

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS, CASTLE DRIVE / CASTLE TERRACE, BERWICK

9th September 2016

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding alteration of existing restrictions on Castle Terrace, Berwick and the extension of No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions on Castle Drive, Berwick.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. It is recommended that two parking bays be removed and replaced with no waiting and loading restrictions on Castle Terrace.
2. It is recommended that the no waiting and loading restrictions be extended on Castle Drive, Berwick

Key Issues

3. The junction of Castle Drive / Castle Terrace has been subject to indiscriminate parking over a period of time, causing congestion and traffic safety concerns.
4. Councillor Jones has received complaints on numerous occasions, regarding the proximity of the parking bays to a residential property, preventing safe egress due to reduced visibility.
5. The Scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Gavin Jones
6. The scheme will assist in improving road safety in the area.

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BACKGROUND

7. Concerns have been identified to Councillor Jones by residents of Castle Drive, Berwick on a number of occasions with regard to the indiscriminate parking causing congestion in the area.
8. Concerns have been received by Councillor Jones from residents of a number of properties on Castle Terrace, Berwick with regard to the position of parking bays adjacent to their entrances.
9. It is proposed to extend the parking restriction on Castle Drive from its junction with Castle Terrace for a distance of 30 metres.
10. It is also proposed to remove two parking bays on Castle Terrace, Berwick and replace them with 'no waiting or loading restrictions'.
11. This would help improve the traffic flow and remove parked cars from the junction area, and improve the visibility of drivers joining Castle Terrace from their properties.

CONSULTATION

12. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 18th July 2016. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 8 residents and 25 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 A).
13. The consultation exercise ended on 1st August 2016 and responses were received from 2 consultees, with 1 in favour, 0 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

COMMENTS

14. During the consultation exercise new information was received regarding additional sightline difficulties experienced by neighbouring residents. After a site inspection, two further parking bays were identified as having similar road safety issues as those originally proposed for removal.
15. Councillor Jones was notified of the results of the consultation and confirms he wishes to proceed with a revised version of the proposal, which will include the removal of an additional two parking bays on safety grounds rather than the original proposal, this will be funded jointly through the Member's Local Improvements Programme and the LTP Programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

16. It is recommended that four parking bays be removed and replaced with no waiting and loading restrictions on Castle Terrace.
17. It is recommended that the no waiting and loading restrictions be extended on Castle Drive, Berwick
18. 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.

File References

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Appendix Index

- Appendix A - Consultation 1 -Copy of Consultation Letter
- Appendix B - Consultation 1 - Summary of Responses
- Appendix C – Revised plan

Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded jointly through the Members' Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Gavin Jones and the LTP Programme.
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	Indiscriminate parking and obstruction
Customer Considerations	Scheme is anticipated to improve traffic flows and road safety in the area
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Berwick Town Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Berwick North

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):

Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject:

Proposed Amendment to the 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions, Castle Drive / Castle Terrace, Berwick

Consultation

2 Responses

1 For

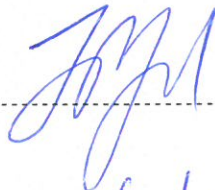
0 Against

1 Neither for nor against

Decision Taken:

- a) Extend the parking restriction on Castle Drive from its junction with Castle Terrace as proposed
- b) Remove four parking bays and replace with 'No waiting and loading' restrictions on Castle Terrace as proposed.

Signature of Director



Date

30/9/16

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The Occupier

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Monday 18th July 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS, CASTLE DRIVE / CASTLE TERRACE, BERWICK

Concerns have been raised by local residents with Councillor Jones about road safety in relation to:

- a) Indiscriminate parking on the junction of Castle Drive and Castle Terrace in Berwick.
- b) The proximity of the parking bays to private driveways causing driver visibility to be severely compromised at Castle Terrace, Berwick.

Councillor Jones has therefore agreed to fund the alteration of existing restrictions on Castle Terrace, Berwick and the extension of No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) subject to favourable feedback from residents.

