

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES

PROPOSED RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING ZONE – NORTH SEATON ROAD BACK LANE / WEST VIEW, ASHINGTON

Purpose of report:

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise regarding the proposed introduction of a Residents Permit Parking Zone at North Seaton Road Back Lane and West View in Ashington.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that in view of the consultation exercise, the Residents Permit Parking Zone should be introduced as proposed.

Key issues

- 1) Scheme being funded by Councillor Wilson.
- 2) The scheme will reduce indiscriminate parking in the area.
- 3) Supported by Local Councillor, Parking Services and all residents who responded to the consultation.
- 4) A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking.
- 5) Any businesses on North Seaton Road Back Lane / West View will not be eligible for a Residents Parking Permit.

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BACKGROUND

- 1) Concerns have been raised by local residents of North Seaton Road and West View in Ashington about indiscriminate parking. Councillor Wilson has also expressed concerns and requested officers consult residents on the possible introduction of a Residents Parking Permit Zone.
- 2) These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to approximately 75 households / businesses, and approximately 30 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

- 3) The consultation exercise ended on 15th January 2015, and responses were received from 21 households, all of which were in favour of the proposals. A summary of these responses is attached as Appendix 2.
- 4) No statutory consultees responded to the consultation.

IN FAVOUR

- 5) Whilst indicating their support of the proposals on the response form provided, the following comments were made:-
 - Scheme cannot be introduced soon enough.
 - There has been a problem with parking in the area for many years.
 - Indiscriminate parking is a huge problem, and these proposals should improve the situation.
 - Carers, Doctors etc. regularly have problems in visiting residents due to indiscriminate parking.

OBJECTIONS

- 6) No objections were received.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7) From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concerns raised in this area and it is inevitable that some sections of the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. The results of the consultation exercise show that all residents who responded support the proposals. It is therefore recommended that the Residents Permit Parking Zone is introduced as proposed.
- 8) 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.

APPENDIX INDEX

Appendix 1 – Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix 2 – Summary of Consultation Responses

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy:	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed from Councillor Wilson's Local Members Small Schemes Budget
Human Resources:	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Residential area, route to schools, indiscriminate parking issues.
Crime & Disorder	Scheme will ensure that only Residents Permit Holders are permitted to park in the area, promoting a safer environment.
Customer Considerations	Residents will benefit from a reduction in indiscriminate parking.
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Ashington Town Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Ashington Central

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member and Executive Director:

Executive Director of Local Services, Barry Rowland
Executive Member, Ian Swithenbank, Streetcare and Environment

Subject:

Proposed Residents Permit Parking Zone – North Seaton Road Back Lane / West View, Ashington

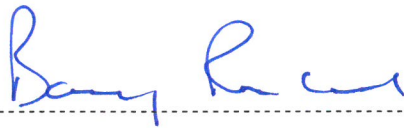
Consultation:

21 Responses
All in favour

Decision Taken:

To approve the proposed Residents Permit Parking Zone in North Seaton Road Back Lane / West View, Ashington.

Signature of Executive Director



Date

19/03/15

APPENDIX 1 – COPY OF CONSULTATION LETTER AND PLAN

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The Occupier

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Monday 8th December 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Resident Permit Parking Zone – North Seaton Road Back Lane / West View, Ashington

Concerns have been raised by residents of North Seaton Road and West View in Ashington about indiscriminate parking. Councillor Wilson has also expressed his concerns and has agreed to fund the introduction of a Residents Permit Parking Zone at North Seaton Road Back Lane / West View, subject to favourable consultation with residents.

Signs at the entry to the street would dictate where Resident Permit Parking is in operation. Bays would not be provided within the zone as they are not required for this type of restriction. To make this scheme enforceable, residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits. (Currently £15 a year per permit). A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking.

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 proposal to introduce a Residents Permit Parking Zone at North Seaton Road Back Lane / West View in Ashington. It should be noted that in order to implement this scheme the existing No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions may need to be removed, however where necessary 'H Bar' Road Markings will be provided.

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.

