



Northumberland County Council

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

**Paul Jones**

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**Proposal to Amend the Existing Parking Restrictions  
Double Row, Seaton Delaval**

**12th December 2016**

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**Purpose of Report**

To consider the consultation exercise regarding proposed amendment to the existing waiting and loading restrictions, Double Row, Seaton Delaval.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that in view of the results received from the consultation exercise, the existing waiting and loading restrictions should not be amended as proposed.

**Key Issues**

1. The provision of parking on Double Row is an issue which has been raised with the Councillor on a number of occasions.
2. The Scheme was to be funded and supported by Councillor Richards.
3. In view of the results of the public consultation Councillor Richards no longer wishes to proceed with the proposal.

## **Background**

1. Concerns have been identified to Councillor Richards by business owners with regard to the lack of on street parking in the area, which is said to be having a direct impact upon their trade. It was therefore decided to carry out a consultation to canvass opinion of property owners / businesses.
2. It was envisaged that the proposed reduction in parking restrictions would improve this issue.
3. There is an existing problem of indiscriminate parking in the area causing congestion i.e. double parking.

## **Consultation**

1. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise. This was conducted on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 19 properties and 25 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations.
2. The consultation exercise ended on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and responses were received from 10 consultees, with 4 in favour 4 against and 2 were neither for nor against the proposals. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B
3. Councillor Richards was notified of the results of the consultation.
4. Councillor Richards confirms she does not wish to proceed with the scheme.

## **Recommendations**

1. The proposal was made by Councillor Richards as she understood there was a good level of support for the scheme; however, in view of results from the consultation and the polarization of opinion Councillor Richards no longer wishes to proceed.
2. Councillor Richards and Officers will continue listening to the residents and road users' needs in the area and take forward information received via the Directory of Requests where appropriate.
3. Parking Services will continue to carry out enforcement in the area and continue to monitor the situation i.e. parking and traffic flow.

## **File References**

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DELAVAL\_Double Row\_RICHARDS

## **Appendix Index**

Appendix A - Consultation 1 -Copy of Consultation Letter  
Appendix B - Consultation 1 - Summary of Responses

## Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	None
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Margaret Richards
<b>Legal</b>	
<b>Procurement</b>	
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Traffic safety concerns i.e. obstruction
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Scheme was anticipated to improve the parking for business owners in the area.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	
<b>Wards</b>	Seghill and Seaton Delaval

### Background papers:

None

### **Report sign off.**

***Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the report:***

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Monitoring Officer/Legal	
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## DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio Holder** Director of Local Services and Housing

**Subject:** Proposed amendment to the existing waiting and loading restrictions, Double Row, Seaton Delaval

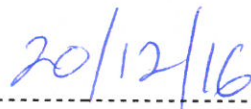
**Consultation** 10 Responses  
4 For  
4 Against  
2 Neither for nor against

**Decision Taken:** Not to amend the existing waiting and loading restrictions as proposed.

Signature of Director/  
officer/Portfolio Holder



Date



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Wednesday 29th June 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Proposal to Amend the Existing Parking Restriction** **Double Row, Seaton Delaval**

Concerns have been raised from the business community regarding the lack of parking on Double Row, Seaton Delaval. Councillor Richards has requested that officers formally consult property owners/business on a proposal to remove some of the existing traffic parking restrictions (No Waiting at Any Time – Double Yellow Lines) from the above area, as the restrictions are no longer relevant.

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 ask for your comments on the proposal to amend the existing traffic regulation order and road markings on Double Row, Seaton Delaval as shown on 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 Director of Local Services and Housing and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Wednesday 20th July 2016. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

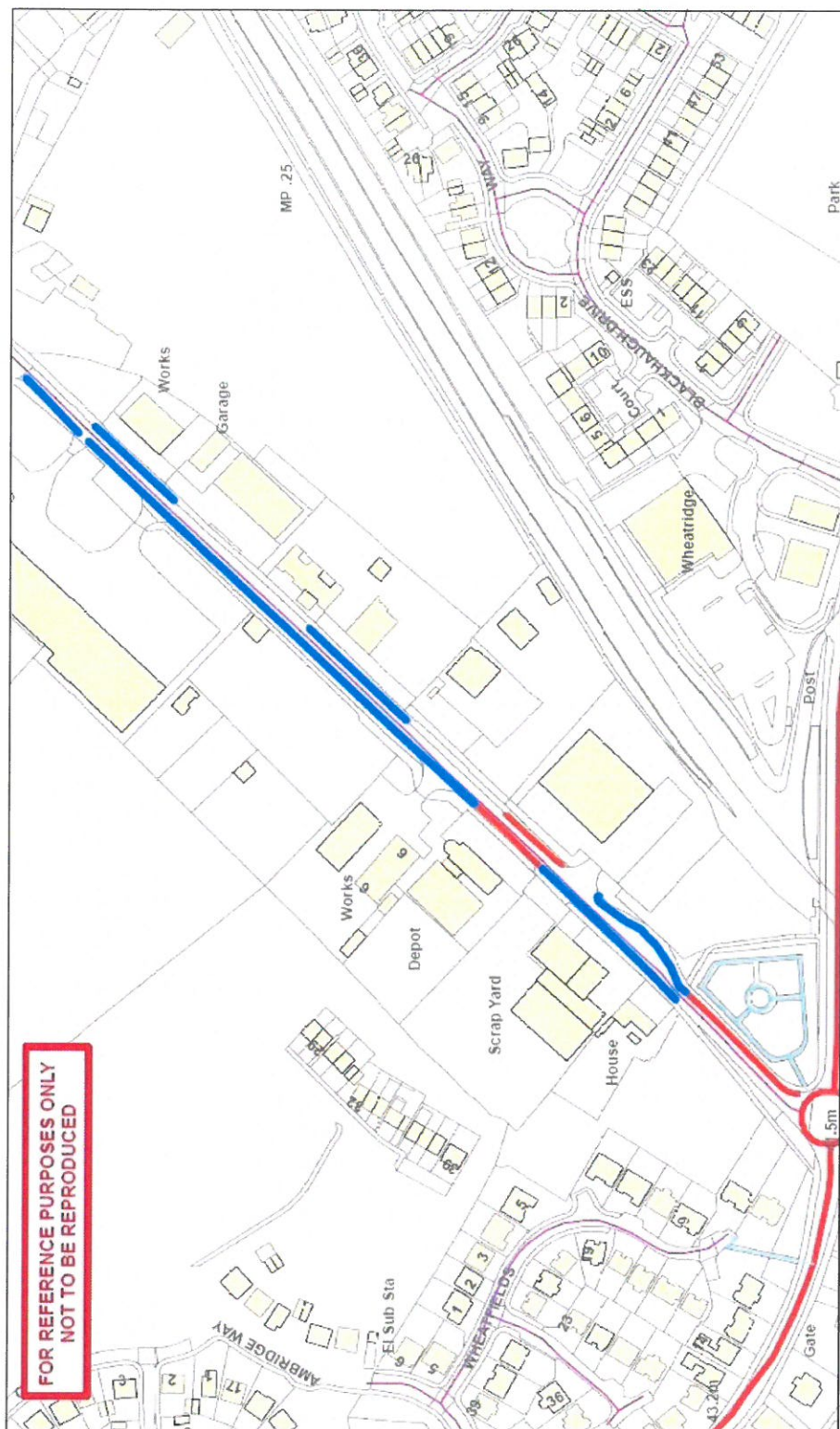
**I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.**