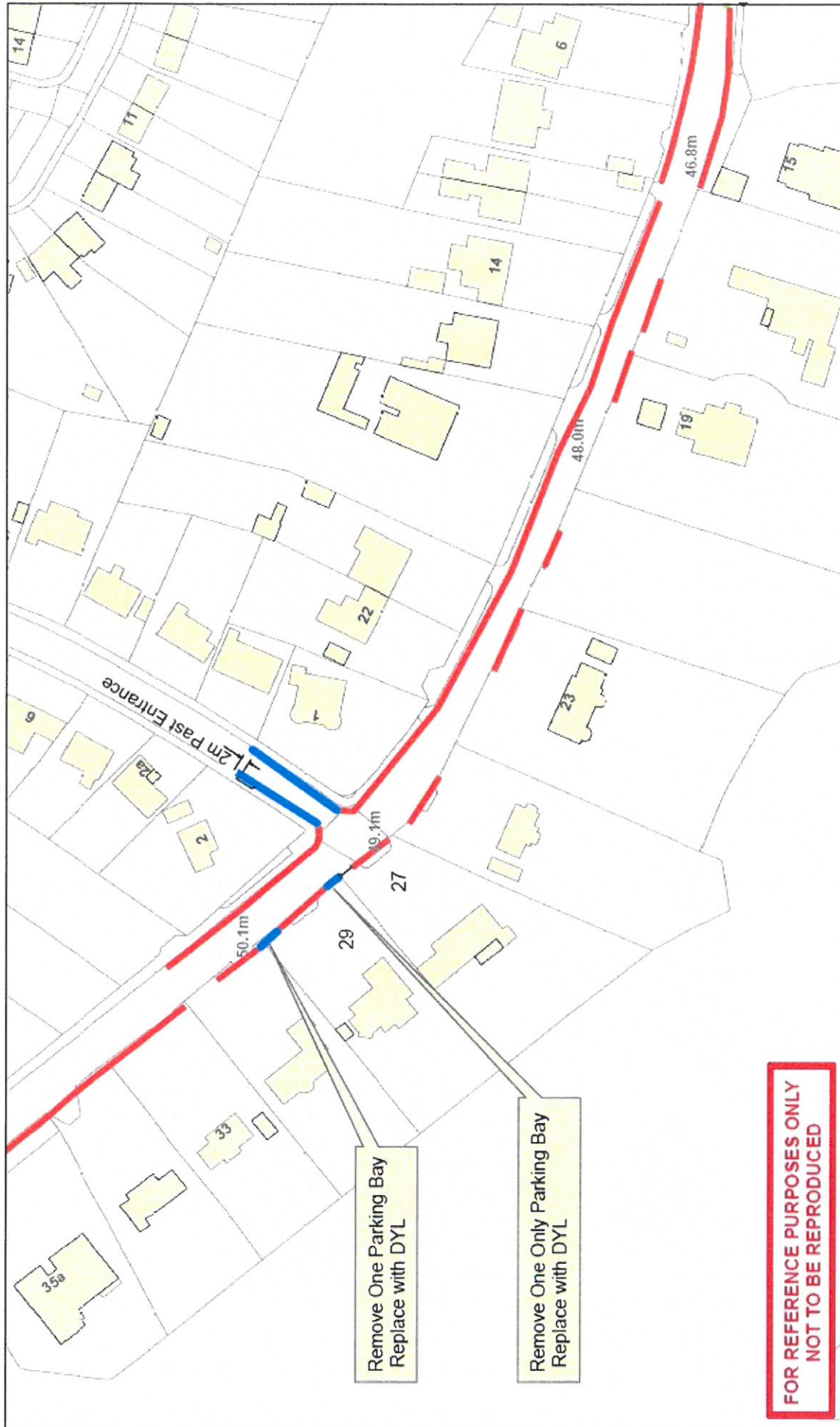
I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1998 (as amended) to formally advise you on the proposed removal of two parking bays and the alteration of the parking restrictions at Castle Terrace, Berwick and the extension of "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions at Castle Drive, Berwick as shown on the attached plan.