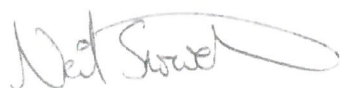
Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Thursday 15th January 2015. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address



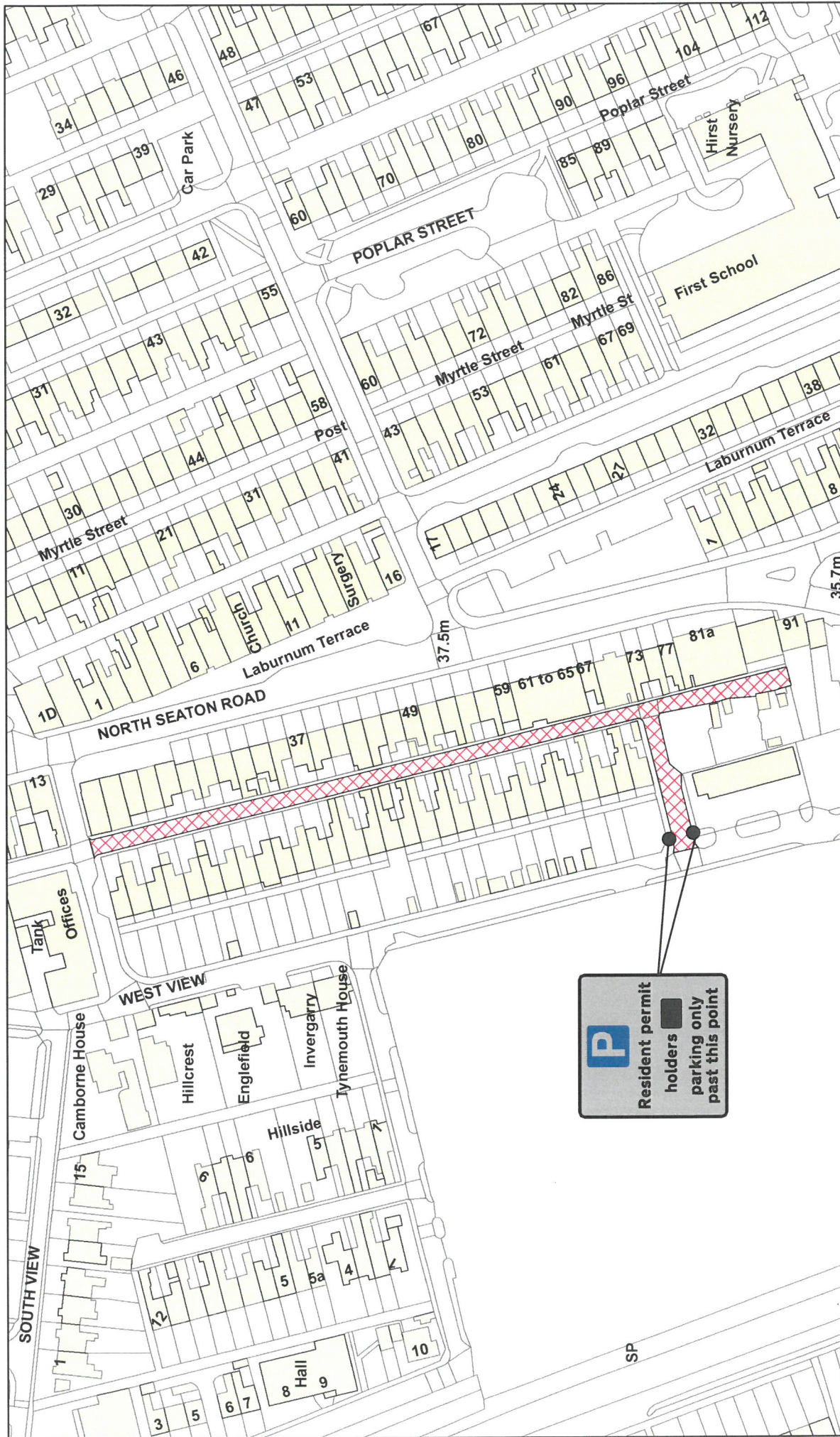
<http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

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.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Neil Snowdon', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Neil Snowdon
Senior Programme Officer



