

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES

REVIEW OF EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS, BONDICAR TERRACE, BLYTH

Purpose of report:

To consider the results of two public consultation exercises which review the existing parking restrictions at Bondicar Terrace, between Coomasie Road and Croft Road, in Blyth.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that because both consultation exercises have proved inconclusive, with limited response from residents, the current parking restrictions will remain. However, the existing time restrictions governing the residents parking bays will be amended as agreed to allow permit holders only to park on a Sunday.

Key issues

- 1) Councillor Nisbett has asked Councillor Officers to investigate following resident concerns.
- 2) The majority of properties in the area already have driveways on which to park.
- 3) It is assumed that the existing Residents Park Bays are intended for those without driveways.
- 4) It was initially suggested that the fact that residents are unable to park outside their properties on a Sunday due to the conditions of the existing restrictions was the primary concern.
- 5) A number of options have been presented to residents. Both consultations have been inconclusive which suggests that the problem is not as serious as has been claimed, and the majority of residents are content with the current restrictions in place.
- 6) While no further action is currently planned, the current situation could be reviewed again should any firm development proposals for Westgate House come forward.

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REVIEW OF EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS, BONDICAR TERRACE, BLYTH

BACKGROUND

- 1) Local residents of Bondicar Terrace living between Coomasie Road and Croft Road have expressed concerns regarding existing parking restrictions on Bondicar Terrace in Blyth. These concerns were brought to the attention of Council Officers by Councillor Nisbett. A plan of the existing restrictions is attached as Appendix 1.
- 2) It was suggested that of particular concern is the fact that residents are unable to park outside their properties on a Sunday due to the conditions of the existing restrictions.
- 3) In view of this, Councillor Nisbett requested that residents be consulted on the following options in an attempt to improve the situation:-
 - a) Amend the time limits of the existing parking restrictions. The new restrictions would become No Waiting Monday – Saturday 8am – 6pm, similar to the existing time constraints for the Residents Parking Bays.
 - b) Remove all existing restrictions and provide “H-Bar” road markings across each vehicular access. Small sections of double yellow lines will however be required in some areas between the “H-Bars” shown on the attached plan as “Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions”.
 - c) Content with the current situation - keep the existing restrictions as they are.
- 4) These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 23 households, and approximately 25 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations. Plans showing the proposals are attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix 2).

INITIAL CONSULTATION

- 5) The consultation exercise ended on 10 March 2014, regrettably proving inconclusive. Responses were received from eight households with three of those favouring option one, three favouring option two and four favouring option three. It should be noted that two responses highlighted more than one preference. A summary of these responses is attached as Appendix 3.
- 6) North East Ambulance Service was the only statutory consultee who responded to the consultation, indicating no overall preference.

- 7) While the majority seemed to suggest that they were in favour of Option 3, concerns were raised that the one way system was often ignored. Because this is a moving traffic offence, the police have been made aware of this.
- 8) Unfortunately a number of issues held up scheme progress, however, a site meeting was held on 28 August 2014, and the matter was discussed with Councillor Nisbett, Senior Civil Enforcement Officer, the Chair of South Croft Residents Association, local police and residents, it has been agreed to amend the time constraints of the Residents Parking Bays allowing permit holders only to park on a Sunday.
- 9) It was also agreed that we would canvass resident's for their opinion on the following options:-

| OPTION | DESCRIPTION | LIMITATIONS WITH OPTION |
|--------|--|--|
| ONE | Remove single yellow line and replace with three lengths of "H Bar" Markings. (See Plan A) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In theory any vehicle could park outside your property • Enforceable only in the case of obstruction (Police matter) • Any household who would like the section of H Bar in front of their property to be enforced by this authority's Civil Parking Enforcement Officers should contact Parking Services. • In this instance you may be issued with a fine as there is no way of determining the owner of the offending vehicle. |
| TWO | Remove single yellow line and replace with Residents parking Bays. (See Plan B). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents would need to purchase a Residents Parking Permit (currently £15 a year per permit). • A maximum of two permits are available per household – one for residents, and one for visitor parking. • If you choose not to purchase a permit you will be unable to park in this area. • Could be problematic due to number of driveways and potential obstruction issues. |
| THREE | Leave restrictions as they are | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any existing issues will be unresolved. |

- 10) These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 23 households, and approximately 25 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations. Plans showing these

proposals are attached together with a copy of the consultation / canvass letter (see Appendix 4).

