



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR
ACTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES & HOUSING: PAUL JONES**

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION, THE GREEN, ACOMB

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the proposed parking restriction at The Green, Acomb.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) A 'No Waiting 7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday' parking restriction is implemented in order to provide clear access to the bus stop.

Key Issues

- 1) Bus services calling at Acomb use the bus stop in The Green.
- 2) This is also where the bus is turned ready for its onward journey out of Acomb. The buses turn by circling around the Pant that is located within The Green next to the bus stop.
- 3) Parked cars adjacent to the bus stop are preventing buses from safely making this manoeuvre.

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Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the *Places and Environment Aim* in the Corporate Plan:

Our aim is to maintain and further improve the quality of our towns, villages and countryside and make it easier for residents to access services and high quality, affordable homes and to travel using different modes of transport. To achieve this, we will keep Northumberland clean, green and safe from detrimental impacts of climate change, build more houses to benefit those most in need and provide a convenient, integrated public transport network.

Background

- 1) Bus services calling at Acomb use the bus stop in The Green.
- 2) In order to access the bus stop, buses must circle around the Pant that is located in The Green, adjacent to the stop, (see photo below). This is also how the buses turn so they are ready for their onward journey.



- 3) Parked cars adjacent to the bus stop are preventing buses from safely making this manoeuvre.
- 4) Following discussion with the bus service operator, GO North East, it was agreed that a parking restriction immediately behind the bus stop markings would provide enough room for the buses to turn.
- 5) The bus service in Acomb starts at 7.15am and finishes at 6.55pm. There is no Sunday service.
- 6) It is therefore proposed that a 'No Waiting 7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday' (Single yellow line) is implemented. This would keep the approach to the bus stop clear during the hours the service operates, but would allow parking outside these times and on Sundays, when there is no service, which will benefit residents and their visitors.

Consultation

1. A consultation exercise was carried out which ended on 7th March 2016.
2. The consultation exercise involved the delivery of a consultation letter together with a plan showing details of the scheme to residents of The Green, statutory consultees; County Councillor Robson, Acomb Parish Council; and other interested parties. The proposal was also available to view and comment via the Council's website.
3. Three responses were returned. Two were in favour while the third did not state a preference.
4. One of the responses suggested extending the proposed restriction further along The Green. However, this relates to parked vehicles that do not impact on the bus services and should therefore be considered separately.

Conclusion

5. In view of the results of the consultation it is recommended that the proposed 'No Waiting 7am to 7pm, Monday to Saturday' restriction should be implemented.

Background Papers

File Ref: HE163309-06

Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations	None
Sustainability	None
Consultation	The relevant people and organisations were consulted
Wards	Hexham Central with Acomb.

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

Paul Jones: Acting Director of Local Services & Housing

Subject:

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Consultation

3 responses
2 for
0 against
1 neither

Decision Taken:

- 1) A 'No Waiting 7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday' parking restriction is implemented in order to provide clear access to the bus stop.