Yours faithfully



Terry Luck  
Programme Officer (Member Schemes)





Retained Double Yellow Lines  
Double Yellow Line Restriction to be removed

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	<b>Title:</b> Double Row TRO Amendment Seaton Delaval  <b>Dm:</b> AW  <b>Date:</b> Apr 16  <b>Scale:</b> NTS	

## Appendix B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
1			I agree fully to the yellow lines being lifted to enable parking.
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 29th June 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 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 in receipt of your letter dated 29th June 2016 regarding the removal of double yellow lines on Double Row, Seaton Delaval which is where my business is located. I write to express my strong objections towards this proposal. Double Row already suffers from issues in relation to vehicles parked on the roadside. These vehicles range from cars and small vans to large Lorries – all of which compromise the view of drivers coming in and out of my car park and often causes insufficient space to manoeuvre safely. This problem is a regular issue for both my staff and my customers. To allow parking adjacent to Delcor's main gate will not only appear unsightly but will certainly exacerbate the situation, encouraging the likelihood of damage to parked vehicles and quite possibly the risk of car accidents. On a separate note, we regularly experience problems with the Delcor ground being used as a turning circle by large lorries. This is something I would like to discuss with you to hopefully find some way of resolving, as signage I currently have in place goes unheeded.
1			yellow lines need to be lifted to help local business grow as parking is terrible at present
	1		As a business owner for 32+ years on Double Row I totally object to the removal of the yellow lines outside my garage, at the minute I have issues every day of customers visiting the As New scrapyards and ARM Motors (which happens to belong to the same owner) parking in the bus stop while on the yellow lines that are down at the minute. There has not been an enforcement officer around this area for a good 8/10 months!! which is not good for the business's that provide customer parking like myself... as well as the rates I pay for what? Double Row could be called Single Row at most times of the day due to the pure congestion of vehicles double parked ALL the way down from outside MY garage as far down as Laiders Business premises again on the yellow lines that people disregard!! 15.00 – 16.00 hours is a terribly bad time as there are school children squeezing past all the vehicles that have been abandoned on this dangerous piece of highway...that is not being policed at the minute, I would recommend that somebody from the highways dept should call down today 04/07/16 to see how bad this street really is!! You will find that there are vehicles dumped in the hedges and abandoned on the side of the roads of Double Row without tax or insurance. For the above reasons and more I myself totally OBJECT to any removal of the parking restrictions being removed!!
	1		I personally do not have any issues regarding the removal of the restriction however I was asked to speak with Mr Ian White who has a car dealers on Double Row by Andy Walker as Mr White has complained to Andy about this issue.  I visited Mr White on Tuesday 5 July at approximately 11.00. Mr White is very concerned about the front of his business being obscured by vehicles using the scrap yard. He feels his business would suffer due to cars in a poor state of repair being left on the highway whilst waiting to enter the scrap yard as well as drivers conducting road side repairs. With hindsight I believe Mr White has a valid point. Ian White has 5 bays available for customer parking so he has expressed to me vociferously his desire to keep the double yellow line in front of his business and he would also like the bus stop on the north side of Double Row to be marked up.
1			Seaton Valley Council has no objections to the removal of the parking restrictions shown on the consultation map.
	1		See Plan Attached.
1			best thing ever
	1		1. Double yellow lines front my house. In order to reverse my vehicle, an 18ft. motorhome into my driveway I need to first position it on the double lines. Allowing parking here would give me problems. 2. The proposal allows parking at two bus stops, one of which is a bus layby. This could entail stepping in to the road to hail a bus. 3. Apart from one property in my vicinity, they all have lots of room to park on their respective sites. Why do they need the roadway. Already, illegally parked vehicles cause obstruction to traffic and also to pedestrians when the cars straddle the footpath.
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