumberland (Central) Area (Waiting and Loading) Composite Order 2011 Amendment No. 9 Order 2014.

APPENDIX INDEX

Appendix 1 – Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix 2 – Options and Recommendations discussed at Alnmouth Station Parking Meeting

Appendix 3 – Plan showing revised restrictions

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Road Traffic Act 2004

Local Government Act 2000

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IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy:	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will cost approximately £3,000 and will be financed from the 2014/15 Local Transport Plan Programme
Human Resources:	None
Property	None
Equalities	Correct lines will help improved enforcement
Risk Assessment	Residential area, Alnmouth Railway Station, route to school.
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations	The restrictions will improve road safety for residents of Bilton.
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Lesbury Parish Council, all affected residents / businesses and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Alnwick

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member and Executive Director:

Executive Director of Local Services, Barry Rowland
Executive Member, Ian Swithenbank, Streetcare and Environment

Subject:

Proposed No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions, Bilton Main Street, Bilton

Consultation:

n/a

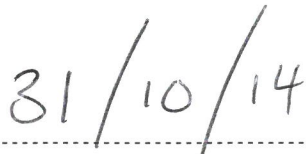
Decision Taken:

To approve the scheme to implement 'No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions' at Bilton Main Street as proposed, however the restrictions should be extended beyond Oxo Cottage on both sides of the road.

Signature of Executive Director



Date



APPENDIX 1 – CONSULTATION LETTER AND PLAN

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Monday 28th April 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed 'Resident Permit Parking' and 'No Waiting at Any time' Restrictions – Alnmouth Station

It has been brought to the attention of the County Council that residents are experiencing parking difficulties on Bilton Main Street, Curly Lane, South View and other associated areas largely as a consequence of overflow parking at the nearby railway station.

Whilst plans for additional parking within the car parks are on-going, funding has now been made available via the County Councils Local Transport Plan and with the support of Councillor Cairns to address the current road safety concerns. The option to provide a combination of 'Resident Permit Parking' and 'No Waiting' restrictions is enclosed for your consideration. This option is considered the most appropriate at this time, but it is appreciated that local knowledge is key to the success of a scheme. The comments received will aid the process significantly, however if a public meeting is deemed necessary then representatives from the County Council would be happy to attend.

For the Resident Permit Parking aspect, South View will be marked out in bays and numbers 1-10 will be entitled to apply for permits as the vast majority do not have off street parking provision. Curly Lane, Hillside and Hipsburn Crescent will form a Zone which has the benefit of utilising fewer signs and lines than your typical Resident Parking Scheme. Signs are erected at the entry points to the zone only and no road markings are required. The extent of the zone is determined by the existing and potential parking that might take place.

To make the scheme enforceable, residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits referenced L1. (Currently £15 a year per permit). A maximum of 2 permits are utilised per household with 1 permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking.

I am therefore writing formally in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) to ask for your comments on the proposals as above and shown on the enclosed plans. The proposal is being considered for facilitating the passage of vehicular traffic on the road.

The County Council is seeking your views and a free post response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. I would welcome a reply by Monday 9th June 2014. If no comments are received by that date it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations regarding the above proposal. You may wish to note that any comments received may be included in a Decision Report and may be available for public inspection.