SECOND CONSULTATION (CANVASS EXERCISE)

- 11) It was hoped that the second consultation ("Canvass Exercise") would clarify matters. The aim was obviously to determine what residents actually wanted, and which of the suggested options residents felt would best improve the current situation. To help facilitate this process, a revised response form was provided, allowing residents to indicate their preferred option, while also allowing any further comments.
- 12) The second consultation ended on 27 October 2014, again this proved to be inconclusive. Responses were received from only four households with one favouring option one, two favouring option two and one favouring option three. A summary of these responses is attached as Appendix 5.
- 13) Given the limited response to the second consultation, with only 17% of residents responding as opposed to 33% of residents responding to the initial exercise, it has to be assumed that residents are satisfied with the proposal to amend the time constraints of the Residents Parking Bays allowing permit holders only to park on a Sunday, and with the other existing parking restrictions currently in place.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14) 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.
- 15) Following both consultation exercises, given the limited response from residents, and the inconclusive results, it has to be assumed that the majority of Bondicar Terrace residents living between Coomasie Road and Croft Road are satisfied with the proposal to amend the time constraints of the Residents Parking Bays to allow permit holders only to park on a Sunday, and also the existing restrictions currently in place.
- 16) Given the results of both consultation exercises, the limited resources available and significant time already allocated to this scheme no further action is planned at this time. However the current situation could be reviewed again should any firm development proposals for Westgate House come forward. (Westgate House is highlighted on Appendix A for ease of reference).
- 17) It is therefore recommended that because both consultation exercises have proved inconclusive, with limited response from residents, the current parking restrictions will remain. However, existing time restrictions governing the residents parking bays will be amended as agreed to allow permit holders only to park on a Sunday.

18)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.

19)Accordingly it is recommended that the Executive Director of Local Services agrees to proceed with the necessary amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Order that governs the Residents Parking Bays, to allow permit holders only to park on a Sunday.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Road Traffic Act 2004

Local Government Act 2000

File Ref: M/GEN/124(C)

IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

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| Policy: | Consistent with existing policies |
| Finance and value for money | Scheme will cost approximately £3,000 and will be financed from Councillor Nisbett’s Local Members Small Schemes Budget (LTP) |
| Human Resources: | None |
| Property | None |
| Equalities | Correct lines and signs will help improved enforcement |
| Risk Assessment | Residential and shopping area, sited in town centre, route to school. |
| Crime & Disorder | None |
| Customer Considerations | None. |
| Sustainability | None |
| Consultation | Blyth Town Council, South Croft Residents Association, Parking Services, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area. |
| Wards | Croft |

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member and Executive Director:

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

Subject:

Review of Existing Parking Restrictions, Bondicar Terrace, Blyth

Consultation:

