



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES**

Executive Director of Local Services - Barry Rowland

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***PROPOSED 'RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING ZONE' CIRCLE PLACE  
&  
'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' RESTRICTION - HAUGH LANE - HEXHAM***

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**Purpose of report:**

*To consider introducing a 'Resident Permit Parking Zone' on Circle Place and 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on Haugh Lane in Hexham.*

**Recommendations:**

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

***1) The provision of 'a 'Resident Permit Parking Zone' on Circle Place and 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on Haugh Lane in Hexham.***

**Key issues**

- 1) The current 'No Waiting Every Day between 9am and 6pm' restriction causes parking difficulties for residents of Circle Place.
- 2) The gap in the existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Haugh Lane causes congestion.

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**BACKGROUND**

**Introduction**

- 1) Circle Place is purely residential in nature and is situated on the periphery of the town centre. A walkway provides access to the busy Haugh Lane Industrial Estate immediately to the north whilst some local businesses operate at the junction where Circle Place meets Gilesgate. The road averages approximately 5 metres in width and opens out at the bottom to allow for turning requirements. A 'No Through Road' sign is provided on the entry to Circle Place whilst 'No Waiting Every Day between 9am – 6pm' signs are utilised at 60 metre intervals to support the existing single yellow line operating throughout the full extents of the highway. Access is available to the rear of the properties via an unadopted road.
- 2) Residents initially approached the Local Member Councillor Robson for the area to see if the current restrictions could be amended to allow parking during the day. Due to the narrow width of the road, the safety concern of getting emergency service vehicles through and the potential for nearby business customers to make use of Circle Place, representatives of the County Council were reluctant to simply lift the 'No Waiting' restriction without imposing some form of mitigation measure. As such, the option of imposing a 'Resident Permit Zone' on Circle Place was put forward for consultation.

**Consultation**

- 3) Consultation took place throughout August 2013 with a proposal to remove the existing 'No Waiting Every Day 9am-6pm' restriction and replace it with a 'Resident Permit Parking Zone' as shown on Appendix 1.
- 4) Signs at the entry points to Circle place would dictate where Resident Permit Parking is in operation. Bays would not be provided within the zone as they are not required for this type of restriction. To make this scheme enforceable, residents of Circle Place would be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits. (Currently £15 a year per permit). A maximum of 2 permits would be made available per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking. The zone would cover adopted highway only. 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are also proposed on Haugh Lane as shown on the plan to ease congestion.

- 5) 39 consultation letters were sent out to those affected and to associated statutory bodies. Of those that responded there were no objections and 5 indicated their preference for the scheme, (see Appendix 2). Residents indicated that they have to make use of the Tesco car park which is an estimated 400 metres away. The North East Ambulance Service also offered their support for the scheme and residents were reminded within the original consultation document to leave sufficient space for emergency vehicles to pass. Finally, Hexham town Council indicated their preference for the scheme.
  
- 6) 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 & Proposal*

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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## **IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT**

<b>Policy:</b>	None
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	To be financed by Local Transport Plan Fund
<b>Human Resources:</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Residential and business use
<b>Sustainability</b>	None.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	None
<b>Customer Considerations:</b>	Motorists will be required to comply with the restrictions imposed.
<b>Consultation</b>	Emergency Services, Road User Organisations, County Councillor for the area.
<b>Wards</b>	Hexham Gilesgate Ward

## DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Executive Member or Officer(s)**

Ian Swithenbank – Policy Board Member,  
Local Services  
Barry Rowland – Executive Director  
Local Services

**Subject:**

*PROPOSED 'RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING ZONE' CIRCLE PLACE & 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' RESTRICTION - HAUGH LANE - HEXHAM*

**Consultation**

5 Responses  
5 For  
0 Against  
0 Neither

**Decision Taken:**

*TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR 'RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING ZONE' CIRCLE PLACE & 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' RESTRICTION - HAUGH LANE - HEXHAM*