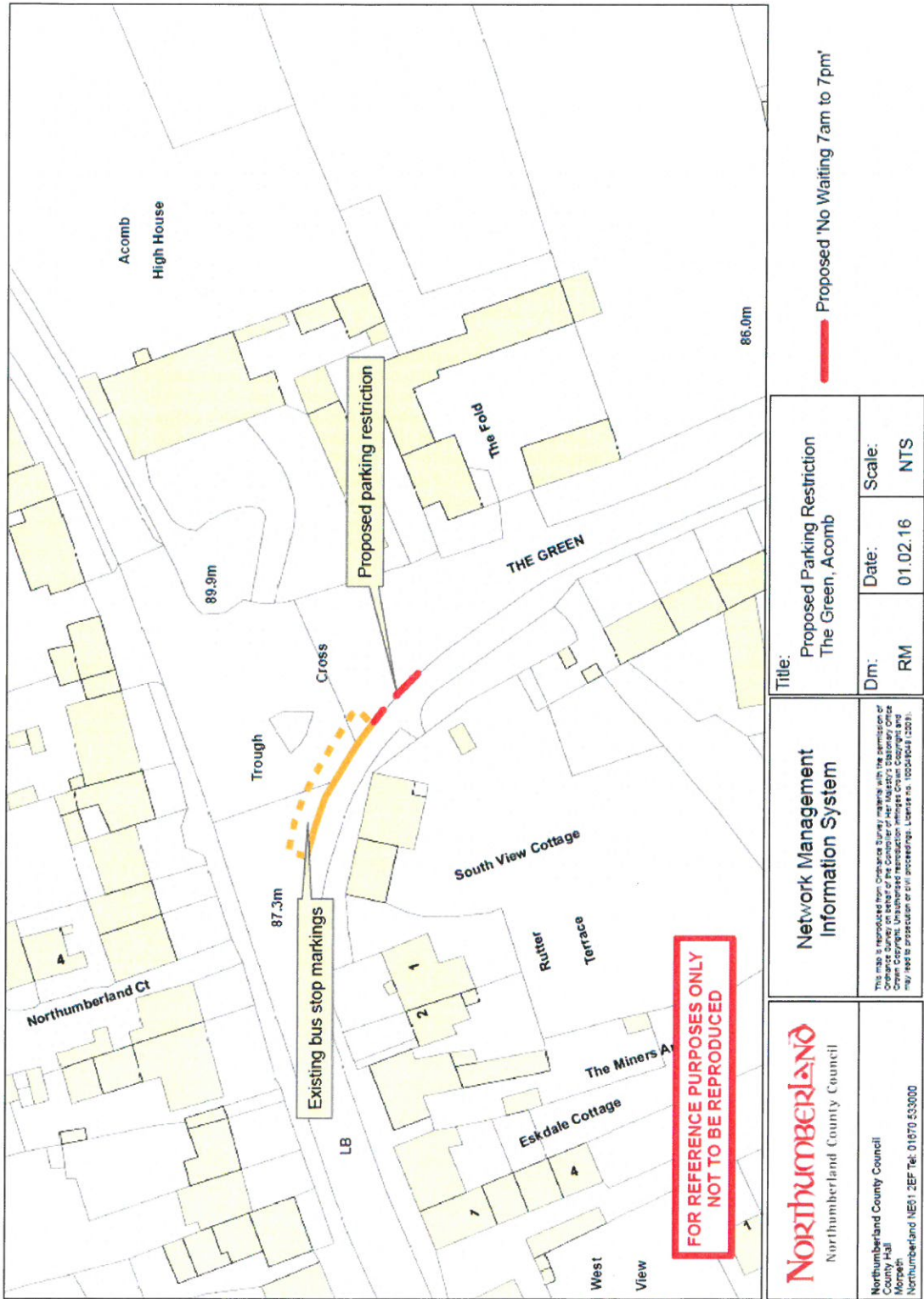
Signature of Director



Date

12/4/16

Appendix A – Consultation Plan



Appendix B – Consultation Responses

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments	
			1	Thank you for your letter dated 8th February in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as an Emergency Series 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 wish to propose a further addition to the planned parking restriction. I have lived at this exact location for over 20 years and have observed the parking of vehicles and the movement of public buses on the green for many years. The problem has become much worse in recent years. I attach a drawing showing a proposed amendment to the restricted parking area. the area immediately outside the property (The Fold) is unsuitable for multi vehicle parking for which it is currently used. this is a residential cull de sac used by children playing. BUS TURNING - There are often vehicles parked on all sides of the old water trough and against the wall outside of Acomb High House, causing congestion and making it difficult for buses to turn and manoeuvre. this is not only frustrating for the bus drivers, but dangerous for school children and other residents. My suggestion is to restrict parking around the feature marked as 'trough' in addition to the other areas.(PLAN ATTACHED)
			1	We live in the cottage by the bus stop and the parking restriction will be either side of our entrance gate at the side of our house. We fully support this.
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