



Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones

**Proposed No Waiting & Loading at Any Time Restrictions at the
Junction of A192 Astley Road / Prospect Avenue, Seaton Delaval
And Marked Parking Bays on Astley Road, Seaton Delaval**

23rd November 2016

Purpose of Report

To consider the consultation regarding proposed introduction of a "No waiting and loading at any time", restriction at the junction of A192 Astley Road / Prospect Avenue, Seaton Delaval and the introduction of marked parking bays on Astley Road, Seaton Delaval.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the parking restrictions and marked parking bays are not introduced on A192 Astley Road / Prospect Avenue, Seaton Delaval, at this time.

Key Issues

1. This area has been the subject of concerns over a period of time i.e. indiscriminate parking near the junction, raising concerns with residents, local Councillor and Community Council.
2. The provision of parking on Astley Road is an issue which has been raised with the Councillor on a number of occasions.
3. The Scheme was to be funded and supported by Councillor Margaret Richards.
4. In view of the results of the public consultation Councillor Richardson no longer wishes to proceed with either proposal.

Background

1. Safety concerns have been identified to Councillor Richards by residents on a number of occasions with regard to obstruction of a junction.
2. It was proposed to introduce no waiting at any time restriction in this area supported by bollards.
3. This would help improve traffic safety for the residents and road users of Astley road / prospect Avenue, Seaton Delaval.
4. It was also proposed to introduce marked parking bays in echelon formation on the south side of Astley Road.
5. This was anticipated to maximise the available parking for residents.

Consultation

1. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 15th September 2016. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 58 residential properties and 25 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).
2. The consultation exercise ended on 14th October 2016 and responses were received from 7 consultees, with four in favour, one against and a further two consultees who 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 the limited number of responses to the consultation and the proportion of those in favour of the changes 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.

File References

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Appendix A - Consultation 1 -Copy of Consultation Letter

Appendix B - Consultation 1 - Summary of Responses

Implications Arising out of the Report

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

Background papers:

None

Report sign off.

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DECISION TAKEN

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

Subject: Proposed introduction of No waiting at any time restriction and marked parking bays.

Consultation 7 Responses
4 For
1 Against
2 Neither for nor against

Decision Taken: Not to Introduce no waiting restrictions or marked parking bays as proposed.

Signature of Director/
officer/Portfolio Holder



Date

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed No Waiting & Loading at Any Time Restrictions
Junction of Astley Road / Prospect Avenue, Seaton Delaval
And Marked Parking Bays on Astley Road, Seaton Delaval**

Residents have raised concerns with County Councillor Richards, about indiscriminate parking near the junction of Prospect Avenue and Astley Road, Seaton Delaval and this is causing potential road safety issues. Councillor Richards has therefore requested that "No Waiting and Loading at Any Time" Restrictions, supported by bollards be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns.

In addition it is proposed to mark out bays in an echelon (angled) formation to maximise the available off street parking on Astley Road, Seaton Delaval. It is anticipated that this will improve issues with inconsiderate parking which has been a regular cause of complaint.

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 advise you on the proposed introduction of "No Waiting and Loading At Any Time" restrictions at Astley Road / Prospect Avenue, 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 Executive 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 Friday 14th October 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Luck', with a small flourish at the end.

Terry Luck
Programme Officer



 <p>Northumberland County Council</p>	<p>Network Management Information System</p>	<p>Title: Proposed DYL with Bollards and Echelon Marked Bays Astley Road, Seaton Delaval</p>
<p>This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey under Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. License no. 100295048 (2009).</p>	<p>Dim: Date: Scale:</p> <p>AW May 16 NTS</p>	
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Appendix B

