



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR
OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**

**PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS
JUBILEE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND REMSCHEID WAY, ASHINGTON**

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding parking restrictions on the eastern side of Jubilee Industrial Estate and Remscheid Way in Ashington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. A "No waiting at any time" parking restriction (double yellow line) is introduced on the eastern side of Jubilee Industrial Estate outside of Culpitts only. The recommendations have been agreed with Councillor Gallacher

Key Issues

1. Scheme to be funded by the LTP
2. Staff at Culpitt's are experiencing problems exiting the staff car park due to inconsiderate parking
3. Parked cars obstructing access for HGV's
4. Cars parking on the footpath obstructing pedestrian movement.
5. Scheme is supported by Councillor Brian Gallacher

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Background

1. Concerns have been raised by a local business and Councillor Brian Gallacher about inconsiderate parking on Jubilee Industrial Estate and Remscheid Way. It has been reported that parking at both of these locations is causing obstructions to larger vehicles using the road and is putting road users at risk due to poor visibility. It has also been reported that pedestrians are being forced to walk on the highway due to footpath parking. It has been requested that officers consult on A "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction (double yellow line) on the east side of Jubilee Industrial Estate and the west side of Remscheid Way to alleviate these concerns.

Consultation

2. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 37 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 A).
3. The consultation exercise ended on 1st October 2015 and responses were received from six consultees, with one in favour, four against the proposal and one response did not express a preference. A summary of the responses is attached an appendix B.
4. One statutory consultee responded. The North East Ambulance Service recognised and appreciated the need for the scheme and supported the proposals.

In Favour

5. The one response in favour of the proposals stated that there was a need for the restrictions for the safety of their staff. A site meeting was arranged where it was highlighted that obstructive parking is causing safety issues for vehicles exiting the premises.

Against

6. The four responses which expressed their objections to the proposals indicated that there was no parking problem on the street and the introduction of parking restrictions would only have a detrimental impact on businesses.

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 result of the consultation exercise shows that the majority of consultees who responded did not support the proposals. However, after a meeting on site which highlighted a specific safety issue localised outside of Culpitts, it is recommended that parking restrictions be introduced as shown in Appendix C.

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 A – Consultation Documents

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Appendix C - Revised Proposal

Implications Arising Out of the Report

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| Policy | None |
| Finance and value for money | Funded by LTP |
| Human Resources | None |
| Property | None |
| Equalities | None |
| Risk Assessment | Inconsiderate parking issues around junctions. |
| Crime & Disorder | Scheme will remove that inconsiderate parking in the area, promoting a safer environment. |
| Customer Considerations | None |
| 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 | Haydon |

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):

Director of Local Services and Housing

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

~~Executive Director of Local Services~~

Subject:

Proposed Parking Restrictions on Jubilee Industrial Estate/Remscheid Way, Ashington

Consultation

6 Responses
1 For
4 Against
1 Neither

Decision Taken:

To approve the introduction of a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions on the eastern side of Jubilee Industrial Estate outside of Culpitts only.

Signature of Corporate Director

Date

28/01/16.

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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Jubilee Industrial Estate and Remscheid Way Ashington

Concerns have been raised by local businesses and Cllr Gallacher about inconsiderate parking on Jubilee Industrial Estate and Remscheid Way. It has been reported that parking at both of these locations is causing obstructions to larger vehicles using the road and is putting road users at risk due to poor visibility. A “No Waiting at Any Time” parking restriction (double yellow line) is therefore proposed on the east side of Jubilee Industrial Estate and the west side of Remscheid Way (as shown in attached plan) to alleviate these concerns. It is anticipated that the introduction of these parking restriction will improve road safety by offering reduced congestion and improved visibility throughout the day.

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 at Jubilee Industrial Estate and Remscheid Way 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 Thursday 1st October 2015. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

