

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF 'LOADING BAY' WITH '20 MINUTE LIMITED WAITING' BAYS, FRONT STREET, NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA

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 regarding the proposed replacement of the existing Loading Bay sited at Front Street, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea with 20 Minute Limited Waiting Bays, together with the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enable enforcement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that in view of the consultation exercise the existing loading bay at Front Street, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea should be replaced with '20 Minute Limited Waiting Bays' as proposed.

Key issues

- 1) Scheme being funded by Councillor Simpson
- 2) The scheme will promote business turnover in the area
- 3) Supported by Local Councillor, Town Council, and majority of residents and businesses.

Report Author	Neil Snowdon – Transport Projects Officer (01670) 624128 Neil.Snowdon@northumberland.gov.uk
---------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF 'LOADING BAY' WITH '20 MINUTE LIMITED WAITING' BAYS, FRONT STREET, NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA

BACKGROUND

- 1) In an attempt to promote business turnover at Front Street, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, Councillor Simpson has requested Council Officers consider providing '20 minute Limited Waiting' bays in place of the existing loading bay.
- 2) These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 82 households / business, 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

- 3) The consultation exercise ended on 18 June 2014, and responses were received from 13 consultees, with 11 in favour and 1 against the proposals. One consultee expressed no overall preference. A summary of these responses is attached as Appendix 2.
- 4) North East Ambulance Service was the only statutory consultee who responded to the consultation, indicating no overall preference.

IN FAVOUR

- 5) Whilst indicating their support of the proposals on the response form provided, residents also made the following comments:-
 - Similar proposals should be considered at other areas of Newbiggin.
 - Current car parks in Newbiggin should be time restricted to prevent all day parking to further increase business turnover.
 - Residents Permit Scheme is also required.
 - Needs to be monitored to ensure restrictions are adhered to.
- 6) 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.
 - 20 Minute Limited Waiting Bays throughout Front Street and Main Street, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea
 - Time restrictions to be introduced to Car Parks within Newbiggin
 - Residents Permit Scheme at Front Street and Main Street, Newbiggin-by-the Sea.
- 7) 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

- 8) The one objection received stated that they had never experienced a problem with parking at Front Street and changing the existing Loading Bay to 20 minute Limited Waiting Bays would not promote business in the area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9) 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 it is clear that the majority of residents who have responded are in favour of the proposals. It is envisaged that the introduction of 20 minute Limited Waiting Bays will promote business turnover in the area. It is therefore recommended that the existing loading bay is replaced as proposed.
- 10) 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.
- 11) 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;
- South East Northumberland Area (Parking Places) Composite Order 2011 Amendment No. 6 Order 2014.

APPENDIX INDEX

Appendix 1 – Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix 2 – Summary of Consultation Responses

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Road Traffic Act 2004

Local Government Act 2000

File Ref: M/C/1/107/2

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 Councillor Simpson's Local Members Small Schemes Budget (LTP)
Human Resources:	None

Property Equalities	None 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	The proposals will promote business turnover in the area.
Sustainability Consultation	None Newbiggin Town Council, the emergency services, all affected residents / businesses and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Newbiggin Central and East

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 Replacement of Loading Bay with 20
minute Limited Waiting Bays, Front Street,
Newbiggin-by-the-Sea

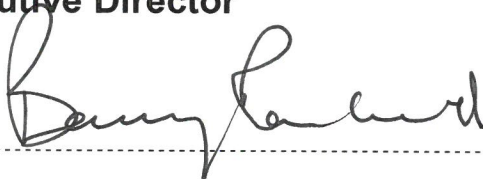
Consultation:

13 Responses
11 For
1 Against
1 Neutral

Decision Taken:

To approve the proposal for the replacement of
Loading Bay with 20 minute Limited Waiting Bays at
Front Street, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

Signature of Executive Director



Date

8.10.14

APPENDIX 1 – CONSULTATION LETTER AND PLAN

County Hall • Morpeth • Northumberland • NE61 2EF

• Web: www.northumberland.gov.uk

The Occupier

Our Ref: M/C/1/107/2

Your Ref:

Contact: Mr Paul McKenna

Direct Line: 01670 624129

Fax: 01670 626136

E-mail: Paul.McKenna@northumberland.gov.uk

Wednesday 7th May 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Replacement of 'Loading Bay' with '20 Minute Limited Waiting' Bays **Front Street – Newbiggin-by-the-Sea**

Representatives of the County Council have been working with your local Council Member Liz Simpson to consider providing '20 minute Limited Waiting' bays in place of the existing Loading bay to promote business turnover in the area.

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 preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the roads run.

