

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS GOLF CLUB ROAD, BERWICK UPON TWEED 27 January 2016

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding proposed parking restrictions on Golf Club Road in Berwick upon Tweed.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. It is recommended that the parking restrictions are amended on Golf Course Road Berwick upon Tweed. To change a small section of No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Lines) to Limited Waiting Parking Bays (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm Maximum stay 3 hours no return 4 hours).

Key Issues

1. There is a lack of parking spaces at this location for users of the local Bowling Club and visitors.
2. The Scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Gavin Jones

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BACKGROUND

1. Concerns have been identified by Councillor Jones at the lack of parking facilities for visitors to the local bowling club.
2. It is proposed to reduce a section of the existing No Waiting at any time restrictions and replace with limited waiting parking.
3. It was felt that the proposed changes would not impact on road safety i.e. remaining restriction, width of road and visibility.
4. In addition, allow limited waiting parking adjacent to Bowling Club and this type of restriction allows a turnover of cars to use this parking facility.

CONSULTATION

5. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 1 resident/business (non-residential area) 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).
6. The consultation exercise ended on 4th July 2015 and responses were received from 2 consultees, with one in favour and one against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached an appendix B.

COMMENTS

7. The response against the proposal was received from Berwick Town Council however, there was no specific/valid reason behind this response. In view of the area (non-residential), responses received and Councillor support, there appears little benefit to re-consult on the proposal. It is therefore decided to proceed with the proposal.
8. Limited Waiting Parking - Monday to Friday - 08.00 am to 6.00 pm Maximum Stay 3 Hours - No Return within 2 Hours as detailed in the consultation document has been changed to: No return with 4 hours. To facilitate more efficient enforcement by Parking Services. This change does not affect the consultation process.
9. Councillor Gavin Jones was notified of the results of the consultation and confirms he wishes to proceed with the proposal, which will be funded through his allocation in the Members' Local Improvements Programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

10. Although there was a low response to the consultation we have the full support of the local County Councillor and therefore it is recommend to proceed with the proposal i.e. changes to the parking restrictions.
11. 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.

File References

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Appendix Index

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

Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Members' Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Gavin Jones
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Removal of part existing restriction and replacement with limited waiting parking spaces
Crime & Disorder	None identified
Customer Considerations	Scheme is anticipated to improve parking provision in the area
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Berwick Town Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Berwick North

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):

Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject:

Proposed parking restrictions Golf Club Road in Berwick upon Tweed

Consultation

2 Responses

1 For

1 Against

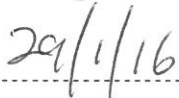
Decision Taken:

Introduce parking restrictions as proposed.

Signature of Director



Date



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The Occupier

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Tuesday 26th May 2015

**Re: Removal of Waiting and Loading Restriction
Golf Club Road Berwick upon Tweed**

Dear Resident

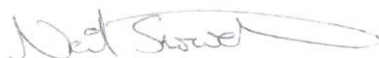
Following the introduction of waiting and loading restrictions at the above location in 2013, anecdotal evidence has indicated that parking has continued to be an issue. The proposal is aimed to free up a section of parking, without being detrimental to the flow of traffic.

Proposal	Advantages
Remove a section of existing Limited Waiting and Loading Restriction (Double Yellow Lines) and replace with Limited Waiting Parking - Monday to Friday - 08.00 am to 6.00 pm Maximum Stay 3 Hours - No Return within 2 Hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allow limited waiting parking adjacent to Bowling Club• This type of restriction allows a turnover of cars to use this parking facility

