



Northumberland County Council

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

**PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS
STATION ROAD, HEXHAM**

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding proposed parking restrictions on Station Road, Hexham, (see attached consultation plan in appendix A).

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) A 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction is provided on Station Road, outside Station Cottages.

Key Issues

- 1) Councillor Homer is addressing parking and traffic issues in the general area.
- 2) There is an area of wide footway that is persistently parked on, causing obstructions for pedestrians and safety concerns.

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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 and traffic issues in this part of Hexham.
2. There is an area of wide footway outside Station Cottages which is persistently parked on.
3. This parking obstructs pedestrians and causes safety concerns, particularly due to its proximity to a roundabout.
4. Station Cottages has off-street parking available.

Consultation

5. A scheme was prepared and was the subject of a consultation which concluded on 29th December 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. 3 responses were returned. All 3 were in favour of the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
8. Two of the responses refer to concerns over the roundabout junction and problems crossing the road. These concerns are being addressed by Councillor Homer separately.
9. One statutory consultee responded. The North East Ambulance Service recognised and appreciated the need for the scheme and supported the proposals.
10. Hexham Town Council supports the proposals.

Conclusion

11. It is recommended that, in view of the results of the consultation exercise, the No Waiting at Any Time restriction is provided.

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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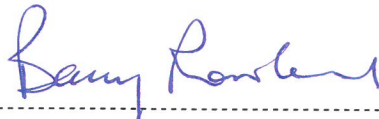
Consultation

3 Responses
3 For
0 Against
0 Neither

Decision Taken:

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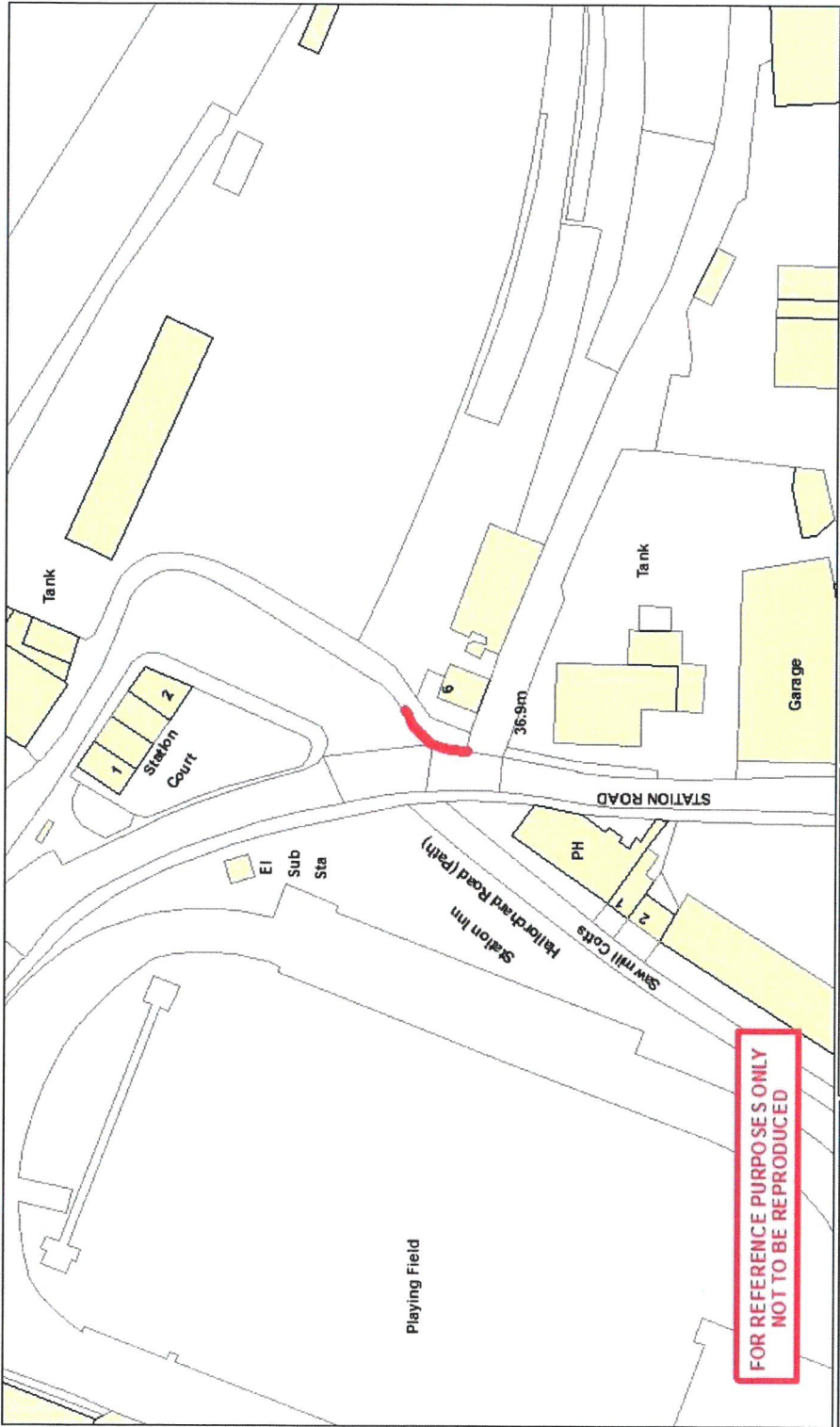
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Date

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Appendix A – Consultation Plan



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Network Management Information System		
Title: Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Station Road, Hexham		
Drn:	RM	Date: 14.11.14
		Scale: NTS

Appendix B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
1			<p>Thank you for your correspondence dated 17th November 2014 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.</p>
1			<p>The cars are parked on the pavement so I am not convinced that a parking restriction sign will stop them.</p> <p>That crossing point is an absolute shambles. I have tried to cross several times recently to go to the new Homebase store and you have to take your life in your hands and be very fleet of foot. Either that or you have to go a fair distance out of your way to cross safely. This crossing needs to be fixed!</p>
1			<p>The Town Council supports the proposals but in addition it wishes you to note that: 1. The crossing of the highway here by pedestrian users should have been considered when the development was in its initial stages. 2. Crossing the roadway by pedestrians should be controlled by lights or by an island making crossing the roadway a two stage process. So whilst the proposal of no parking is needed the entire junction needs to be viewed again and steps taken to ensure it can be used by all road users in safety.</p>
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