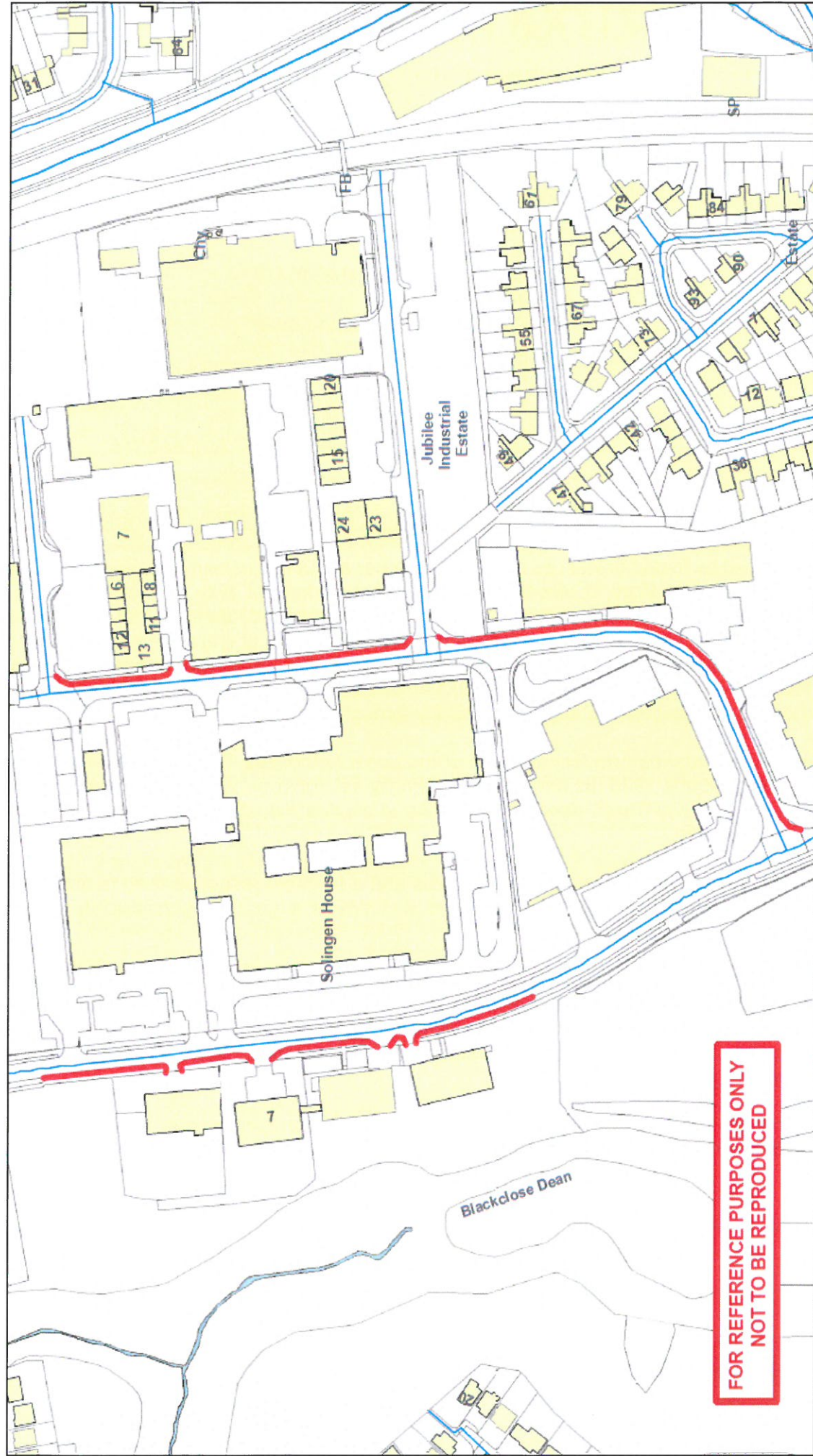
I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully



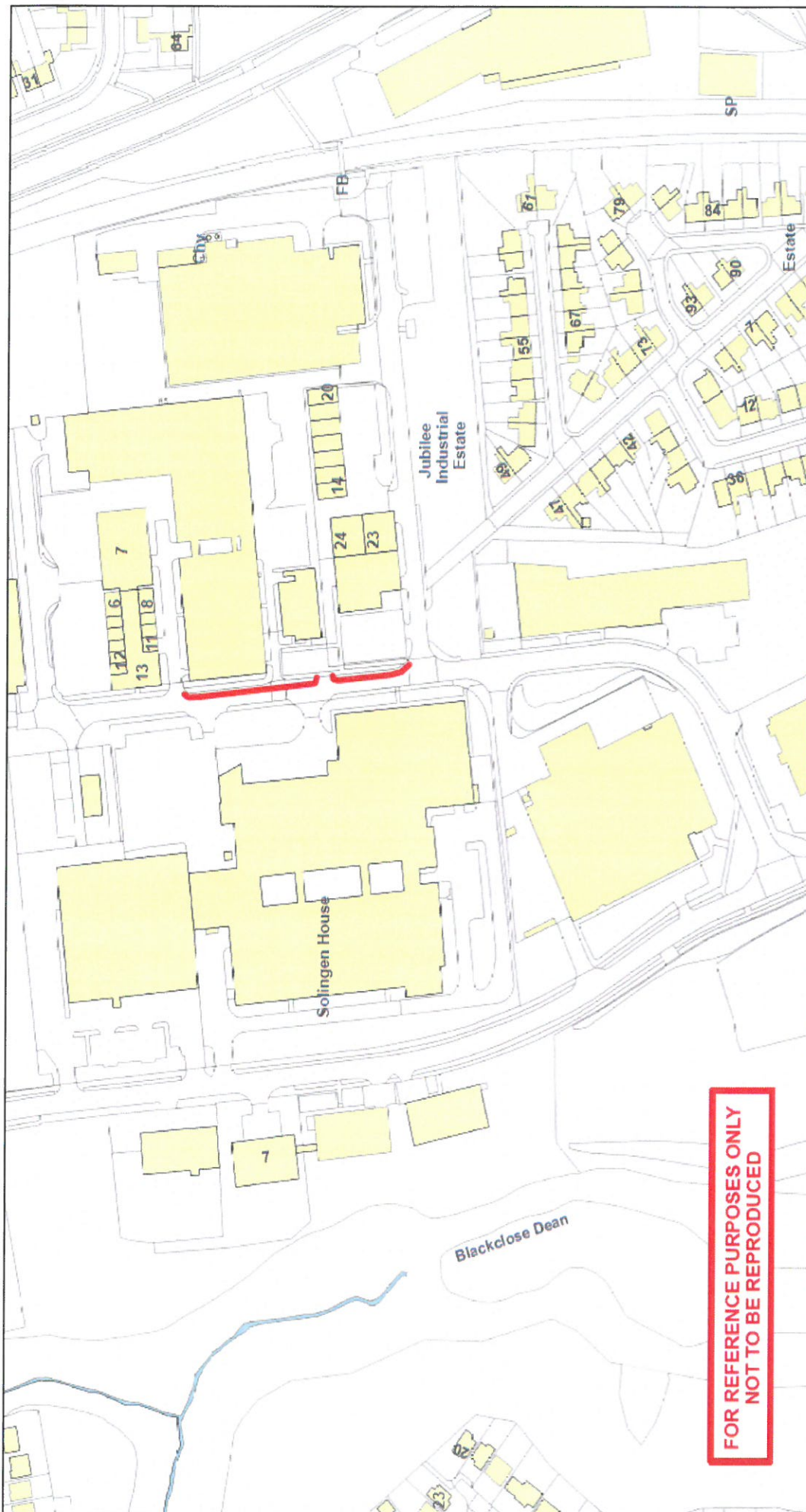
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Appendix B – Consultation Responses

