



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR

CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES – BARRY ROWLAND

PROPOSED 'NO WAITING' AT ANY TIME PARKING RESTRICTIONS, U3125 SAWMILL COTTAGES, ALNWICK

PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

- To introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along sections of the U3125 Sawmill Cottages, Alnwick.

RECOMONDATIONS

It is recommended that:

In view of the consultation exercise, the proposal to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along sections of the U3125 Sawmill Cottages, Alnwick, should proceed as proposed.

KEY ISSUES

- 1) The scheme will be funded by Aldi.
- 2) The scheme is supported by the Local Councillor, Town Council and the residents/businesses who responded to the consultation.
- 3) The measures will assist in preventing parking issues from developing as a result of the new development.

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PROPOSED 'NO WAITING' AT ANY TIME PARKING RESTRICTIONS, U3125 SAWMILL COTTAGES, ALNWICK

BACKGROUND

INTRODUCTION

1. Towards the end of 2012, planning permission was approved to redevelop land at Sawmill Cottages, Alnwick. This involved development and a slight change in layout. A review of the existing road layout was also required.
2. The County Council worked closely with developers at the time. As part of a Road Safety Audit, recommendations were made to include 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at a number of locations to prevent parking where it would be considered unsafe.
3. In April 2014, funds were secured from the developer in order to carry out necessary works. 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions were proposed on Sawmill Cottages, Alnwick.
4. These restrictions were the subject of a consultation letter to approximately 27 households/businesses 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

6. The consultation exercise ended on 7th October 2014 and responses were received from 8 consultees all in favour of the proposals. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix 2.
7. There were no responses received from statutory consultees.

IN FAVOUR

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

- Pedestrian crossings need to be considered.
- Concerns over the increase in traffic in the immediate area.

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:
- Pedestrian crossing points
 - Junction improvements
10. Once the new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are in place, we will ensure that Civil Parking Enforcement Officers regularly visit the area as part of their current route.

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 all 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 able to 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 (Central) Area (Waiting and Loading) Composite Order 2011 Amendment No. 10 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

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IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Scheme will cost approximately £3,000 and will be financed by the developer.
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	Correct 'Double Yellow Lines' and Traffic Regulation Order will aid enforcement.
Risk Assessment	Residential area
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations	Proposals will contribute to the flow of traffic, aid safety.
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Alnwick 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	Alnwick

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 Parking
Restrictions - U3125 Sawmill Cottages,
Alnwick

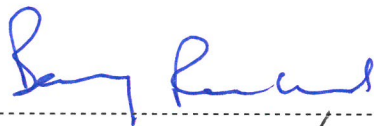
Consultation

8 Responses
8 For
0 Against
0 Neither

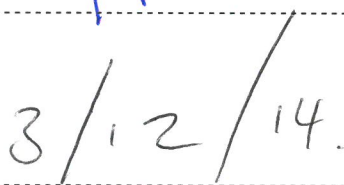
Decision Taken:

To approve the proposal for 'No Waiting at
Any Time' parking restrictions at Sawmill
Cottages, Alnwick.

Signature of Corporate Director



Date



APPENDIX A

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Your Ref:

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Tuesday 9th September 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed 'No Waiting' at Any Time Parking Restrictions - U3125 Sawmill Cottages, Alnwick

Following a recent development decision by Northumberland County Council Planning Department a Planning Condition has been stipulated to create a traffic safety scheme to restrict parking along sections of U3125 Sawmill Cottages, Alnwick.

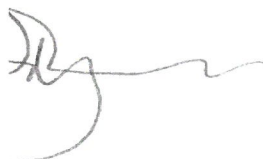
I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1998 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the following proposal:

To introduce 'No Waiting' at Any Time restrictions along a sections of the U3125 Sawmill Cottages, Alnwick as shown on the attached plan.