INITIAL CONSULTATION

8 Responses

3 Option One

3 Option Two

4 Option Three

Two responses highlighted more than one preference

SECOND CONSULTATION

4 Responses

1 Option One

2 Option Two

1 Option 3

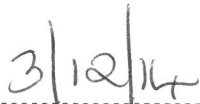
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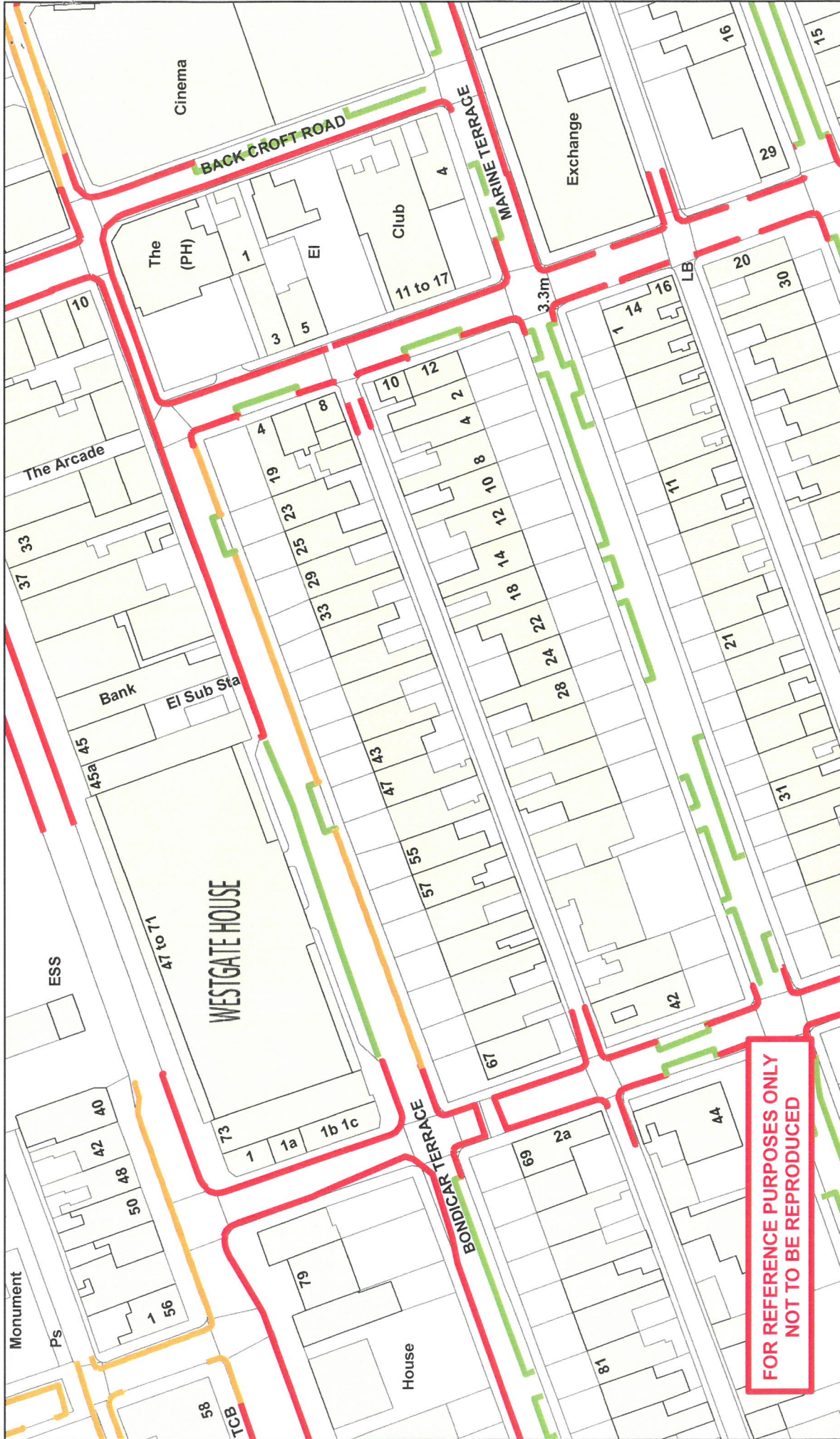
Current parking restrictions will remain, however existing time restrictions governing the residents parking bays will be amended as agreed to allow permit holders only to park on a Sunday.

Signature of Executive Director



Date





KEY:-

- NO WAITING AT ANY TIME
- NO WAITING 08:00 - 18:00
- RESIDENTS PARKING BAYS & LOADING BAY

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APPENDIX 2 – INITIAL CONSULTATION LETTER AND PLAN

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Monday 27th January 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Review of Existing Parking Restrictions, Bondicar Terrace, Blyth

Local residents have expressed concerns regarding existing parking restrictions on Bondicar Terrace in Blyth. The local councillor for the area, Councillor Kath Nisbett has brought these concerns to the attention of Council Officers.

Of particular concern is the fact that residents are unable to park outside their properties on a Sunday due to the conditions of the existing restrictions.

In view of this, Councillor Nisbett has requested that we consult residents on Bondicar Terrace on the following options in an attempt to improve the situation:-

- 1) Amend the time limits of the existing parking restrictions. The new restrictions would become No Waiting Monday – Saturday 8am – 6pm, similar to the existing time constraints for the Residents Parking Bays.
- 2) Remove all existing restrictions and provide “H-Bar” road markings across each vehicular access. Small sections of double yellow lines will however be required in some areas between the “H-Bars” shown on the attached plan as “Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions”.

It should be noted that “H-Bar” road markings are provided solely to highlight the presence of an access. If you park your own vehicle there it devalues the meaning of the marking, and shows to other drivers that you do not need access to your driveway.

- 3) Content with the current situation - keep the existing restrictions as they are.

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 plan. A freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that all comments received will be carefully considered.

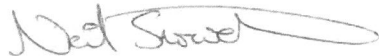


Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a report, to the Corporate Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is shown on the response form. If no comments are received by that date it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations regarding the proposals. Please visit the following web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/> if you wish to respond to this consultation online.

