

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS TYNE GARDENS AND CASTLE VIEW, OVINGHAM

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding proposed parking restrictions on both Tyne Gardens and Castle View

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions are introduced on both Tyne Gardens and Castle View as proposed.

Key Issues

1. Scheme being funded by LTP
2. Motorists are experiencing inconsiderate parking resulting in carriageway obstruction.
3. Residents are experiencing difficulty when exiting the Tyne Gardens/Castle View junction due to reduced sight lines caused by inconsiderate parking.
4. The scheme will improve quality of life for local residents who deal with indiscriminate parking on a daily basis.
5. Scheme supported by Councillor Paul Kelly and Ovingham Parish Council

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9. 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.

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Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded by the LTP
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Residential area, inconsiderate parking issues.
Crime & Disorder	Scheme will remove inconsiderate parking in the area, promoting a safer environment.
Customer Considerations	None
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Ovingham Parish Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
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Proposed Parking Restrictions – Tyne Gardens/Castle View

Concerns have been raised by local residents and Ovingham Parish Council about vehicles parking on and around the junction of Tyne Gardens/ Castle View. It has been reported that inconsiderate parking around the junction is obstructing sight lines of traffic exiting Tyne Gardens onto Castle View which has raised safety concerns. Therefore “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions (double yellow lines) are proposed on both Tyne Gardens and Castle View. It is anticipated that the introduction of the restrictions will improve road safety by removing obstructions and improving visibility around the junction.

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the proposed introduction of “No Waiting at Any Time” parking restrictions on Tyne Gardens and Castle View, as shown the attached plan.

The County Council is seeking your views on the proposals and a freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that comments received will be carefully considered.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Friday 23rd October 2015. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully



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Appendix B - Summary of Responses

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
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1			In my view yellow lines only need to be where I've Marked in Red. Especially down Caslte View towards Wylam (Accident Waiting to Happen Here) Basically there's no View of Traffic coming in from Wyalm from the Junction
	1		The main obstruction is on Castle View, from Model Cottage to around No 6/7 <u>NOT</u> Tyne Gardens and the opposite side of the road. I've annotated the map to illustrate it. The problem with this proposal, is it will push the traffic elsewhere (probably the opposite side of the road in Castle View) and cause obstruction elsewhere. Which is going to upset a whole load of other residents. The sensible solution is to put a mirror(see map) on the telegraph pole on Castle View which is directly opposite the entrance to Tyne Gardens as the main issue is when turning LEFT out of the junction. This would enable drivers to see oncoming traffic. Some road Bumps and a Speed limit of 20mph on Castle View would also help - part of the problem is caused by drivers belting along the road at well over 30mph.
	1		Thank you for your letter dated 11th September 2015 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. 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 would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
1			Wholeheartedly support the proposal, not only have concerns about traffic trying to join Coast View from the junction and pedestrians being unable to see past the parked vehicles until they are out into the middle of the road, but also on several occasions the no 686 bus has been unable to turn into Tyne Gardens because cars are parked on both sides at the bottom of Tyne Gardens, meaning people on the estate being left standing waiting for a bus which isn't coming!
1			Is very difficult to see when turning right out of tyne gardens. Have to pull right out to see and a speeding vehicle on castle view could easily cause an accident.
1			You haven't gone far enough. A single yellow line should extend to 10 Castle View. All of these residents have garages at the back & are too lazy to garage their cars. Also there is waste land behind Castle View where a car park should be constructed for them. This scheme should have been introduced years ago. The obstructions are horrendous especially as it is a bus route.
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