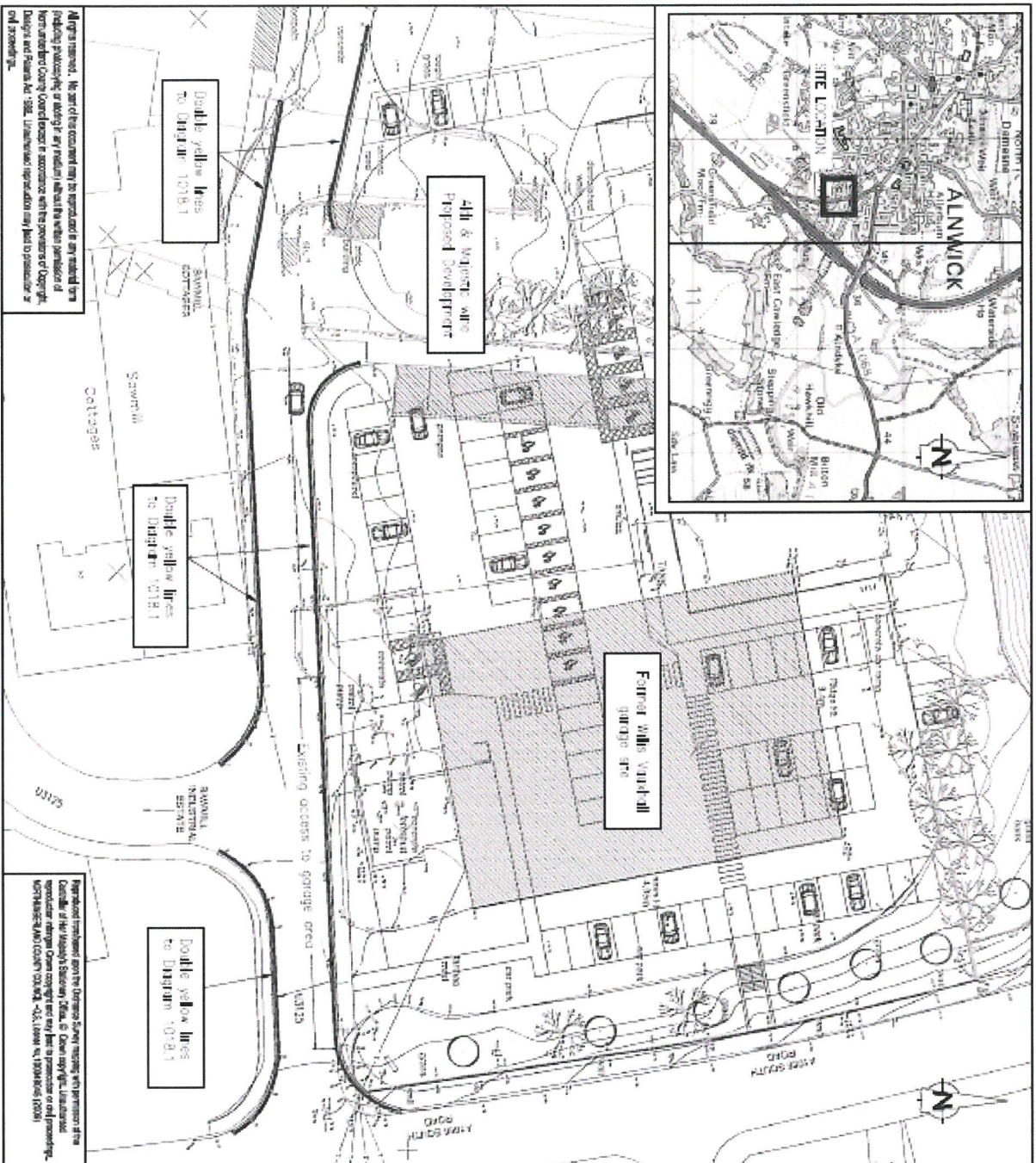
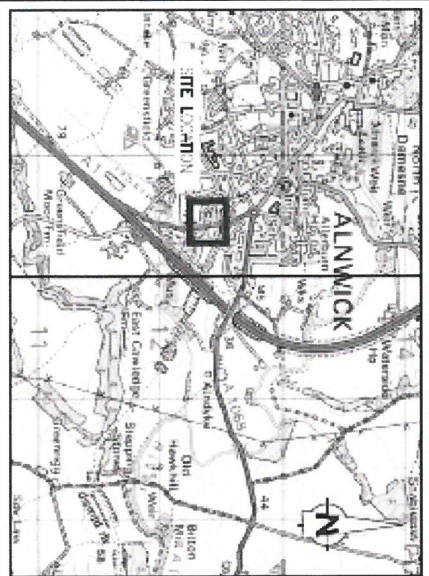
The County Council is seeking your views and a free post response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. I would welcome a reply by Tuesday 7th October 2014. If no comments are received by that date it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations regarding the above proposal. You may wish to note that any comments received may be included in a Decision Report to be assessed by 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.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Douglas
Project Planning Officer



Proposed development and the proposed garage area are shown on the plan. The plan also shows the location of the proposed development and the proposed garage area. The plan also shows the location of the proposed development and the proposed garage area.

CONTRACT
DRAWING NO.

DATE
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NOTES

REVISION
Drawing Status
DRAFT

Client
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY HALL, NORRETH
NORTHUMBERLAND, NE1 2EP

Job Title

Drawing Title

Scale: AS SHOWN

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Signed: []

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Job Number/Title Number

Notes: The plan of the proposed development is shown on the plan. The plan also shows the location of the proposed development and the proposed garage area. The plan also shows the location of the proposed development and the proposed garage area.

APPENDIX B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
1			I agree with the "double yellow lines" shown on the draft (1018.1) drawing, except at the bottom left hand side of the drawing where the "double yellow lines" meet the footpath. They go straight across our double doors. Although we only use these doors occasionally, we may wish to use them in the future and to have double yellow lines across them would not work for us!
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1			It Appears that there is no provision for a pedestrian crossing on the North entrance side to the new premises, surely this is necessary! Will there be a footpath formed on the West side of the South Road?
1			I do not see any pedestrian crossing at the site, their safety needs to be ensured. There is no indication of a roundabout at the junction with South road, I must assume the parking restrictions are required because of the increased traffic anticipated, as there will be a backing of vehicles exiting the site, especially South count a roundabout is essential to ensure safe movement of traffic at the site. I feel a sensible speed limit restriction is also required for the safety of vehicles and the public walking in the area. It seems obvious that the traffic from outside of Alnwick will be travelling back to the A1 from the site which means they will leave the site and travel southwards, without a roundabout they will turn right across traffic on South Road causing potential accidents to happen.
1			Due to the increase in traffic along South Road in both directions. I would like propose the construction of a traffic 'island' between the development access and the entrance to Willowburn Trading Estate. This will allow pedestrians to cross South Road safely.