



Northumberland County Council

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

**PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS
NORTHUMBERLAND STREET AND THE WYND, ALNMOUTH**

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding additional parking restrictions on Northumberland Street and The Wynd in Alnmouth.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. No Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions (double yellow line) is introduced on Northumberland Avenue from the junction of The Wynd to the roundabout and at the junction of The Wynd and Marine Road.

Key Issues

1. Scheme being funded by Councillor Heather Cairns.
2. The scheme will reduce indiscriminate parking in the area.
3. Supported by Councillor Cairns, Alnmouth Parish Council, and all local residents.
4. The scheme will improve access for local residents and bus services who deal with varying issues of indiscriminate parking on a daily basis.

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BACKGROUND

1. Concerns were raised at the Alnmouth Parking Review Public Meeting by local residents, Alnmouth Parish Council and Councillor Heather Cairns regarding inconsiderate parking on The Wynd in Alnmouth. A plan was sent to local Councillors who agreed the location of the proposed restrictions. When the consultation was sent out, Alnmouth Parish Council identified that additional parking restrictions were also needed on the east side of Northumberland Street from the junction of The Wynd to the roundabout. This was requested due to vehicles parking on the exit from the roundabout and preventing larger vehicles entering Alnmouth. At present, a number of no waiting cones are situated on site to ensure that the area is kept clear, but a more permanent solution is required.

CONSULTATION

2. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 5 residents and 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 17th November 2015 and responses were received from two consultees with one in favour. One response did not express any preference. A summary of the responses is attached an appendix B.
4. The North East Ambulance Service was the only statutory consultee to respond. They did not indicate a preference for the scheme.

COMMENTS

5. The response that we received in favour of the scheme highlighted the need for restrictions on Northumberland Street.

RECOMENDATIONS

6. 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 and comments made in the consultation show that there is support for additional parking restrictions. It is therefore recommended that the proposed parking restrictions be introduced as shown in Appendix C.
7. 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 Letter and Plan
Appendix B – Summary of Consultation Responses
Appendix C – Revised Plan

Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Funded by Councillor Heather Cairns
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Residential, inconsiderate parking issues and visiting tourists.
Crime & Disorder	Scheme will remove inconsiderate parking and promote a safer environment.
Customer Considerations	None
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Alnmouth Parish Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Alnwick

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):

Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject:

Proposed parking restrictions on The Wynd and Northumberland Street in Alnmouth

Consultation

2 Responses

1 In Favour

0 Against

1 Neither

Decision Taken:

To approve the introduction of a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions on The Wynd and Northumberland Street.

Signature of Director



Date

28/01/16.



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Date: Tuesday 6th October 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Parking Restrictions – The Wynd/Marine Road

Concerns have been raised by Councillor Heather Cairns regarding parking on and around the junction of The Wynd/Marine Road. It has been reported that parking around the junction is obstructing larger vehicles which has raised safety concerns. Therefore an extension to the "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions (double yellow lines) is proposed on the south east side of the road. It is anticipated that the introduction of the restrictions will improve road safety by removing obstructions and improving visibility around the junction.

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 on Riverside Road, 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 Tuesday 17th November 2015. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

