



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PLACE

Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions, U6012 First Row - Linton

Purpose of Report

To consider introducing "No Waiting at Any Time" Restrictions on First Row - Linton (see attached Consultation Plan in Appendix A).

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

Given the outcome of the consultation as well as the comments received it is recommended that the proposals to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' should proceed.

Key Issues

- 1) Following road safety concerns from members of the public via their local Councillor, Councillor Douglas. Local residents and other interested organisations were consulted on the Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions, U6012 First Row - Linton.

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Background

Introduction

1. Concerns have been expressed by residents of Linton regarding parked vehicles causing obstruction both physically and visually creating a safety issue for road users and pedestrians.

Consultation

3. A scheme was prepared and was the subject of a consultation, which concluded 29th January 2014.
4. The consultation exercise involved the delivery of a consultation letter together with a plan showing details of the scheme to approximately 35 adjacent households, statutory consultees; County Councillor Douglas; road user organisations; and other interested parties. A plan showing the scheme is attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix 1).
5. Responses were received from 11 consultees with 4 being in favour, 5 against and 2 were neither for nor against, (See Appendix 2)
6. Consultees comments varied, some concerns were expressed that limited parking was already an issue. Others made comment that some households had driveways/garages but still parked on the carriageway. Numerous comments stated that more needed to be done with regards to road safety across Linton.
7. From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concern over road safety in this area and it is inevitable that some sections of the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. The assessment of the results in the consultation exercise can be a contentious matter, but experience has shown that when levels of opposition are much above 30% those opposed to the scheme can engender support from neighbours, which can create difficulties in implementing the scheme. The consultation exercise showed that overall 45% of those that responded were against the proposals. However, in this case, the road safety concerns of visibility take priority over parking requirements that are still available nearby.
8. It is recommended that, in view of the results of the consultation exercise, the scheme to implement the "No Waiting at Any Time" Restriction should proceed.
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.

Background Papers

File Ref: H0135583-01

Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Scheme will cost approximately £2,000 and will be financed from the 2014 Members Local Improvement Scheme.
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Increase road safety
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations	Increase road safety
Sustainability	None
Consultation	The relevant people and organisations were consulted
Wards	Ellington

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:	PROPOSED 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' RESTRICTIONS ON FIRST ROW IN LINTON
Consultation	11 Responses 4 For 5 Against 2 Neutral
Decision Taken:	TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' RESTRICTIONS ON FIRST ROW IN LINTON

Signature of Executive Director Place



Date

14/7/14

APPENDIX 1

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KEY PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS			
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Drawing Title PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER			
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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions, First Row - Linton

In December 2012 residents in the immediate vicinity were sent a letter in relation to vehicular parking taking place in close proximity to the junction on First Row in Linton. As the road safety concern still persists, representatives of the County Council have been working with Councillor Milburn-Douglas to consider an appropriate Traffic Regulation Order.

The proposal is to provide 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at the junction as shown on the attached plan (HO135583-01)

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 facilitating the free flow of traffic.

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 29th 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