I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Neil Snowdon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Neil Snowdon

Transport Projects Officer: Traffic Safety

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Review of Existing Parking Restrictions – Bondicar Terrace, Blyth

I support Option 1 – Amend the time limits of the existing parking restrictions.

Yes

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No

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I support Option 2 – Remove all existing restrictions & provide 'H bar' road markings across each vehicular access.

Yes

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No

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I support Option 3 – Content with the current situation – keep the existing restrictions as they are.

Yes

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No

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Any other comments:

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Please Return before **Monday 10th March 2014.**

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APPENDIX 3 - SUMMARY OF INITIAL CONSULTATION RESPONSES

| Thoroughfare | Post Code | Option 1 - FOR | Option 1 - AGAINST | Option 2 - FOR | Option 2 - AGAINST | Option 3 - FOR | Option 3 - AGAINST | NEITHER | Other Relevant Comments |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------|---|
| CEO | | 1 | | | | | | | I support option 1, I do think the single yellow line needs to be in place. |
| Bondicar Terrace | NE24 2JW | 1 | | | | | | | Would like to see more enforcement of one way system as many vehicles are ignoring this and driving in both directions regardless of road signs. |
| North East Ambulance Service | | | | | | | | 1 | I would inform you that as an emergency service we may be required to use the above road for access and egress in the event of being 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. |
| Bondicar Terrace | NE24 2JW | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Bondicar Terrace | NE24 2JW | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Bondicar Terrace | NE24 2JW | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | People are just getting used to option 3 now and I think they are working very well I have lived here 35yrs and I do have a visitors permit as I am 77 yrs. old now and my family use the permit regular for doctors and hospital. |
| Bondicar Terrace | NE24 2JW | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Bondicar Terrace | NE24 2JW | | | 1 | | | | | One of the main problems we have with parking in the town centre area is with blue badge holders. They seem to regard double yellow lines as a convenient car park, often parking well away from their destinations in order to save driving so far. Would it be possible to restrict their parking too? While I'm on - is it now legal to park on the footpaths in Blyth? It seems to be common practice. |
| Bondicar Terrace | NE24 2JW | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Bondicar Terrace | NE24 2JW | | | | | | | | The current position as I have previously stated present position is inconsistent with the restricted parking zone in both Bondicar and Marine Terraces and in the absence of contrary information is likely to be inconsistent with any restricted parking zone in the county. As I have previously explained changes in the objectives with respect to the planning within the town centre now make parking restrictions in the area Bondicar Terrace and Croft Road redundant and similarly the changes I retail activity eliminate the potential for traffic congestion the current regime was designed to avoid. On these grounds the current regime of a single yellow lines is longer required and maintaining such a restriction forces the conclusion the current parking policy is not about traffic management But about revenue generation. It is my view that the only satisfactory amendment to the regime which ensures consistency with other restricted parking zones, eliminates the risk of traffic congestion and avoids the claim the current parking policy is about revenue generation is to remove the single yellow line entirely and replace this with H bars. In this case the plan does show single yellow lines at the junctions of Bondicar Terrace with both Coomassie Road and Croft Road. I dont believe this is necessary as Rule 224 of the highway code states 'do not stop or park... opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space'. Of course without single yellow lines this is a offence which only the police can enforce by way of a fixed penalty notice and no income is attributable to the council and it is a fact that previously plans consulted on by the local authority are not always what is finally implemented despite consultations. |
| Bondicar Terrace | NE24 2JW | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
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| PROPOSED 'H-BAR' ROAD MARKING | | Client NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL | |
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| EXISTING RESIDENTS PARKING BAYS | | Drawing Title PROPOSED REMOVAL OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND PROVISION OF H BARS AND SINGLE YELLOW LINES | |
| Scales NOT TO SCALE | | Northumberland Northumberland County Council SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT | |
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APPENDIX 4 – SECOND CONSULATION (“CANVASS”) LETTER AND PLAN

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Friday 12th September 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Review of Existing Parking Restrictions, Bondicar Terrace, Blyth

As you may be aware, some residents of Bondicar Terrace living between Coomassie Road and Croft Road have expressed concerns regarding the existing parking restrictions, including the current time limits on the three residents parking bays.

In January 2014 twenty four households were consulted on a review of existing parking restrictions. Residents were given three options with the aim of resolving the on-going issues. To summarise, the options were as follows:-

- 1) Amend the time limits of the existing parking restrictions to match the existing time constraints of the Residents Parking Bays.
- 2) Remove all existing restrictions and provide “H-Bar” road markings across each vehicular access.
- 3) Content with the current situation - keep the existing restrictions as they are.