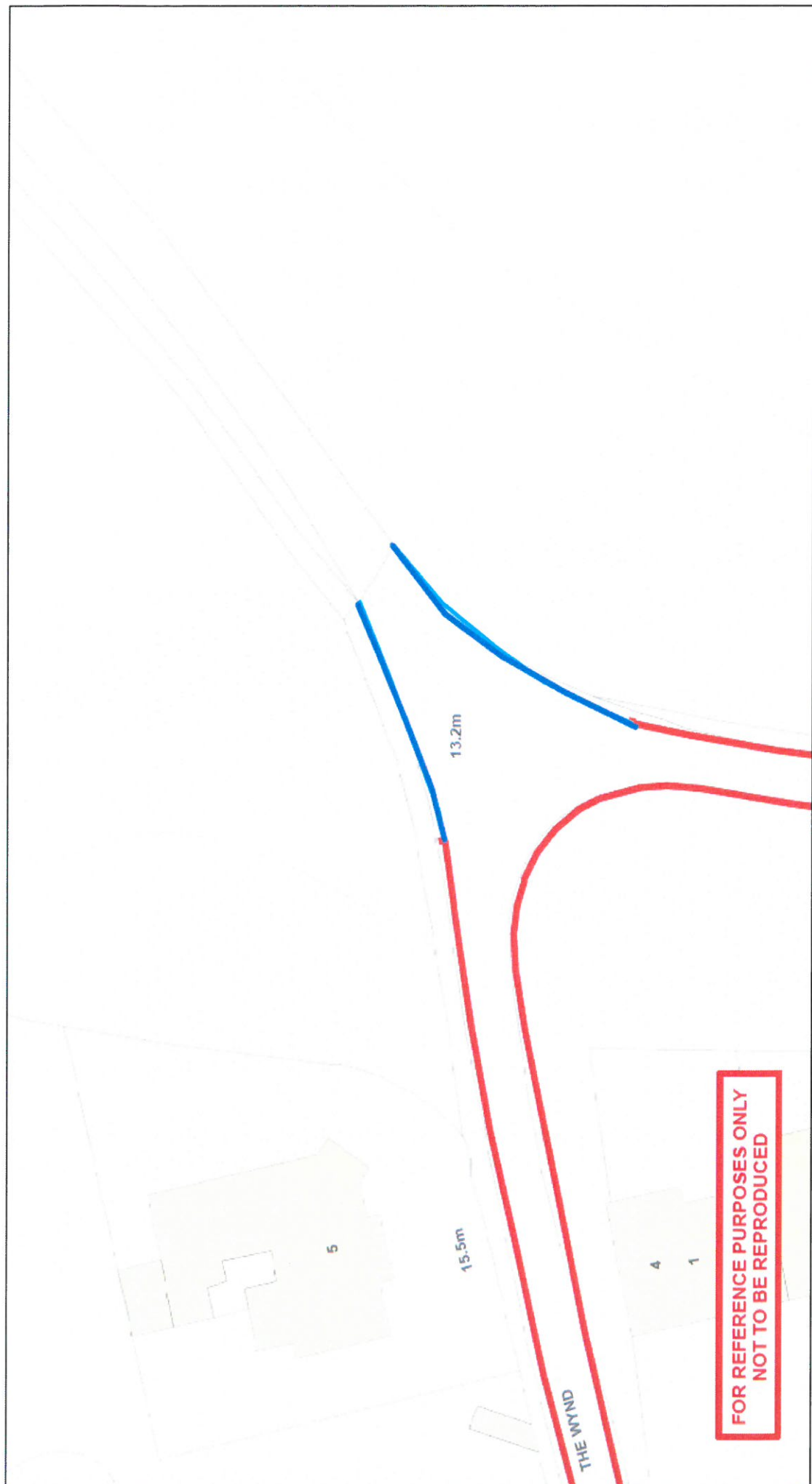
I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Fraser".