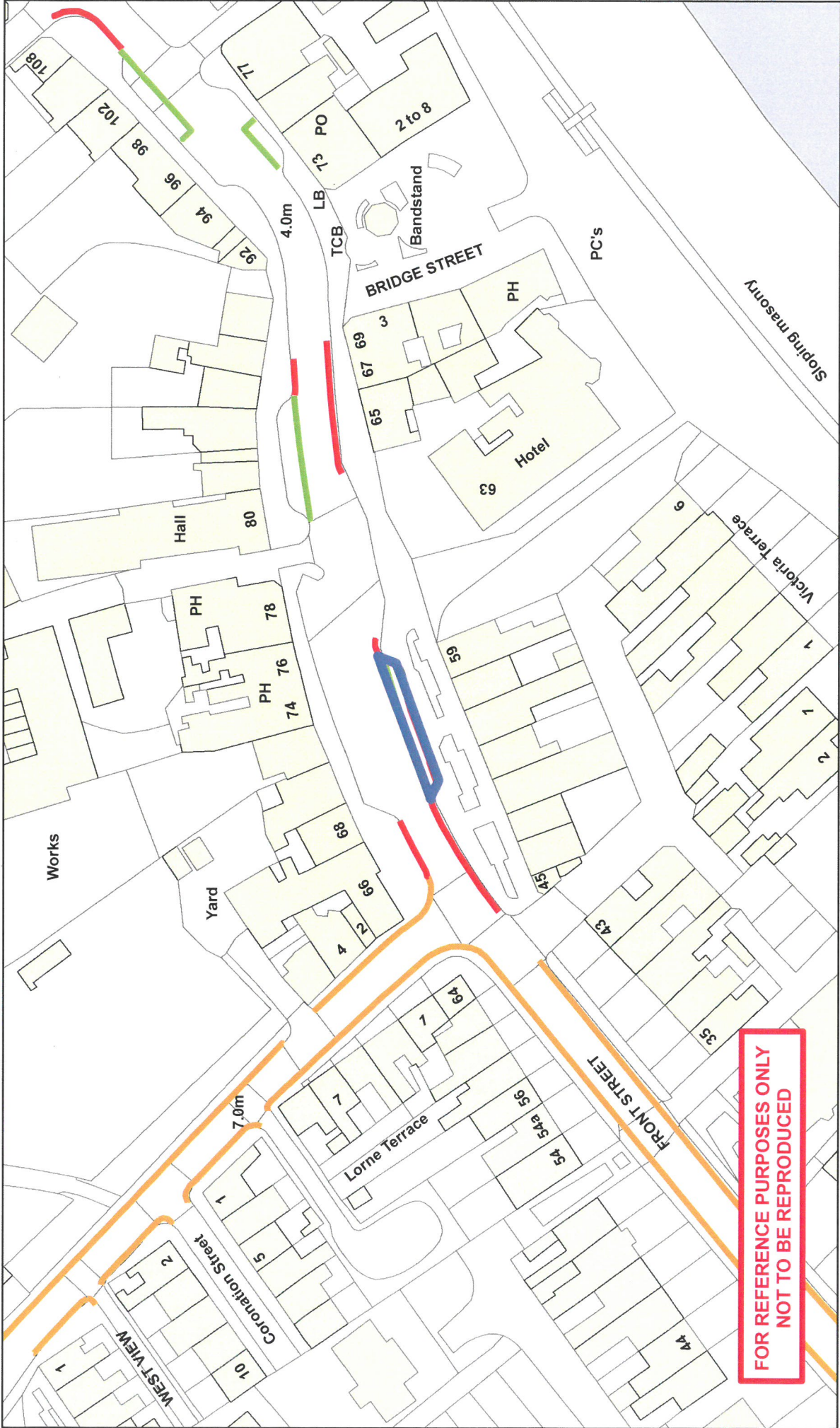
I would welcome a reply by **Wednesday 18th June 2014**. If no comments are received by that date it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations regarding the above proposal. Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to all individual comments but staff will be on hand to clarify any queries you may have. You may also 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.

Yours faithfully



Paul McKenna
Transport Projects Team



FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY
NOT TO BE REPRODUCED

- Proposed 20 minutes limited waiting bay to replace existing loading bay
- Existing No Waiting at Any Time Restriction
- Existing No Waiting 8am -6.30pm Every Day
- Existing Disabled and Loading Bays

Northumberland Northumberland County Council		Network Management Information System		Title: Front Street - Newbiggin by the Sea traffic regulation order	
Northumberland County Council County Hall Morpeth Northumberland NE61 2EF Tel: 01670 533000		This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. License no. 100049048 (2009).		Dm: PM	Date: MAY14
				Scale:	

APPENDIX 2 - SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Thoroughfare	Post Code	FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
Front Street	NE64 6NJ	1			none
Front Street	NE64 6AA	1			Somebody to enforce these regulations.
Whitehouse Café & Grill, Front Street	NE64 6QD	1			Excellent move!! I've been the owner for 2 years and have never seen a problem for the odd few vans that need to unload. This will help the small shops/cafes etc. Parking is a big problem, so this can only make things better. I also think you should change the current parking to max 2 hour stay (free) this should stop people parking their cars there all day. Every day cars are parked there all day, this is wrong (me included!) half of the bays at least are taken by 9am everyday!
Front Street	NE64 6AA	1			To make all loading bays 20 minute limited waiting - especially in front of 'Big Drink'
Front Street	NE64 6NU	1			
Front Street	NE64 6NJ	1			
Bodrum Kebab House	NE64 6QD	1			
Marian's, Front Street		1			
Front Street	NE64 6PS		1		What is needed in Newbiggin are more parking lots, the land on the left of Allison's yard, it has been derelict for a lot of years and should be utilised, or the toilet situation!! I have lived in Front Street next to white house corner for 61 years and never known a problem on the street with parking and by changing it I don't think it would promote business in the area.
Front Street	NE64 6AD	1			Could it be possible to add/extend the 20 minute limit to other areas of the front street to include front street parking. We find that some shop owners/visitors park all day and thus hinder 'traffic flow' on the street.
Front Street	NE64 6NS	1			Beneficial for people collecting prescriptions especially senior citizens. Now we have a butcher and a wet fish shop here people can combine going to these shops as well as collecting their perscriptions. Chance long over due. When are you bringing in residents parking permits???
				1	<p>Thank you for your letter dated 7th May 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.</p> <p>I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.</p> <p>Thank you for your letter dated 7th May 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.</p> <p>I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.</p>
Woodhorn Villa		1			Newbiggin by-the-Sea Town Council has considered these proposals and supports the introduction of additional parking provision in the town centre.
		11	1	1	