



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR
DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES & HOUSING: KEVIN LOWRY

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION
MAIN STREET, CORBRIDGE

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding proposed parking restrictions on Main Street, Corbridge, (see attached plan in appendix A).

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) One parking bay is removed and replaced with a 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on Main Street, Corbridge, in order to improve sightlines from the Princess Street junction.

Key Issues

- 1) The County Council is working with Corbridge Parish Council to address traffic issues in Corbridge, mainly in the Market Place.
- 2) An additional concern was raised by the Parish Council about safety for drivers exiting Princess Street onto Main Street, due to sightlines being obstructed by parked cars.

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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. The County Council is working with Corbridge Parish Council to address traffic issues in Corbridge, mainly in the Market Place.
2. An additional concern was raised by the Parish Council about safety for drivers exiting Princess Street onto Main Street, due to sightlines being obstructed by parked cars.
3. The junction of Princess Street with Main Street, adjacent to The Angel Inn, is narrow, with sightlines to the east obstructed by the Angel Inn itself.
4. Once at the 'Give Way' line of the junction, sightlines to the east are further obstructed by parked cars outside The Angel Inn.
5. The parking bays outside the Angel Inn extend for a length of approximately 13 metres and can accommodate 3 cars.
6. It is proposed to reduce the length of the parking bay by 3 metres and extend the existing double yellow lines.
7. This will leave room for 2 parked cars and will move the end of the parking bay further away from the Princess Street junction, improving visibility.

Consultation

1. A scheme was prepared and was the subject of a consultation which concluded on 18th December 2015.
2. The consultation exercise involved the delivery of a consultation letter together with a plan showing details of the scheme to The Angel Inn, statutory consultees; County Councillor Fearon, Corbridge Parish 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.
3. 3 responses were returned. 2 were in favour of the proposal while 1 was neutral. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

4. The owner of The Angel Inn responded in favour of the proposal.
5. Corbridge Parish Council supports the proposal.

Conclusion

6. It is recommended that, in view of the results of the consultation exercise, the parking bay is removed and replaced with a No Waiting at Any Time restriction.

Background Papers

File Ref: HE141313

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	Adjoining properties, statutory consultees, Councillor Fearon & Corbridge Parish Council were consulted.
Wards	Corbridge

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

Kevin Lowry: Director of Local Services & Housing

Subject:

**PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION
MAIN STREET, CORBRIDGE**

Consultation

3 Responses
2 For
0 Against
1 Neither

Decision Taken:

1) One parking bay is removed and replaced with a 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on Main Street, Corbridge, in order to improve sightlines from the Princess Street junction.

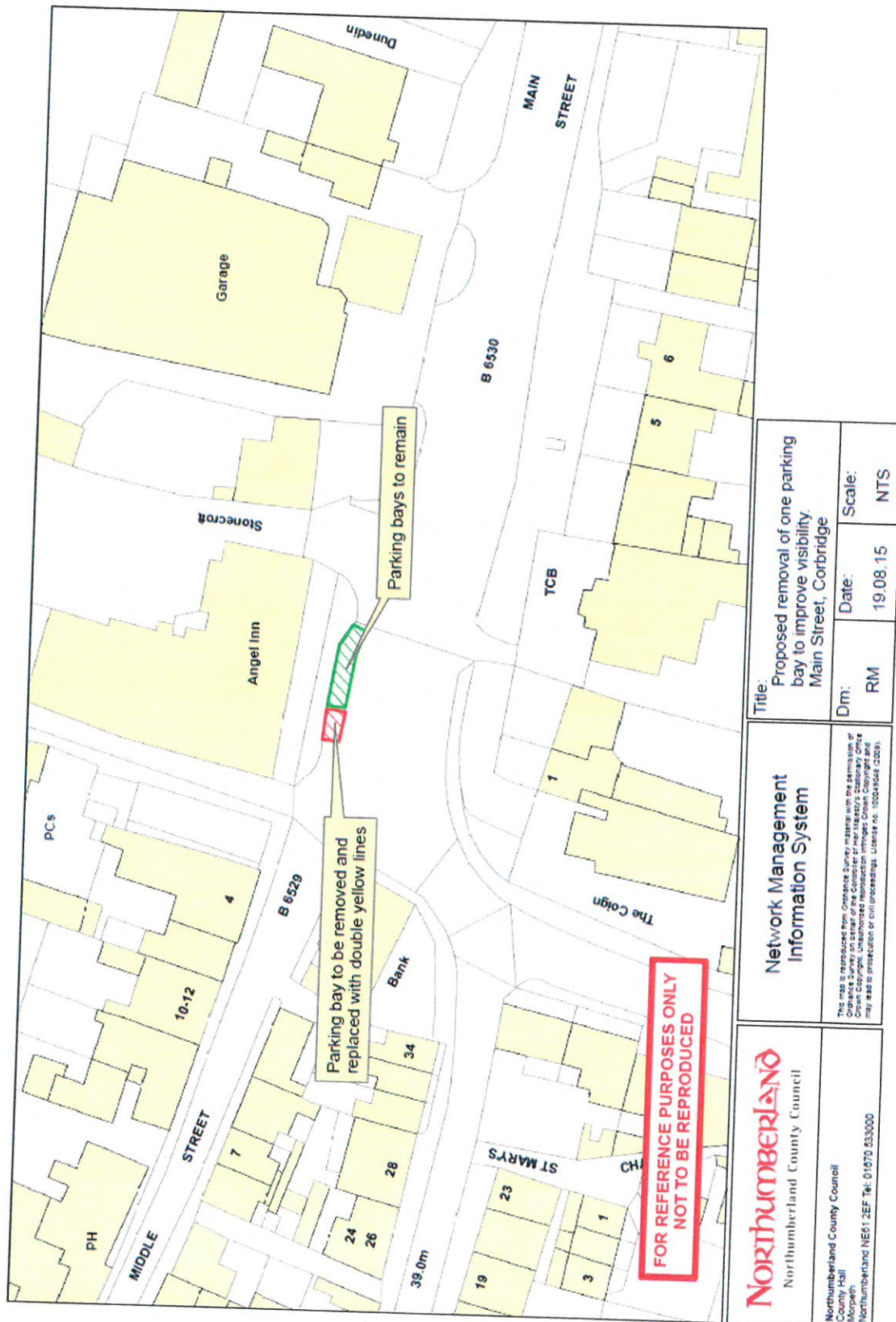
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Appendix A – Consultation Plan



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**Network Management
Information System**

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Title: Proposed removal of one parking bay to improve visibility. Main Street, Corbridge

Dm: RM

Date: 19.08.15

Scale: NTS

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 27th November 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 think it is a great idea, the speed in which traffic comes down Princess Street causes danger to both traffic and pedestrians. As there will now be only 2 spaces to park, perhaps these could be allocated to the Angel for staff, customers and deliveries. It does concern me that this decision will speed up the traffic when it really needs slowing down. It is a risk particularly elderly pedestrians crossing Princess street and now it may become worse.
1			Corbridge Village Trust discussed this proposal at its executive committee meeting on 1st December 2015, and supports this proposal. The elimination of the indicated parking bay will significantly improve sight lines to the east, along Main street, and therefore improve safety at this difficult junction.
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