KEY:-

 PROPOSED RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING ZONE

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APPENDIX 2 - SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Thoroughfare	Post Code	FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
North Seaton Road	NE63 0AG	1			
North Seaton Road	NE63 0AG	1			
West View	NE63 0RZ	1			
North Seaton Road	NE63 0AG	1			
North Seaton Road	NE63 0AG	1			West view residents nearby all have off street parking at the front so North Seaton road Back Lane should be from North Seaton road residents parking only
West View	NE63 0RZ	1			The parking in this street has been a problem for many years, we welcome the residents permit parking.
North Seaton Road	NE63 0AG	1			Very pleased that the resident permit parking is finally going to happen.
West View	NE63 0RZ	1			This has been a major problem for years, in this street, my terminally ill mother now recedes with me, doctors and nurses cannot get parked in lane, one nurse retrieved a parking fine for parking at front of my premises as she couldn't park anywhere else, but the same Saturday 3 builders were unloading they have if think? 15-20mins to unload the traffic warden never challenged them they were there all day one rule for one on for the other. Nurses have had to park by pots garage and carry approx. 6 boxes of dressings for my mother, x3 daily. The verbal abuse you receive is disgusting on a daily basis one resident was nearly knocked over by a car coming down the wrong way and threatened. The rubbish thrown on the road out of cars, which park here to cans of food is also a daily event we now have a car recovery vehicle in the lane fixing cars anything else can we have. Thank you.
West View	NE63 0RZ	1			Great idea, much needed down this lane.
North Seaton Road	NE63 0AG	1			Yes I fully support the proposals. I have had problems getting parked also getting my car out of the gait.
North Seaton Road	NE63 0AG	1			Will the parking be for 24 hours a day as I have 2 sons and they some times come to see me together after 6pm. And if I am only allowed 2 permits. Thank you for work, I'm pleased you are hopefully going through with Road Permits.
North Seaton Road	NE63 0AG	1			I support the proposal as I am disabled and been able to get parked (by family or carer) closer to my door would help myself as I have mobility problems. But I do think it is sad we have to pay for permits to park in our own street.
no address		1			no comment
West view	NE63 0R2	1			
Parking services		1			I support these proposals. It should make more space in an, at present congested street. I would suggest having repeater signs in the street as if enforcement needs to take place at the north end of the restriction the sign is too far away for the CEO.
West View	NE63 0RZ	1			
West View		1			2 Permits long overdue oh, yes. From other residents I have spoken to, our main concern is who is going to enforce this system, its all well and good the residents of North Seaton Rd and west view displaying their permits on their cars or whatever, but what about the p????? p????s who use West View back street as a convenient car park and display No Such Permit. will they be fined, or warned about this, I mean £30 per two vehicles is fine by me, but why should they park for ZERO. So again! what can be done it would be great if there were only 9 cars in the street all the time. I mean you could actually enter your garage to park your car, (oh, and what about the New Car sales firm operating out of the computer repair shop on North Seaton Rd, at the minute he or they have about 10 to 12 vehicles parked around, including a lorry.
West View	NE63 0RZ	1			Will the restrictions apply to commercial vehicles as a number are presently parked in the street restricting estate access for emergency services and residents
West View	NE63 0RZ	1			My question - is this scheme a residents only permit and definitely not applicable to employees of local businesses. I ask because I live at 1 West view and I cannot park due to the indiscriminate parking of employees of these businesses at the top of North Seaton Road, namely mend body and soul, Bettina's the paper shop, Hilton Thomas jewellers and the hairdressers. I whole heartedly agree with the idea of permits but there would be no point financially if it was not possible for me to park due to people who are not residents but do park there every day when there is a large parking area car park at South View. A 5 minute walk away. I would appreciate clarity on this subject as I have heard the 5 businesses have also received the same consultation letters as residents.
West View	NE630RZ	1			The main cause of complaint and indiscriminate parking is due to commercial parking. Retail staff repeatedly use the back lane as opposed to going to any of the free parking spaces in the town due to sheer laziness and lack of consideration to residents. The signage and restrictions are fine as they are but NCC nor Northumbria Police are prepared to enforce them
West View	NE63 0RZ	1			Please note I am completing the form on behalf of my mother as she is unable to do so. It is not clear whether the resident permit is linked to a particular vehicle or just to the address. My mother is not a car owner but family parking is required to attend to her needs. Access for the Care Organisations (Age UK, St John's, CPN, GP, DN, SWD) is a concern, as they need to park in or at the bottom of the lane. Parking charges could be imposed whilst they are accessing the house to get/return the visitor permit (not to mention reducing the time available to care for their client) and there is the clear risk of the permit going astray due to constant multi-handling. Will a process be put in place to allow access for these essential organisations?? Anne Kelly pp Marie Lang
West View	NE63 0RZ	1			
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