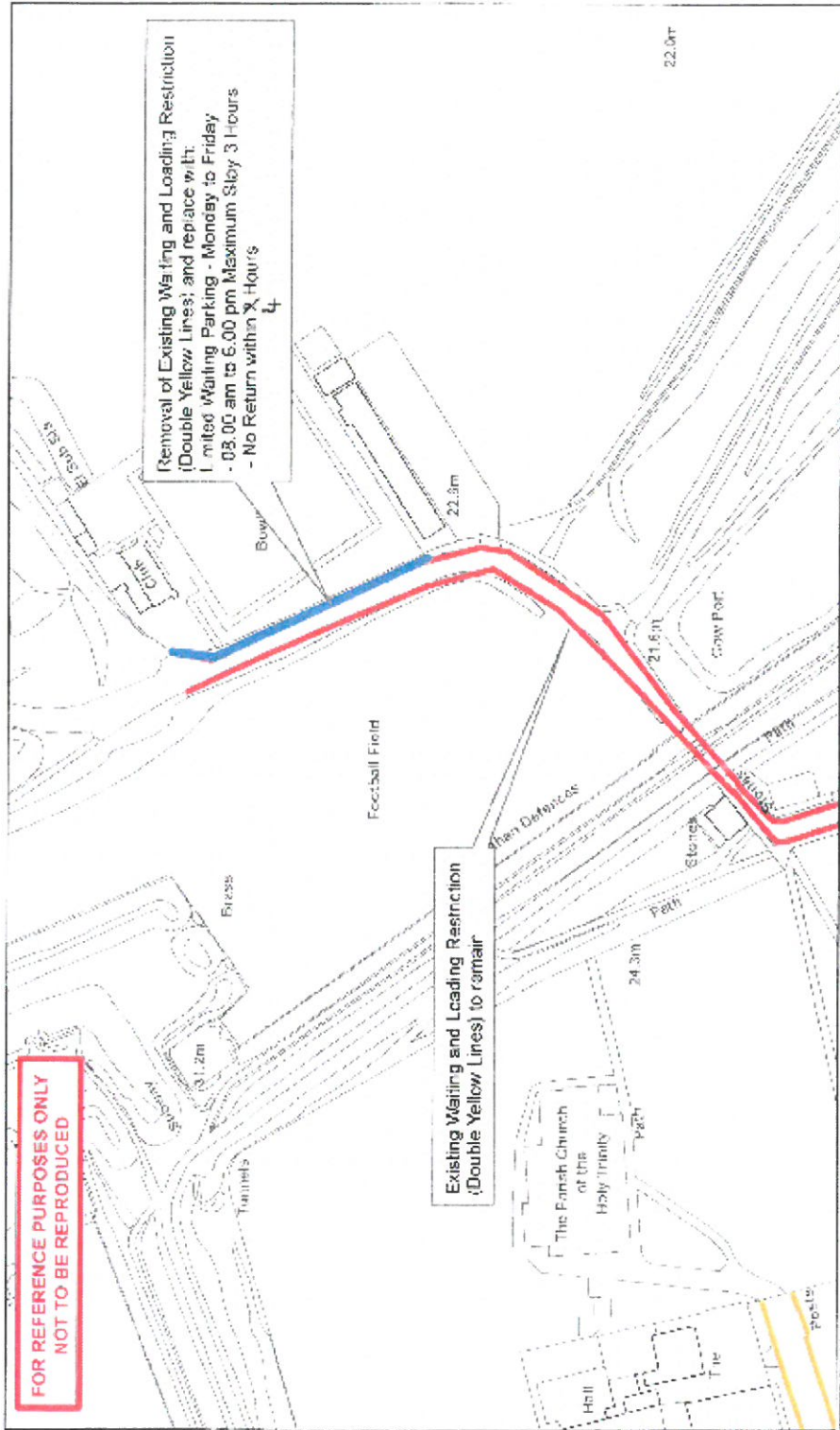
Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Tuesday 14th July 2015.

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. If no comments are received by the closing date it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations, and are happy with the restrictions currently in place.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.
Yours faithfully



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Senior Programmes Officer



Consultation
Removal of Waiting and Loading
Restriction Golf Club Road
Benwick upon Tweed

<p>Northumberland Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Northumberland County Council Countryside and Planning Planning Northumberland NE41 1H 016 336 433 1000</p>	<p>Network Management Information System</p> <p>Network Management System The Network Management System is a computerised system which manages the network of roads in the Northumberland County Council area.</p>	<p>Title</p>	<p>Drn:</p>	<p>Date: May 2016</p>	<p>Scale:</p>
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APPENDIX B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
1			<p>I refer to your letter of 26 May concerning the removal of Waiting and Loading Restriction of a section at Golf Club Road Berwick-upon-Tweed under your ref. TRO.</p> <p>I write a secretary of The Berwick Bowling Club and following a committee meeting to consider this proposal to say that we strongly support this proposal.</p>
	1		XXXX object in main to the above proposals and prefer the parking to remain as it is currently.
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