Regrettably this exercise proved to be inconclusive. Responses were received from eight households with three of those favouring option one, three favouring option two and four favouring option three. It should be noted that two responses highlighted more than one preference.

Following recent discussions with the local County Councillor for the area, the Chair of South Croft Residents Association, Senior Civil Parking Enforcement Officer, local police and residents, it has been agreed to amend the time constraints of the Residents Parking Bays allowing permit holders to park on a Sunday.

We would now like to canvass resident’s opinion on the three options shown on the following page. A freepost response form is attached to facilitate this process.

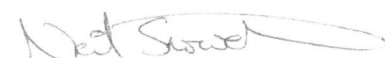
| OPTION | DESCRIPTION | LIMITATIONS WITH OPTION |
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| ONE | Remove single yellow line and replace with three lengths of "H Bar" Markings. (See Plan A) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In theory any vehicle could park outside your property • Enforceable only in the case of obstruction (Police matter) • Any household who would like the section of H Bar in front of their property to be enforced by this authority's Civil Parking Enforcement Officers should contact Parking Services. • In this instance you may be issued with a fine as there is no way of determining the owner of the offending vehicle. |
| TWO | Remove single yellow line and replace with Residents parking Bays. (See Plan B). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents would need to purchase a Residents Parking Permit (currently £15 a year per permit). • A maximum of two permits are available per household – one for residents, and one for visitor parking. • If you choose not to purchase a permit you will be unable to park in this area. • Could be problematic due to number of driveways and potential obstruction issues. |
| THREE | Leave restrictions as they are | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any existing issues will be unresolved. |

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Monday 27th October 2014.

I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form. If no comments are received by the closing date it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations, and are happy with the restrictions currently in place.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully



Neil Snowdon
Transport Projects Officer

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Review of Existing Parking Restrictions – Bondicar Terrace, Blyth

PLEASE SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY

| OPTION | DESCRIPTION | FAVOURED OPTION |
|--------|--|-----------------|
| ONE | Remove single yellow line and replace with three lengths of "H Bar" Markings. (See Plan A) | |
| TWO | Remove single yellow line and replace with Residents parking Bays. (See Plan B). | |
| THREE | Leave restrictions as they are | |

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CONTRACT 1 OF 1
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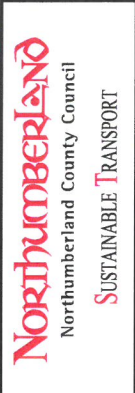
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Job Title
BONDICAR TERRACE, BLYTH

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PLAN A - OPTION ONE-
PROPOSED REMOVAL OF SINGLE YELLOW
LINE AND PROVISION OF H BAR ROAD
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APPENDIX 5 - SUMMARY OF SECOND CONSULTATION (CANVASS EXERCISE) RESPONSES

| Thoroughfare | Post Code | For Option 1 | For Option 2 | For Option 3 | NEITHER | Other Relevant Comments |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|--|
| Emergency Services | | | | | 1 | <p>Thank you for your correspondence dated 12th September 2014 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal.</p> <p>I would inform you that as an Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being 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.</p> <p>I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.</p> |
| Bodicar Terrace | | | | | 1 | <p>Would prefer single yellows to remain but Sunday parking to be allowed. Restrictions would be Monday – Saturday.</p> |
| Bodicar Terrace | NE24 2JW | | 1 | | | <p>Option 1 - Would rather not at all. Option 2 - This would be out favourite choice. Option 3 - Second Choice. We would prefer to have resident permit parking outside our house to allow visitors cars, Hire cars for work and workmen to use. Other streets, such as Coomassie road have on road parking and works, Bodicar Terrace is wider and should be fine. I would however not entertain the idea of a free for all parking scheme, as this would be mayhem with the main street only one street away.</p> |
| Bodicar Terrace | NE24 2JW | | 1 | | | <p>The 'loading bay' area to the rear of the old Westgate House building currently unused should be identified as Residents Parking and Disabled parking which would alleviate much of the problem. I appreciate that if and when the building is refurbished that trade vehicles will need to park there, but in the meantime and in the long term if see no reason why restricted parking as above should not be allowed.</p> |

