



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES: BARRY ROWLAND

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ST HILDA'S ROAD, ST GEORGE'S ROAD, ST OSWALD'S ROAD & CROFT TERRACE, HEXHAM

Purpose of Report

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

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) The proposed residents permit parking scheme does not go ahead.

Key Issues

- 1) Councillor Homer is addressing parking issues in the general area.
- 2) Of 72 consultation responses returned, 63 were against the proposal (88%).
- 3) Concerns have been raised over parking by non-residents in the area.

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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. Amendments to parking restrictions are currently being implemented in surrounding streets.
3. Concerns were raised regarding parking by non-residents in the area. Anecdotal evidence suggests that residents of the adjoining Elvaston Road park in these streets to avoid the residents parking scheme in place there.
4. A 'Prohibition of Driving Except for Access' restriction is already in place.

Consultation

5. A scheme was prepared and was the subject of a consultation which concluded on 18th August 2014.
6. 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.
7. One statutory consultee responded. The North East Ambulance Service recognised and appreciated the need for the scheme and supported the proposals.
8. 72 responses were returned with 6 in favour of the proposal (8%) and 63 against (88%). 3 responses failed to state a preference.
9. Hexham Town Council stated it would support the majority view of the residents.
10. The majority of responses stated that there is no parking problem in the area and the existing 'Prohibition of Driving' restriction is sufficient.

Conclusion

11. It is recommended that, in view of the results of the consultation exercise, the proposed residents permit parking scheme should not go ahead.

Background Papers

File Ref: HE141320

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

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

Barry Rowland: Executive Director of Local Services

Subject:

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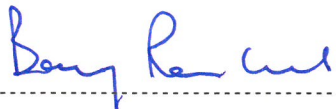
Consultation

72 Responses
6 For
63 Against
3 Neither

Decision Taken:

1) The proposed residents permit parking scheme for St Hilda's Road, St George's Road, St Oswald's Road and Croft Terrace should not go ahead.

Signature of Corporate Director



Date



Appendix A – Consultation Plan

