

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR**  
**CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES – BARRY ROWLAND**

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**CRASTER TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER AMENDMENTS**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the following proposals:

- Removal of Seasonal No Waiting Restriction and replace with No Waiting at Any Time Restriction.
- Proposed Removal of Seasonal No Waiting Restriction on Heugh Wynd
- Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restriction on Heugh Road, Craster.

**RECOMONDATIONS**

**It is recommended that:**

In view of the consultation exercise, the existing "Seasonal No Waiting Restriction" should be replaced with No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions. In addition a section of the existing seasonal No Waiting at Any Time Restriction will be removed from outside The Church of ST. Peter the Fisherman on Heugh Wynd. New No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions will also be provided on Heugh Road.

**KEY ISSUES**

- 1) The scheme will be funded from the 2014/2015 Local Transport Plan programme.
- 2) The scheme is supported by the Local Councillor, Craster Parish Council and the majority of residents who responded to the consultation.
- 3) The measures will improve current parking problems in Craster.

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## **CRASTER TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER AMENDMENTS**

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. Northumberland County Council has been working closely with the local Councillor and the Parish Council to consider solutions to the current parking problems in Craster. A number of proposals have been suggested as detailed below:
2. Removal of 'Seasonal No Waiting' Restriction -  
The existing restrictions are considered to be out of date for the changing needs of Craster. It is therefore proposed to remove the 'Seasonal No Waiting' restrictions and replace this with a 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction. It is anticipated that this will contribute to the flow of traffic, aid safety, reduce signage and be consistent with other coastal areas.
3. Removal of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction outside The Church of ST. Peter the Fisherman on Heugh Wynd - Craster Parish Council have requested the removal of a section of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction to allow parking on the verge when various courses or activities are taking place.
4. Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on Heugh Road -  
Craster Parish Council have requested that No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions are provided on the east side of Heugh Road to aid accessibility.
5. The proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 180 households/businesses and approximately 25 statutory consultees including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organizations. A plan showing the proposals is attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix 1).

#### **CONSULTATION**

6. The consultation exercise ended on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and responses were received from 46 consultees with 39 in favour and 3 against the proposals. Four consultees expressed no overall preference. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix 2.
7. There were two responses received from statutory consultees, the bus operator Arriva and HM Coastguard. Both had no objections to the proposals.

## **IN FAVOUR**

8. Whilst indicating their support of the proposals on the response form provided, residents also made the following comments:

- Concerned that restrictions will not be enforced.
- Residents Parking is required throughout Craster.
- Signs are required near the entrance to the public car park to advise drivers that there is no parking in Craster beyond the public car park.

9. Given these comments, the following requests will be recorded on the County Council's Directory of Requests Database for consideration in a future Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme:

- Residents parking scheme throughout Craster.
- Signage advising visitors that there is no parking in Craster beyond the public car park.

10. Once the new restrictions are in place, we will ensure that Civil Parking Enforcement Officers regularly visit the area as part of their current route.

## **OBJECTIONS**

11. All objections received commented that the restrictions may affect businesses within the village.

## **CONCLUSION**

12. From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concern over parking 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 it is clear that the majority of residents who have responded are in favour of the proposals.

13. The Council has the power to hold a public inquiry before making any Traffic Regulation Order. Such an inquiry might be 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 Committee agree to advise the Corporate Director of Local Services to note the objections but agree to proceed with the introduction of the following Traffic Regulation Order;

- North Northumberland (Northern) Area (Waiting and Loading)  
Composite Order 2011 Amendment No. 12 Order 2014

## **APPENDIX INDEX**

Appendix A – Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B – Summary of Consultation Responses