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| Bodicar Terrace | NE24 2JW | 1 | | | <p>The purpose of the current consultation was to provide clarity and consistency to the existing regulations within the section of the residents parking zone On Bodicar Terrace between Coomassie and Croft Road. The inconsistencies are well recorded but briefly The section in question is the only street in the Zone, or Northumberland which imposes a single Yellow Line, The residents in the parking Zone are unable to take advantage of Free on street parking which is available in areas such as Gladstone, Disraeli and Beaumont Street as well as Middleton Street, Cypress Gardens etc. In addition such residents parking which exists is only constrained Monday – Saturday whilst the Single Yellow Line precludes parking everyday which means a non-permit holder can parking in a residents bay on a Sunday with impunity to the exclusion for a resident who has paid for the facility. The only way to achieve complete consistency and fairness to affected residents is to either remove the parking zone entirely or impose similar parking zones throughout the rest of the county. As neither prospect is likely to be accepted by the transport or parking enforcement divisions of the council the next option which would be tolerable would be to provide permits to each household at no additional expense which allows on street parking for both residents and visitors. Or alternatively to seek to apply permit only on street parking for residents throughout the county at a prescribed fee. Again the prospect of either option being accepted is unlikely. Thus the residents in the affected area must accept a degree of discrimination and unfairness over where they live. And the options presented in the consultation paper reflect this and the best the residents can hope for is an amelioration of the present restrictions. The second option is to remove the single Yellow Line and replace with residents parking bays. A rather fatuous option as residents were originally promised 19 residents parking bays and we got 3 because according to the traffic division 3 spaces was all there was room for. How would the council suddenly find more room, and if they can, why were these not offered as an option when the residents parking zone was proposed?</p> |
| | | | | | <p>The third option which is to leave restrictions as they are is even more asinine. Asinine because why engage in the consultative process at all. It achieves precisely nothing and it certainly does nothing to improve fairness or consistency, the very reason why the process is being reviewed. It is my view the simplest solution is the first option , which does achieve some degree of consistency with other areas in the county as well as within the parking zone itself, The option I as I understand things is to provide a single extended residents parking bay along the residential side of the street(SSE) and remove the single yellow line entirely. To prevent valid permit holders blocking vehicular access to residential properties, and many house have converted front drives to off-road parking bays, an 'H' Bar marking could be provided across vehicular access. In theory at least these would be enforceable by the local police, however it is understood that provided permission is given by the resident Civil Enforcement officers could enforce the restriction. The complexity of this option is the lack of clarity with respect to enforcement. It is unclear as to who in the household would have the authority to grant permission, would this be the house owner so in the case of multiple ownership e.g. husband and wife civil partners etc. would any or all have to give permission? What would happen in the case of rented property would permission be given by the owner (landlord) or by the occupier? What would be the case where the property is flats? Which flat would be authorised to give permission Alternatively if permission can be granted by the occupier, what would happen in the case of multiple occupancy would any or all have to give permission? Again what is unclear is whether permission can be withdrawn in case of joint ownership or multiple occupancy does the person who gave permission have to be the person who withdraws it.</p> |

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| | | | | | | <p>Once again in principle the first option would seem a fair and reasonable compromise but only if the H bars can be enforced for anyone parking a vehicle not registered at the household. In my view the easiest solution would be that if penalised the householder could make an application to parking services for the Fixed Penalty Notice to be withdrawn and if the vehicle address on the V5C is the same address this should be no more than a formality. Although I concede there may be some minimal cost to the county this should be more than covered by the permit fees, or FPNs which are applied. In any event it will be far less costly than one house owner or occupier giving permission and another house owner or occupier withdrawing it immediately. There may be other options but before any formal response can be made these details must be clarified.</p> <p>On balance whilst no option is ideal the first option, i.e. that of H bars with a single residents parking bay as illustrated in the area of Bondicar terrace between Wolsley and Coomassie road or station road in Cramlington is the least worst of the alternative options. Perhaps this is why the options offered are so limited so that the council can direct residents to the option favoured by the council.</p> <p>As I believe I have made clear the option I have enforced is the least worst option and this based on a) my understanding of the option as presented by the council, and b) subject to clarification of how 'H' bars are to be enforced, which at present seem best described as Fluffy and Woolly. If this becomes the option favoured by the council from the consultative process, as clarity emerges when the practicalities of implementation and enforcement evolve, I reserve the right to withdraw my response if my understanding of a) the option and/or b) the enforcement change. I will take the view the council in failing to provide clarity has deliberately and knowingly misled me and other affected residents who participated in the consultative process and will mean the consultative process is negated. Any action recommended on the basis of the responses, will also be abrogated and the council accepts it will have no right to engage in enforcement action. In accepting this response the council accepts unreservedly this condition.</p> |
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