

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS FRONT STREET WEST (SIDE STREET), BEDLINGTON

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding additional parking restrictions on Front Street West (Side Street) in Bedlington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions are introduced as proposed.

Key Issues

2. Scheme being funded by LTP.
3. Councillor Alyson Wallace has shown support for the Scheme.
4. Indiscriminate parking on Front Street West (side Street) is causing obstruction to the carriageway resulting in access problems for residents

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BACKGROUND

1. Concerns have been raised by Councillor Alyson Wallace and local residents about inconsiderate parking along Front Street West (Side Street), which is causing obstructions to vehicles traveling along the carriageway. It was requested that officers consult residents/businesses on the possible introduction of a "No waiting at any time" parking restriction (double yellow line) on both sides of the carriageway.

CONSULTATION

2. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 8 residents/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 8th March 2016 and responses were received from 8 consultees, with 7 in favour and 1 consultee did not express a 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 express a preference.

COMENTS

5. All of the residents and businesses who responded supported the scheme but some suggested that the parking restrictions extended further to include the road behind the community centre. This area is not adopted highway, therefore no further parking restrictions will be implemented.

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 shows that all of the residents and businesses who responded support the proposals. It is therefore recommended that the proposed parking restrictions be introduced.
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

Background Papers

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Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded by LTP
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Residential area, inconsiderate parking issues.
Crime & Disorder	Scheme will remove that inconsiderate parking in the area, promoting a safer environment.
Customer Considerations	None
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Bedlington Town Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area
Wards	Bedlington Central

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Cabnit Member or Officer(s):

Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject:

Proposed Parking restrictions
Front Street West (Side Street), Bedlington

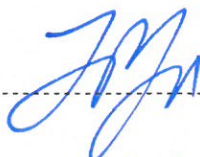
Consultation

8 Responses
7 In favour
0 Against
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Decision Taken:

To approve the introduction of a "No Waiting at any time"
parking restriction on Front Street West (Side Street) in
Bedlington

Signature of Director



Date

29/3/16



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Date: Tuesday 26th January 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Front Street West (Side Road) in Bedlington

Concerns have been raised by local residents and Councillor Alison Wallace regarding inconsiderate parking on Front Street West (Side Road) in Bedlington. It has been reported that vehicles are parking on the road between The Sun Inn and the new car home resulting in obstruction to residents. Therefore "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions (double yellow lines) are proposed on both side of Front Street West (Side Road). It is anticipated that the introduction of the restrictions will improve access for residents.

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 Front Street West, 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 8th March 2016. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