Signature of Executive Director –  
Local Services

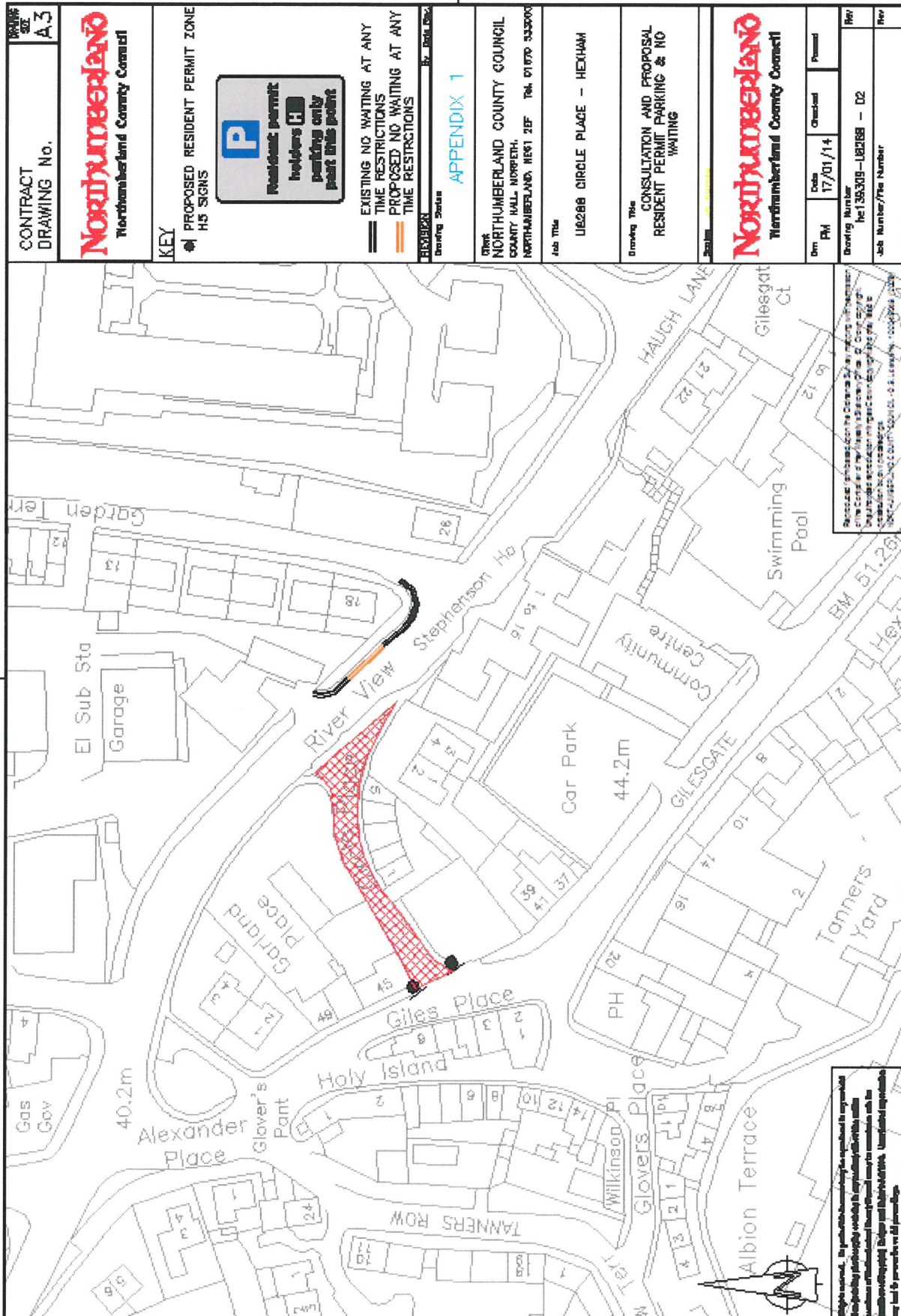
*PAUL JONES*

*HEAD OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES*

**Date**

*1/8/14*

# Appendix 1 – Consultation Plan & Proposal





The Occupier

Our Ref: M/D/1/107/2  
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Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed 'Resident Permit Parking Zone' – Circle Place & proposed 'No Waiting' restriction – Haugh Lane - Hexham**

It has been brought to the attention of the County Council that residents of Circle Place in Hexham are experiencing parking difficulty due to the existing 'No Waiting Every Day 8am – 6pm' restriction.

After discussion with your Local Member Councillor Robson, it is proposed to remove the current 'No Waiting' restriction and replace it with a '**Resident Permit Parking Zone**' as shown on the attached plan. Signs at the entry points to Circle place will dictate where Resident Permit Parking is in operation. Bays would not be provided within the zone as they are not required for this type of restriction. To make this scheme enforceable, residents of Circle Place will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits. (Currently £15 a year per permit). A maximum of 2 permits are available per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking. 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are also proposed on Haugh Lane as shown on the plan to ease congestion.

The scheme will cover adopted highway only and will be for residents and visitors only. Private access and parking will still be permitted without the use of permits as long as the parking takes place off the highway in a suitable manner. If the scheme does proceed to implementation residents are reminded to leave sufficient space for emergency and refuse vehicles to pass safely.

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. The proposal is being considered for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic in a manner which is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013. 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 to be assessed by the Corporate Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection.

Please visit the following address

**<http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>** if you wish to respond to this consultation online.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. McKenna', is positioned above the typed name.

Paul McKenna  
Project Planning Team

## Appendix 2 – Consultation Summary

APPENDIX 2 - CONSULTATION SUMMARY - CIRCLE PLACE			
FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	
1			Myself and Mr A both drive to work and we both find ourselves without anywhere to park when we return home. This results in us both having to use the local Tesco car park until we can park closer to our house. It is impossible to find any where closer to Circle Place between the hours of 8am and 6pm. We have rented our property for the past two years and are now considering moving because of the no parking issue.
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1			Yes we think it is a good idea to have permit parking as we should be able to park outside our house. With permit parking it would make it easier with having young kids as its hard trying to carry everything just to get to our car. Also it would a good benefit to the street.
1			I would inform you that as an emergency service we recognise and appreciate 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			The proposals for parking etc at Circle Place and Haugh Lane, Hexham have the support of the town council.
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