If you have any comments or observations regarding this proposal please can you email (HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk) or write to Highways Programme and Production, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF before the 1st August 2016

Yours faithfully



Terry Luck
Programme Officer

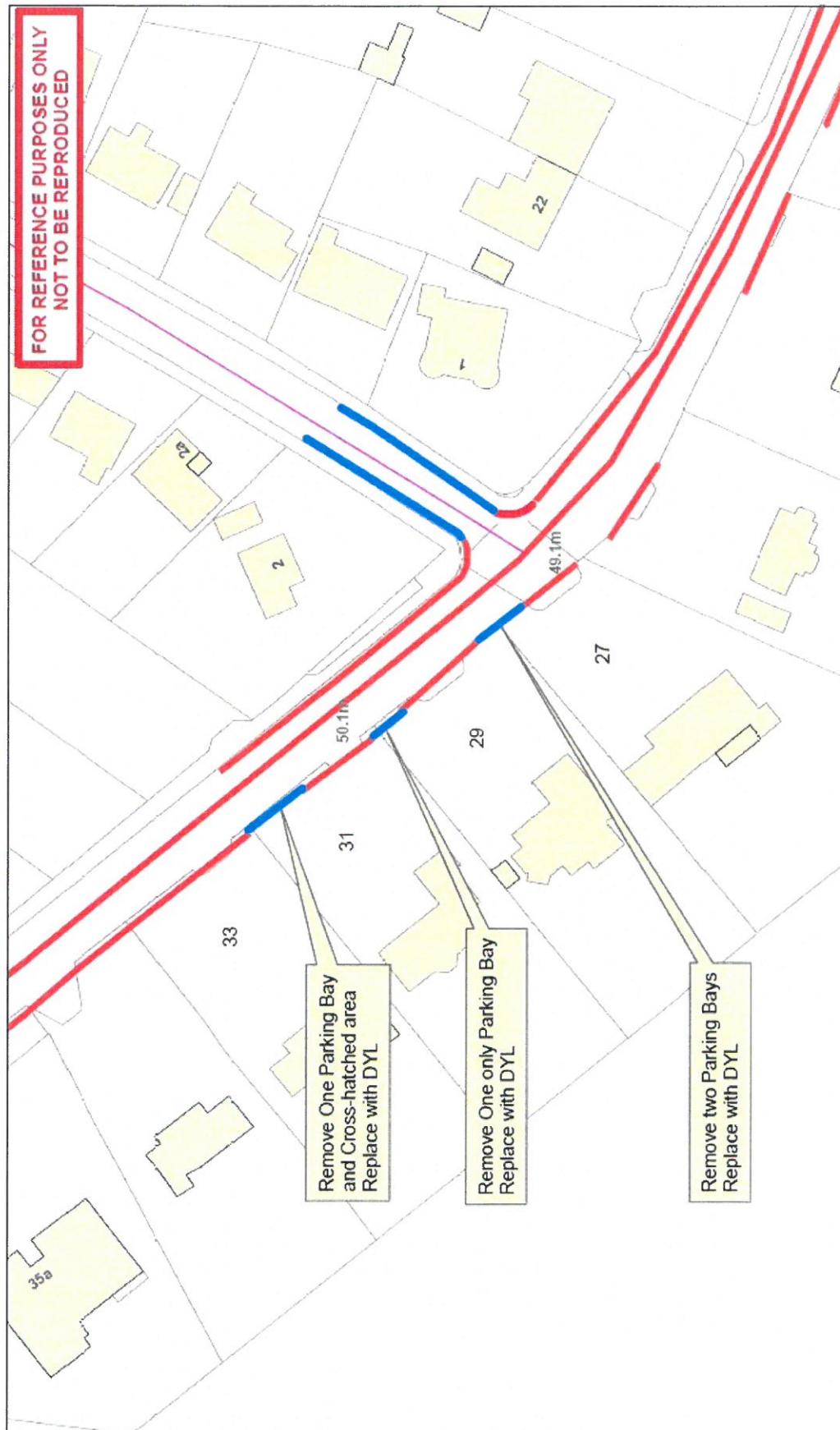


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- PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS (DOUBLE YELLOW LINE)
- EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS

APPENDIX B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
1			I approve of the plans for Castle Tce Berwick.
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 18th July 2016 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as 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 outpatient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
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PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME
RESTRICTIONS (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES)

EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS

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