



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES: BARRY ROWLAND**

**PROPOSED RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING, HOGARTH COTTAGES,
BEDLINGTON**

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding proposed residents permit parking in Hogarth Cottages, Bedlington, (see attached consultation plan in appendix A).

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) Residents permit parking is not provided.

Key Issues

- 1) A resident of Hogarth Cottages wrote to Ian Lavery MP, outlining concerns over indiscriminate parking.
- 2) In response the County Council agreed to consult residents on providing residents permit parking.

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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. A resident of Hogarth Cottages wrote to Ian Lavery MP with concerns over indiscriminate parking.
2. The resident stated that parking by non-residents was causing problems for residents and affecting access by carers who visit some of the properties frequently.
3. In response the County Council agreed to consult residents on providing a permit parking scheme.

Consultation

4. A scheme was prepared and was the subject of a consultation which concluded on 2nd March 2015.
5. The consultation exercise involved the delivery of a consultation letter together with a plan showing details of the scheme to residents, statutory consultees; County Councillor Wallace, West Bedlington Town Council; road user organisations; and other interested parties. The proposal was also available to view and comment via the Council's website. The consultation plan is attached as Appendix A. The consultation letter is attached as Appendix B.
6. 5 responses were returned. 3 were in favour of the proposal, 1 against, while 1 failed to state a preference. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix C.
7. Of the 5 responses, 3 were from residents. 2 were in favour, 1 against. There are 6 properties in Hogarth Cottages.
8. These results were discussed with the local Ward Member, Councillor Alyson Wallace, who agreed that the level of responses received is not a sufficient mandate to proceed.
9. Councillor Wallace has also been made aware of concerns by residents over the cost of parking permits.

10. There are also concerns over whether a permit scheme can accommodate frequent visits throughout the day by carers.

Conclusion

11. In view of the results of the consultation, it is recommended that residents permit parking is not provided in Hogarth Cottages.

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	Bedlington Central

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

Barry Rowland: Executive Director of Local Services

Subject:

**PROPOSED RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING,
HOGARTH COTTAGES, BEDLINGTON**

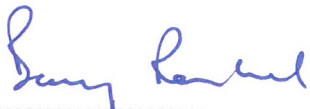
Consultation

5 Responses
3 For
1 Against
1 Neither

Decision Taken:


**1) Residents permit parking is not provided in
Hogarth Cottages, Bedlington**

Signature of Executive Director



Date

30/03/15

 <p>Northumberland County Council</p>	<p>Network Management Information System</p>	<p>Title: Proposed Residents Parking Hogarth Cottages, Bedlington</p>
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Appendix B – Consultation Letter

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The Occupier

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Monday 19th January 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed 'Resident Permit Parking' – Hogarth Cottages, Bedlington

Residents have raised concerns over indiscriminate parking in Hogarth Cottages. I am therefore writing to you to find out your views on providing 'Residents Permit Parking'. Signs would be placed at the entrance to Hogarth Cottages, stating that a permit is required to park beyond this point.

To make the scheme enforceable, residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits, (currently £15 a year per permit). A maximum of 2 permits are available per household initially, though additional permits may be available if there is sufficient parking space available.

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.

A free post response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. I would welcome a reply by Monday 2nd March 2015. 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



Richard McKenzie
Senior Programmes Officer

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
		1	Thank you for your correspondence dated 19th January 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 do appreciate however the need for restrictions to improve road safety.I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
1			I support these proposals. It will benefit the resident greatly.
1			I would like resident permit parking signs at the entrance to Hogarth Cotts would pay £15 one permit.
1			Dear sir, I am writing to confirm that I would be prepared to purchase a permit as my wife is still working, we could afford this payment, however, all other residents are O.A.Ps and in my opinion I do not think they will be able to afford this payment which is a shame. One lady in particular does not have a car, but does have carers and nurses coming to see her on a regular basis (she id 95!) and also has family visit quite regular. All other residents have cars, but as if have already stated they may not be able to afford the payment. Thank-you. P/S A number of residents are concerned that friends and family would be charged as well, could you advise what would happen on these occasions. Thank-you.
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Appendix C