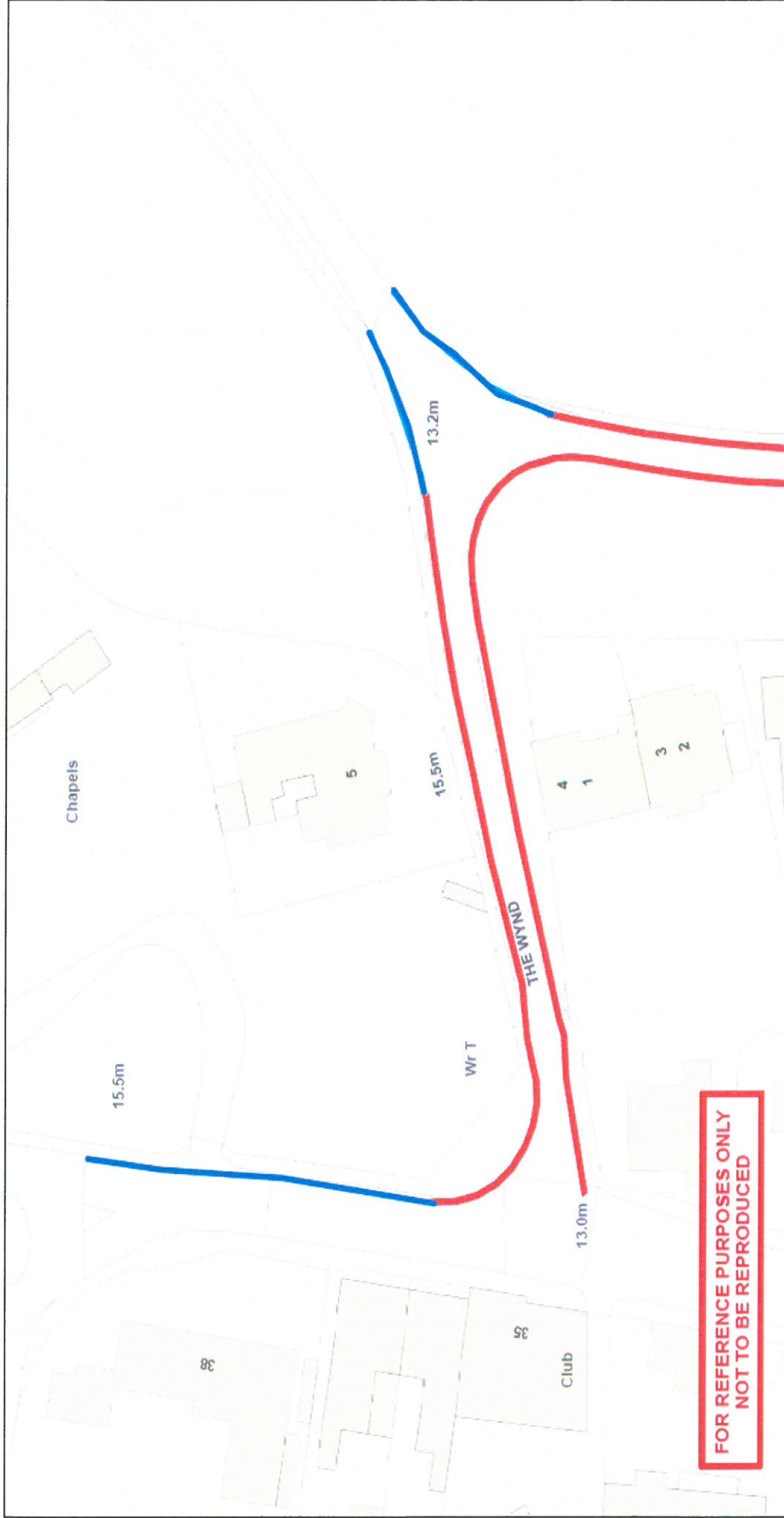
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Appendix B – Summary of Consultation Responses

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
		1	<p><i>Thank you for your letter dated 6th October 2015 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal.</i></p> <p><i>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></p> <p><i>I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.</i></p>
1			<p><i>Please find attached the map you sent me with the position of the proposed extension to the Alnmouth Parking restrictions marked in black. Basically , at the north end of Northumberland Street we would like the double-yellow lines to run from the exit from the roundabout to the corner of The Wynd, opposite No 38 Northumberland Street. They would then join up with the existing lines on tyhe Wynd. At the top of Riverbank Road they are as you have marked them on your first map, except that we don't think they need to run down as far as the lines on the other side of the road. About 12m will give a good line of sight down the road, and wouyld save a parking space.</i></p>
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