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Road Traffic Act 2004

Local Government Act 2000

File Ref: M/B/S/110/8/CONS/CRAS

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

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Scheme will cost approximately £3,000 and will be financed from the 2014/15 Minor Improvements Programme (LTP)
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	Correct 'Double Yellow Lines' and Traffic Regulation Order will aid enforcement.
Risk Assessment	Residential area, village centre location
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations	Proposals will contribute to the flow of traffic, aid safety, reduce signage and be consistent with other coastal areas.
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Craster Parish Council, the emergency services, all affected residents/businesses and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Longhoughton

## DECISION TAKEN

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

Ian Swithenbank – Policy Board Member,  
Streetcare and Environment  
Barry Rowland - Corporate Director of Local  
Services

**Subject:**

Craster Traffic Regulation Order Amendments

**Consultation**

46 Responses  
39 For  
3 Against  
4 Neither

**Decision Taken:**

To approve the proposal for the replacement of the 'Seasonal No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions' with 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions as proposed together with the removal of a section of Seasonal 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions at Heugh Wynd and introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions' on Heugh Road, Craster.

Signature of Corporate Director



Date

3/12/14.



## APPENDIX A

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The Occupier

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Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed Removal of Seasonal No Waiting Restriction  
and Replace with No Waiting at Any Time Restriction**

**Proposed Removal of No Waiting restriction on Heugh Wynd**

**Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on Heugh Road**

Northumberland County Council has been working closely with Councillor Taylor and the Parish Council to consider solutions to the current parking problems in Craster. A number of proposals have been suggested as detailed below;

**1. Removal of 'Seasonal No Waiting' Restriction**

The existing restrictions are considered to be out of date for the changing needs of Craster. It is therefore proposed to remove the 'Seasonal No Waiting' restrictions and replace this with a 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction. It is anticipated that this will contribute to the flow of traffic, aid safety, reduce signage and be consistent with other coastal areas. Please note: if this proposal is accepted the double yellow lines will remain as a requirement of the No Waiting at Any Time restriction.

**2. Removal of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on Heugh Wynd**

The Parish have asked that consideration be given to removing a section of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction to allow parking on the verge when various courses or activities are taking place.

**3. Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on Heugh Road**

The Parish have also suggested providing a section of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on the east side of Heugh Road to aid accessibility.

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 detail above and shown on the enclosed plan.

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 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 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 report to the Corporate Director of Local Services 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 read 'P. McKenna', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul McKenna  
Traffic Safety

NOTES

- SEASONAL ASPECT OF NO WAITING RESTRICTION TO BE REMOVED. LINES TO BE REPLENISHED AND REMAIN
- SEASONAL NO WAITING AND NO WAITING RESTRICTION INCLUDING LINE TO BE REMOVED
- EXISTING NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTION TO REMAIN
- PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTION

REVISION  
CHECKED : PASSED : BY DATE

CONSULTATION

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Job Title  
CRASIER TWO AMENDMENTS

Drawn & Title  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING RESTRICTIONS