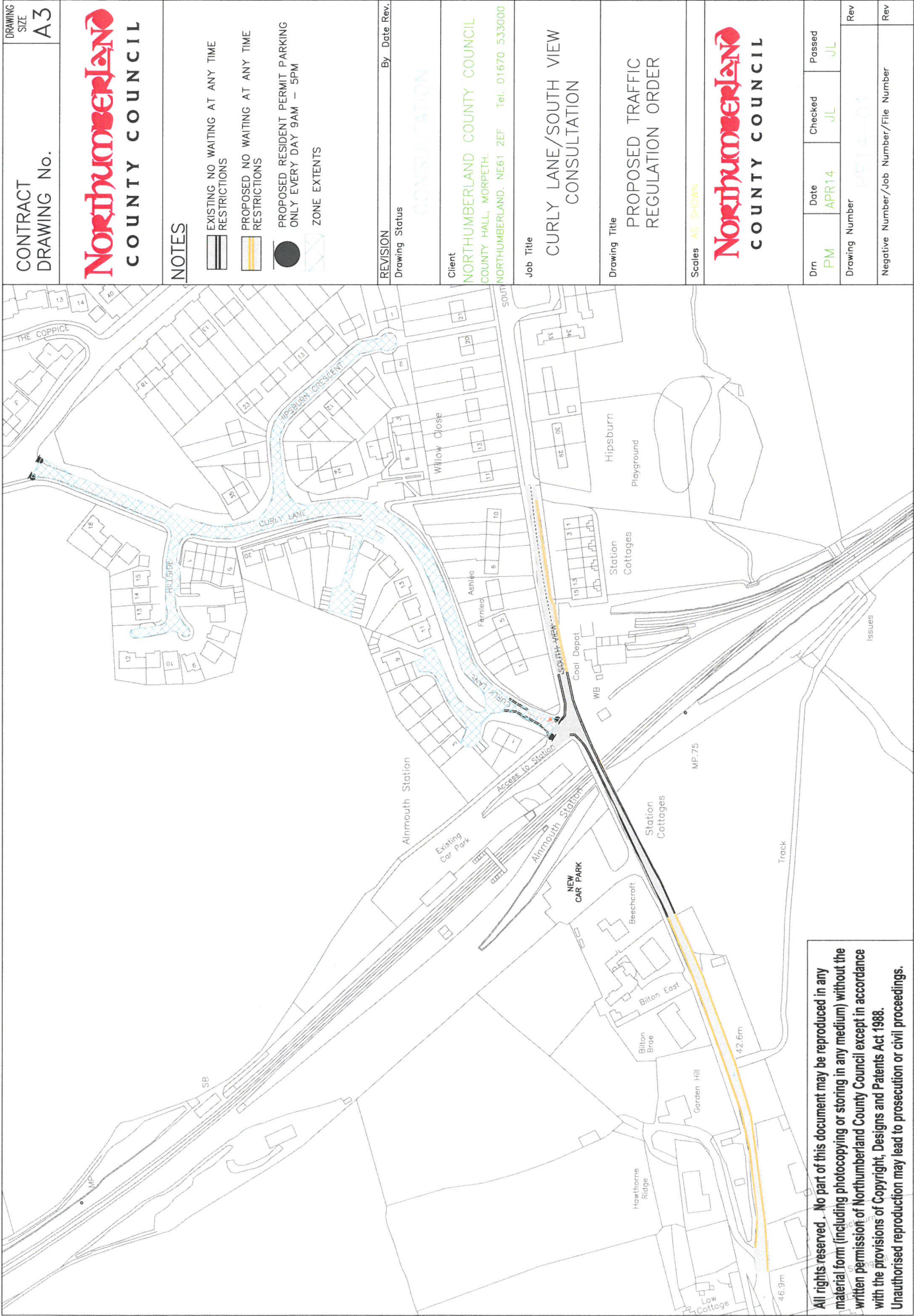


Please visit the following web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/> if you wish to respond to this consultation online. If you have any queries regarding this consultation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. McKenna'.

Paul McKenna
Transport Projects Team



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NOTES

- EXISTING NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS
- PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS
- PROPOSED RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING ONLY EVERY DAY 9AM – 5PM
- ZONE EXTENTS

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Client

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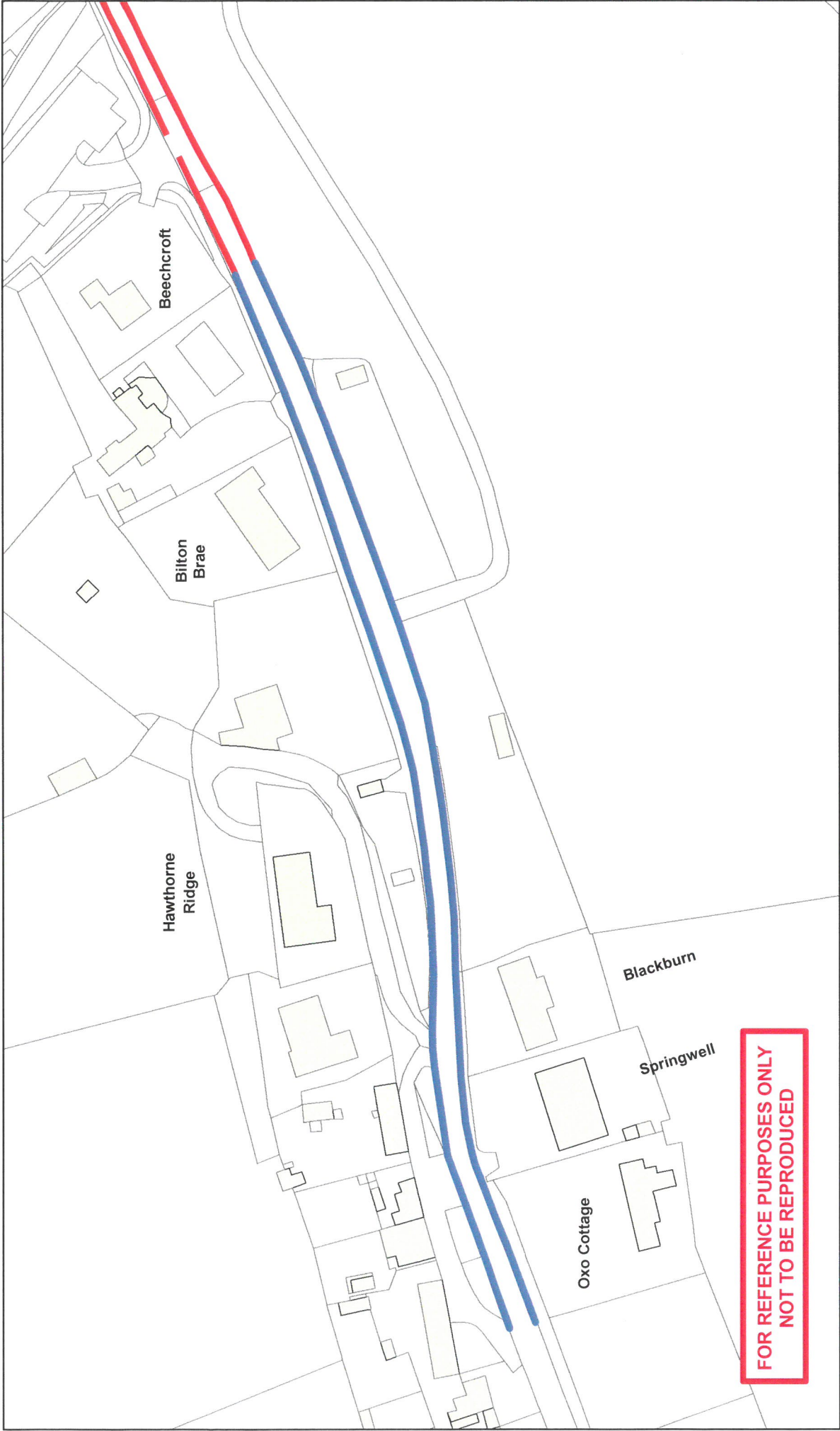
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APPENDIX 2 - OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS DISCUSSED AT PARKING MEETING