| FOR | AGAINST | NEITHER | |
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| | | | Other Relevant Comments |
| | 1 | | We do not have a parking problem, so take your yellow line some where else. We don't want them or need them. |
| | | 1 | Thank you for your letter dated 26th August 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 | | I am the Managing Director of Chisholm Bookmakers limited which occupies the unit known as Deneside Buildings, Remscheid Way, Jubilee Industrial Estate, Ashington, NE63 8UB. We do not support the proposed parking restrictions on Remscheid Way. Our unit is used as both office space and storage. No retail or supply to trade/public takes place from the unit. We have considerable off street parking available for visitors and delivery vehicles. It is only very occasionally that a delivery vehicle which is too large to park onsite parks on the roadside outside of the unit. On these occasions the delivery vehicle remains parked on the road only for the minimum time necessary. We note that a recent change in occupier of Unit 5A Remscheid Way has caused a considerable increase in traffic due to the nature of the new trade. the retail and trade supply carried on by this occupier is not a suitable use for that particular unit due to the limited amount of onsite parking. This results in increase levels of transit style vans being parked on the roadside. I would suggest that if this unit reverted back to a more appropriate use, without the retail and trade supply, then there would no longer be a problem with on street parking on Remscheid Way. Please note that placing " No waiting at any time" on the west side of Remscheid Way will not prevent visitors to unit 5A from parking on Remscheid Way, they will simply park on the eastern side of the road where there will be no double yellow lines. Similarly any large vehicle making a delivery to our unit that is unable to park onsite will be forced by the double yellow lines to park on the eastern side on the road. This will create a more dangerous situation than currently exists for two reasons: 1) Remscheid Way has a gentle curve along its length and vehicles parked on the eastern side will be parked on the inside of the curve, this presents a much more dangerous overtaking manoeuvre for passing cars than when the vehicles are parked on the western side. Visibility will be much worse in this scenario than at present. 2) Large delivery vehicles to the units along the western side of Remscheid Way will be forced to park on the eastern side of the road and cross over passing traffic to make their delivery. a significantly more dangerous situation than at present. To conclude we believe that the proposals do not address the underlying cause of the problem of on street parking in Remscheid Way and will do nothing to prevent the problem continuing. If the proposal is put into place then we believe that there will be a significantly greater risk to motorists posed by parking on the eastern side of the road. |
| 1 | | | We require these restrictions for the safety of our workforce and continuation of deliveries |
| | 1 | | Are you trying to lose businesses so that Companies leave Wansbeck!! |
| | 1 | | Dear Mr Fraser, I'd like to strongly object to the proposed parking restrictions at Jubilee Industrial Estate and Remscheid Way. As it's a busy industrial estate any parking restrictions will simply move the problem which currently doesn't exist from one area to another. I believe this will also have a negative impact on the local businesses in the area, if you can't park you can't shop. In addition I've done a ringaround of the local businesses at senior level and nobody has made an official complaint about parking. This list of businesses include , Bodycraft, K Plastic, Airbourne, Moffatts, Afrefco, Abelco, Mep solutions, Agan Autos, Moss TVRs, Alexander Interiors, Culpitts and PC Performance. So I'd question where these supposed complaints are coming from as I think it's an attempt from the council to raise funds via traffic fines. |
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