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## APPENDIX B

Option 1 FOR	Option 1 AGAINST	Option 2 FOR	Option 2 AGAINST	Option 3 FOR	Option 3 AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
1		1		1			Are the residents of Craster to be immune from the no waiting restrictions?
1							As a resident of Dunstanburgh Road, I would be delighted to have no parking at any time, thus making it safer for pedestrians. No entry except for residents would be even better.
1		1		1			Who will enforce the no waiting restrictions in Craster? Is it possible to continue the yellow lines to the bottom of Whin Hill? Cars often park at the bottom of Whin Hill at the T-junction, causing difficulty to traffic accessing Whin Hill and parking bays for Aidan, Bede & Cuthbert the courtyard.
1		1		1			
1		1		1			Very good ideas, Craster does need to be resident parking only as residents are having increasing difficulty parking.
1		1		1			Can we have residents parking only in the village? It is becoming more and more difficult to park near my property.
1		1		1			Residential parking only in the village is long overdue.
1		1		1			Positive steps but the village needs to be residential only parking. More and more visitors makes it very difficult in the village for residents.
1		1		1			Visitor inconsiderate parking creates major problems for residents, please please create resident parking ASAP.
1		1		1			I think there should be a notice at the space by the church stating 'parking for users of the church and memorial hall only'.
1		1		1			It would greatly improve access if the Heugh Road 'no waiting' restriction was extend around the south east corner of South Acres stopping on the east side of 34 South Acres drive. Cars park on that small strip which hinders the bin lorry and access to the 3 properties on the side of the coastal path. The fire hydrant (unmarked) is there where some cars are parked over top of on occasion.
1		1		1			Parking is very poor in the summer, but local trades do need the holiday makers to visit.
1		1		1			
1		1		1			
1		1		1			
1		1		1			
1		1		1			
1		1		1			
1		1		1			We agree with all three proposals. We would also hope that this will be enforced particularly the current hot spots outside Robsons factory - the 'keep clear' outside Jolly Fisherman and the on pavement parking outside 5 - 7 - 9 - 11 Heugh Road.
1		1		1			We would like to see only residents parking within the village with the exception of people visiting the hall and church. Family visitors should be given a pass to show they are visiting family. This could be done by a residents parking scheme which is being looked into.
						1	Yes
						1	Yes. The no parking beyond this point notice at the entrance to the village must be enforced and a residents only parking scheme should be introduced. If the police cannot enforce the parking and double yellow line restrictions the parish council must be given power to issue fixed penalty notices. Only when these are in place should the no waiting restriction on Heugh Wynd be removed to allow visitor parking at the church and village hall.
						1	Yes
1		1		1			
1		1		1			I does not matter how many lines you put down if it is not policed it is a waste of time. Also yellow lines do not seem to go right down to bus shelter.

	1	1			1		
1		1		1			Having discussed these locally we confirm our support for all 3 items.
1		1		1			Sounds good sense to me.
1		1		1			I support the above no waiting restrictions but would like to see a residential parking system introduced first because at the moment along Heugh Road / Heugh Wynd if you leave your street to go shopping etc when you return you can not get back near your house to put shopping etc into house plus it makes it very difficult for elderly or infirm residence to get to houses so could you not introduce a residential parking permit system to ease this situation which is much worse during the summer tourist season.
1		1		1			
1		1		1			
1		1		1			
1		1		1			Whilst supporting these proposals, additional parking will be required for visitors to Craster if they are implemented. This doesn't seem to have been addresses.
						1	In a nutshell we have no problem with the changes or anything else that will make access for the emergency vehicles easier.
1		1		1			
1		1		1			I think the green line should be extended to include Heugh Wynd and South Acres entirely, so the entire village allows disabled access only. Also the prevention of people entering the village to 'cruise' for parking could be prevented by a bolder statement of NO PARKING before the car park, or on Tower Bank. Probably more than 100 cars per day turn left at Dunstanburgh Rd and drive pointlessly along towards the Castle turning dangerously at the start of the coastal footpath - disastrous!!
1			1	1			I think it would be a good idea to put notices on Heugh Road and Heugh Wynd stating resident parking only, (visitors will rarely use the car park). At the bottom of the tower bank to the left should have double yellow lines as cars are parking along there and when you come down the bank you are in the middle of the road before you can see to the left, it is an accident waiting to happen.
1		1		1			
1		1		1			Please retain and make more obvious to visitors the sign by the Quarry car park which indicates "no parking beyond this point".
1		1		1			Would it be possible to paint "keep clear" on the road at Dunstanburgh Road where the access road to Chapel Row joins that road. Although there are double yellow lines at this point, cars often park opposite the opening - some with blue badges - preventing large vehicles gaining access.
1		1		1			I am fully supporting these new waiting times as a member of Craster parish council.
1		1		1			We are in support of restrictions but as residents it is very frustrating to return from work or shopping to find you are unable to park outside your home because someone has ignored the public car park at the village entrance. Is the signage adequate is something required within residential heart of village.