	<p>Option 1 – Extend the west (Council-operated) car park</p> <p>Considerations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The need to acquire land that is currently owned by Network Rail. 2) The need to divert a gas main to allow the Aln Valley Railway to progress their plans for a station. 3) The need to ensure Network Rail continue to have access to the track and room to turn vehicles. 4) The need to secure planning consent. <p>Recommendation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Go ahead with this option.
	<p>Option 2 – Potential further extension of the west (Council-operated) car park.</p> <p>Considerations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The need to acquire land that is owned by Northumberland Estates (boundary indicative at this stage). <p>Recommendation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Continue discussions with Northumberland Estates regarding land acquisition. 2) Prepare a preliminary design and estimated cost.
	<p>Option 3 – Potential future east car park extension into the Network Rail compound</p> <p>Considerations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The need to acquire the land from Network Rail. 2) Network Rail require a replacement site for their maintenance compound. <p>Recommendation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Discuss the feasibility of this option further with Network Rail.
	<p>Option 4 – Proposed ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ restriction (Double Yellow Lines)</p> <p>Considerations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Adjacent properties were consulted on this proposal. All responses were in favour of the proposed restriction. <p>Recommendation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Implement the no waiting restriction.
	<p>Option 5 – Residents Permit Parking in Curly Lane and South View</p> <p>Considerations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Resident’s responses to the previously proposed permit parking scheme were mixed. 2) Potential displacement of inconsiderate parking onto nearby streets. 3) If car parking at the station is increased (option 1), residents parking may not be required. <p>Recommendation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Monitor parking in Curly Lane and South View following the completion of the car park extension (option 1), and consider further measures if inconsiderate parking remains a problem.
	<p>Option 6 – Residents Permit Parking in Lesbury Road</p> <p>Considerations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) If residents permit parking was provided in Curly Lane and South View, the parking problem could be displaced to Lesbury Road. <p>Recommendation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Monitor parking in Lesbury Road following the completion of the car park extension (option 1), and consider further measures if inconsiderate parking remains a problem.
	<p>Option 7 – Improvements for Sustainable Transport</p> <p>Considerations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To encourage less car trips to the station, improved facilities for sustainable transport could be provided. 2) The Coast & Castle Cycleway (National Cycle Route 1) at Alnmouth involves crossing the A1068 at the roundabout in order to access the railway station. 3) The footway across the rail bridge to the new car park is very narrow. 4) There are no facilities for electric vehicle drivers to recharge their cars at the station. <p>Recommendation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Provide additional cycle parking as part of the car park extension (option 1). 2) Provide an improved crossing for cyclists and pedestrians at the roundabout on the A1068. 3) Design and consult on a proposal to widen the footway over the bridge by narrowing the road and providing priority working for traffic.



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