FOR	AG AI NS T	NE IT HE R	Other Relevant Comments
1			The parking on the road is often impossible I agree with marking out bays and a no loading or waiting although i feel resident parking permits would be better on Astley road. People park on Astley road in all directions making it impossible for me to park outside my own home. Any changes to the parking are excellent and welcomed
1			Agree in principle but the bays have been drawn at the wrong angle, people should reverse into the bays so that when you leave you are not reversing out onto Astley road which would be dangerous and almost impossible with the volume of traffic.
1			Whilst I agree with the proposals in principle I would like to point out that putting echelon bays in situ will not improve indiscriminate parking without the ability to enforce. There will be nothing to deter motorists from parking their car horizontally across the bays if they so wish. From my experience without a level of enforcement motorists may park any which way they like without fear of retribution. I would therefore recommend a TRO which includes parking out of a marked bay on Astley Road.
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 15th September 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 outpatient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the ongoing road safety programme.
		1	We are in full agreement that some kind of parking restrictions be installed at the junction of Astley Road/ Prospect Ave and can't help but wonder why it's taken so long to be implemented!! However the ridiculous idea of putting marked bays at any kind of angle along Astley Road is without doubt the stupidest idea ever, and must have come from someone who has no idea about the volume of traffic that uses astley road. 1. Parking at an angle would mean reversing into very busy and at times fast traffic especially at peak times. 2. As a blue badge holder we need to park as close to our home as possible (for my husband) we have applied for a disabled bay to be marked out on the plan no such bay appears to be there on one side of us, our neighbours have 1 car on the other they have 3 cars, so as I work voluntarily for a registered company sometimes in the evening. I would ask Councillor Richards where exactly does she think I would park our car if no disabled bay is clearly marked outside our home? When i return later in the evening. 3. I would suggest that as Councillor Richards is the person requesting these changes she should come along to Astley Road at PEAK TIMES and take note of how extremely dangerous and difficult it can be reversing into traffic. PEAK TIMES 7am-9.30am + 3pm-7pm when people are leaving and returning from work or doing school runs. 4. As already stated we do fully support parking restrictions at the junction in question, but angled parking bays is definitely not in the resident's best interests.
1			While I am in favour of the proposed Marked Parking bays and No waiting or loading restrictions. I wonder if any thought has been given to making the aforementioned marked bays, residential use only, if so would these be allocated per property?
		1	I am responding to your letter dated 15th September 2016 in which you outline proposals about "no waiting and loading at any time restrictions at the junction of Astley Road". As you will see I live at 124 which is almost on that particular junction. I raised an issue with Councillor Richards as long as 2013 and had some difficulty in getting a response. I even ended up asking for the help of Ronnie Campbell MP to elicit a reply and was eventually informed that this was something that would need to be dealt with by the police as an obstruction of the highway. See copy of letter enclosed. What has changed. You now say "residents have raised concerns" and I wonder who they are. I cannot find them. I wonder if this has become a shopping issue with customer parking on the gable end of the shop for access then trying to get back onto Astley Road. Those customers who turn into the shop from Astley use the back lanes to move off. This goes on from 7am and s an accident waiting to happen. The winter darker mornings and nights make this a bigger problem. Bollards could in fact make things worse. Even, customers going to the shop park at my front and back door and some even use it as a smoking bay. The shop owners have a no parking sign at the back to gain access to the garage storage and they still use the other garage from the previous hop where deliveries of papers are made very early. Often 5.30m. So this means I am surrounded by shop traffic. I don't believe this is a loading and waiting issue. I think it is a continuous daily traffic issue where all traffic stopping to buy goods from the shop feels free to park anywhere they can. See photos enclosed. Coming back to my original concerns, what is the effect heavy goods vehicles will eventually have on the soft pavement adjacent my property which is regularly dug up and also on my front wall. I have noticed cracks either side of my window and particularly above my front door.

			<p>You now propose bollards and echelon parking. It seems a plan designated to provide the shop with more parking rather than cater for the residents. The shop owners have a flat above the shop but don't actually live there so are not technically residents.</p> <p>Recently I had a car verbally attack me for trying to gain access to my back yard. I was crossing the intersection when the driver started to reverse at speed. I held up my hand to warn him I was behind him in case he hadn't seen me. He got out of his car to threaten me. This incident was witnessed by a neighbour. His attitude was I was old and should not be out causing him an obstruction.</p> <p>You can imagine as a retired man of nearly 70 I don't enjoy this type of confrontation with a man who feels his needs are more important than mine and he has the height, weight and youth to prove his point. And I did try to report the incident by ringing the non urgent number for police but got no response.</p> <p>I wonder why the council have chosen to make a plan without consulting the residents it affects. Or have they already done that with the residents they deem to be relevant?</p> <p>If there is a problem exiting Prospect Ave back onto Astley Road then surely the same is true at Western Ave where vans park for breakfast and sandwiches. Another property rented out from the same shop owners.</p> <p>Coming back to my own issue I originally raised with Margaret Richards in 2013. I have again attached photographs taken from my front door or window to show that heavy goods transport use the parking then go to the shop. These vehicles are not loading and waiting. They are buying. Some do decide stay a while and have bait or a working lunch. Most move on quickly after going into the shop.</p> <p>What you now propose is to give specific parking spaces to the shop outside my property and next door. This shop has already seen other neighbours leave the area. I also wonder how is the echelon parking going to accommodate the size of transport currently using the space. In fact I thought cars were not supposed to reverse into oncoming traffic and yet the angle of the said parking would encourage them to do so.</p> <p>Why not organise a residents meeting to discuss this issue so that at least everyone concerned feels that they have been heard.</p> <p>PS. I did notice in the News Post Leader recently that a similar issue exists in Blyth beside the Windmill pub (Supporting documents attached.)</p>
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