Paul McKenna
Project Planning Team



APPENDIX 2

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	
			APPENDIX 2 - FIRST ROW LINTON - CONSULTATION SUMMARY
	1		The reason for being against the proposed no waiting at any time restriction, at First Row, Linton, is that I feel with limited parking available at present for residents in the proposed area of First Row and the development would result in over parking on the Foxcover residential area and therefore could become a hazard to youngsters on this development area, where they play. Road safety is concern for the whole of the area of Foxcover.
1			Yes please to make that corner and road safe. The Foxcover residents have off road garages and do not need to park on this road.
	1		My view on this matter is that any parked cars in this area has a calming effect rather than facilitating a free flow of traffic as the cars coming into this village do not adhere to any 30mph or 20mph limits. Not at any time during the purchase of my property from Bellway were we told we could not park outside of our home. The money spent on this proposal should be otherwise spent on a 30mph restriction on the main road as I have no doubt all other roads adjacent to residential properties in Northumberland have. Lastly I can tell you after thinking we have come into a lovely countryside village we have to put up with :- ugly view of neighbouring scrap yard, dirty road build up from wagons which gets so bad you cannot see the kerbs, no parking facilities for any family/guests coming to visit. From a very disappointed and disgruntled council taxpayer.
1			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. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
	1		My objection to this proposal is based on a number of arguments. Firstly, during a time of cutbacks, I cannot support the installation of double yellow lines at a cost of £2000 according to council minutes. Especially as these are not needed - I would like to see hard facts and evidence of vehicles that park directly on the junction with First Row outside numbers 31 and 32 Foxcover, Linton. I would be very surprised if the council can provide this - times, dates, vehicle registrations, because this is a non-existent problem. What causes a bigger obstacle to drivers is the 10 foot hedge that obscures your view to the left when exiting on to First Row from the said junction and the line of parked cars on First Row - tellingly, the lines marked on the proposed plan do not seem to stretch for the full 10 metres/32 feet either side of the junction, as set out in the Highway Code. There are also no plans to install double yellow lines OPPOSITE the junctions. Again, if there was a real need for double yellow lines, the council should be doing the job properly and the lines proposed would do little to deter people stopping on First Row itself. Furthermore, who is going to enforce these double yellow lines? Again, the Highway Code already sets this out very clearly. Although not enforceable by law, it states clearly that it may be used in evidence in any court proceedings under the Traffic Acts to establish liability. The proposal is about facilitating the free flow of traffic. As the village of Linton Colliery is not a through-way, there is no disruption to the flow of traffic - only a handful of cars use this junction each hour. Overall, I am astonished that this problem is perceived as 'persistent' - a better word for it would be non-existent and I would urge the council to reconsider this waste of scarce funds immediately.
			At the very least, I would like to see the evidence from a full and official traffic survey before considering giving this proposal my consent. As the proposed lines will be on my doorstep, if they are to be installed, they should be put in properly: including the bus turning circle opposite the junction and ensuring that they are the correct measurements (10 metres). Is the council proposing to provide double yellow lines at every junction in Linton? The junction on the corner of Potland and Lindisfarne House is a bigger concern for parking. Finally, I would prefer to see this money being spent reinstating the very badly faded junction road markings as you turn onto Linton Lane from the road leading from the roundabout with the A1068/A189 - these markings are virtually non-existent and barely obeyed. I believe that a Stop sign should be installed because of the poor visibility with the railway crossing. People also park on this junction very very regularly to access the railway/fields. Double yellow lines would be much more appropriate here.
	1		I don't feel that a few cars parked outside their house causes any problems. I would have thought slowing down the speed of cars on Linton Lane would have been more of priority.
	1		My support for the proposal is as much due to the yearly congregation that takes place every Easter Sunday when it seems that the zone marked on your proposal map is the place to be and therefore descended upon by anyone and everyone with a horse box or fancies racing horse and traps along the back road. It becomes extremely difficult to enter or exit the village with many people refusing to move out of the way of oncoming vehicles and the ridiculous number of parked vehicles effectively dumped anywhere and everywhere. A number of fast food vans are also brought to the area as many stand around drinking alcohol all day. This results unfortunately in a lot of rubbish being left behind and we also have to try and prevent our young children from seeing the least considerate amongst them that feel it is appropriate to urinate in public often against our rear fence. If this restriction can be in place and suitably enforced to prevent the "gathering" it will be worth it's weight in gold in my opinion!!
	1		This is a waste of public money. There is no traffic problem at this location. This is a village with no through routes, no business near the proposed restriction and the road at this point is wide enough for 3 vehicles to pass. There is one car regularly parking on the road and this is not within the proposed no waiting area. Please do not waste our council tax money for this purpose and allocate it to fixing potholes, street lighting or paving instead.
	1		I believe that the no parking on this plan is insufficient. As there also needs to be a traffic calming system in place as you enter the village, as they enter and exit the village in excess of 40mph. The vehicles parked outside actually slow the traffic if anything in and out of the village. If this proposal is to go ahead, will this apply 7 days a week, 365 days a year? Even at Easter time when the so called travelling people attend the unofficial fair which takes place. Then no parking will also be enforced then? I believe you need to monitor the situation more closely before any decision is to take place. I believe there are many other things the council needs to look at i.e. the upkeep of the village, roads, paths, signage etc. There seems to be no restrictions in the village they can do what they like.
1			Support the proposal to restrict the yellow lines to the corners only. Trust they will not extend to my driveway. An update plan showing layout of new houses would have been useful. Please note that when large vehicles park to front of the gardens of First Row this restricts the view to the left when coming out of the unnamed road past the garden of no. 1 First Row.
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