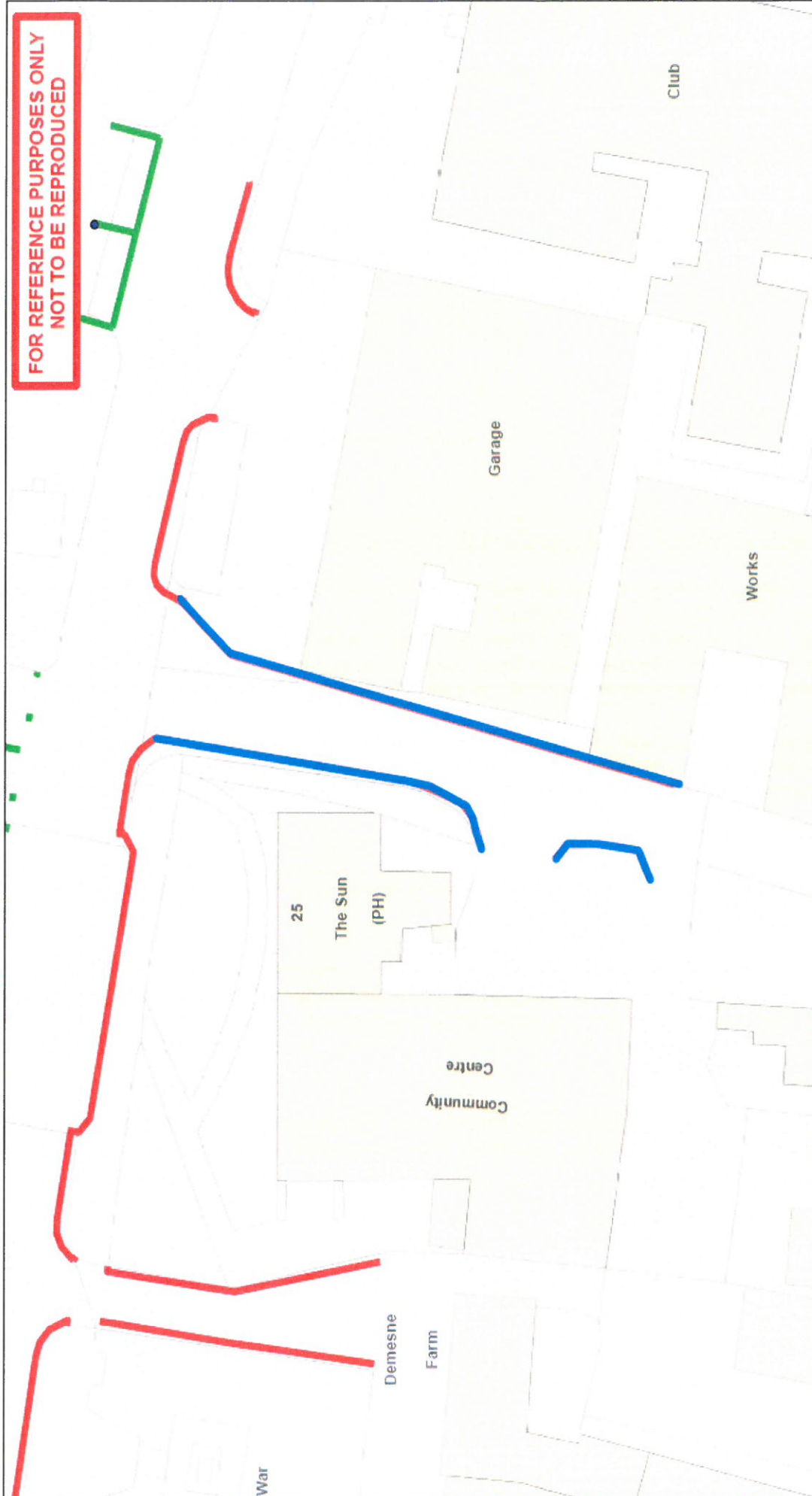
I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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

Dan Fraser
Programmes Officer (Highway Safety)



<p>Northumberland Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Northumberland County Council County Hall Morpeth Northumberland NE61 2EF Tel: 01670 533000</p>	<p>Network Management Information System</p> <p><small>This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office. Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. License no. 100049048 (2009).</small></p>	<p>Title: Front Street West (Side Road) Bedlington Proposed Parking Restrictions</p> <p>Drm: Date: Scale:</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>Existing No Waiting At Any Time</p> <p>Proposed No Waiting At Any Time</p>
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Appendix 2 – Summary of Consultation Responses

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1			<p><i>After years of misery, frustration and blocked access we are delighted that there appears to be progress with regards to implementing double yellow lines leading up to our and neighbouring properties and we whole-heartedly support the double yellow lines on both east and west side of the road.</i></p> <p><i>Given the fact that the road leading up to Satleigh and Avonridge is exceptionally narrow and would only accommodate the width of one car at best, it is important that the proposed double yellow lines on the west side of the road continue around the Sun Inn car park until the end of Community Centre.</i></p>
1			<i>Fantastic idea! I hope it gets implemented as soon as possible.</i>
1			<i>We often visit a property located behind Sun Inn and have, on many occasions, been unable to access the property without considerable struggle to fit our car in between the masses of parked cars on either side of the road; double yellow lines would most certainly improve matters considerably</i>
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1			<i>We totally support the proposal do have traffic restrictions on this side of the street. If the proposals are agreed upon we would if they could be extended to include the road behind the community centre. This is also a very narrow road and gives access to AVONRIDGE(a care home) and SATLEIGH. at the end of this road is the boiler house and the like escapes for the community centre, which should have clear access. There was a KEEP CLEAR sign pointed on this road, but it has been worn off with all the recent traffic. Hoping these suggestions meet with your approval.</i>
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