



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES: BARRY ROWLAND

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS
ST ANDREW'S ROAD, HEXHAM**

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding amendments to the existing parking restrictions in St Andrew's Road, Hexham, (see attached consultation plan in appendix A).

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) The existing 'No Waiting 8am to 6pm' restriction be removed from St Andrew's Road.

Key Issues

- 1) Councillor Homer is addressing parking issues in the general area.
- 2) The existing 'No Waiting 8am to 6pm' restriction in St Andrew's Road is felt to be unnecessary and, if removed, would provide more parking for residents.

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Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the *Places and Environment Aim* in the Corporate Plan:

Our aim is to maintain and further improve the quality of our towns, villages and countryside and make it easier for residents to access services and high quality, affordable homes and to travel using different modes of transport. To achieve this, we will keep Northumberland clean, green and safe from detrimental impacts of climate change, build more houses to benefit those most in need and provide a convenient, integrated public transport network.

Background

1. Officers are working with Councillor Homer to address parking issues in this part of Hexham.
2. Complimentary proposals to amend parking restrictions are currently the subject of consultation in surrounding streets.
3. In order to address the lack of parking in St Andrew's Road, residents were consulted on a proposal to remove the existing 'No Waiting between 8am and 6pm' restriction.
4. The restriction was put in place when the former Abbeyfields residential home was open, which resulted in indiscriminate visitor parking. The home is now closed and is a private residence.
5. The restriction was also considered necessary to prevent employees who work in the town centre parking all day. This situation has eased since the introduction of free parking.

Consultation

6. A scheme was prepared and was the subject of a consultation which concluded on 18th August 2014.
7. The consultation exercise involved the delivery of a consultation letter together with a plan showing details of the scheme to statutory consultees; County Councillor Homer, Hexham Town Council; road user organisations; and other interested parties. The proposal was also available to view and comment via the Council's website. A plan showing the scheme is attached as Appendix A.
8. One statutory consultee responded. The North East Ambulance Service recognised and appreciated the need for the scheme and supported the proposals.
9. 27 responses were returned with 19 in favour of the proposal (73%) and 7 against (26%). 1 response failed to state a preference.
10. Hexham Town Council had no objections to the proposals.

11. Parking Services support the proposal as it will ease the parking issues in the area.
12. Those that objected were concerned that allowing more parking would restrict the width of road available. The existing restriction does not apply after 6pm, however, when most residents have returned home, and there are no known problems associated with limited road space.
13. Another concern was that the access to 'Cuddy's Lane' which is a lane used by the Environment Agency to access the nearby weir, could become obstructed. This can be addressed by providing a 'Keep Clear' road marking.

Conclusion

14. It is recommended that, in view of the results of the consultation exercise, the existing 'No Waiting 8am to 6pm' restriction be removed.

Background Papers

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Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations	None
Sustainability	None
Consultation	The relevant people and organisations were consulted
Wards	Hexham East

DECISION TAKEN

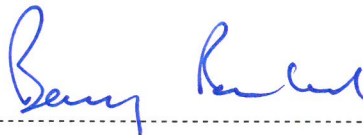
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Consultation 27 Responses
19 For
7 Against

Decision Taken: 1) The existing 'No Waiting 8am to 6pm' restriction be removed from St Andrew's Road.

Signature of Corporate Director



Date

31-10-14

Appendix A – Consultation Plan

