

Northumberland County Council

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

#### Proposed No Stopping at Any Time on Verge Restrictions, U6109 High Stanners, Morpeth

17th August 2016

#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding proposed No Stopping at Any Time on Verge Restrictions, U6109 High Stanners, Morpeth

#### Recommendations

It is recommended that the following:

- No Stopping at Any Time on Verge Restrictions be introduced on U6109 High Stanners, Morpeth.
- Extension of Double Yellow Lines (No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions) on Challoners Gardens Morpeth

#### **Key Issues**

- 1. This area has been subject to inconsiderate parking over a period of time, causing an obstruction and traffic safety concerns.
- 2. The Scheme is funded and supported by Councillor David Bawn.

Report Author

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#### BACKGROUND

- Concerns have been identified to Councillor Bawn by residents of Morpeth on a number of occasions with regard to the inconsiderate parking causing safety concerns in the High Stanners.
- 4. It is envisaged the proposed No Stopping at Any Time on Verge Restrictions would improve pedestrian/child safety and protect the grassed areas on High Stanners, Morperth.

#### CONSULTATION

- 5. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 10 residents 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).
- The consultation exercise ended on 20th July 2016 and responses were received from 4 consultees, with 3 in favour, 0 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

#### COMMENTS

- 7. Councillor Bawn was notified of the results of the consultation.
- 8. Following discussions between Councillor Bawn and Officers, the Councillor confirms he wishes to proceed with the proposal, consisting of the introduction of verge parking restriction, this will be funded through his allocation in the Members' Local Improvements Programme.
- 9. Outside this formal consutation, there were concerns raised by residents of Challoners Gardens. It was identified that there was indiscriminate parking taking place at the junction of Challoners Gardens, causing visibility concerns for road users. It was considered that the extension of the existing No Waiting At Any Time restrictions (double yellow lines) would go some way to alleviate the issue. This was discussed and agreed with Cllr Bawn to include these changes on road safety grounds.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

10. 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 - Consultation 1 -Copy of Consultation Letter Appendix B - Consultation 1 - Summary of Responses Appendix C - Extension of No Waiting at any time restrictions Challoners Gardens Junction

#### Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy

None

Finance and value for money

Funded through the Members' Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor David Bawn

**Human Resources** 

None

Property

None

Equalities

None

Risk Assessment

None

Crime & Disorder

Inconsiderate parking and obstruction

**Customer Considerations** 

Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety in

the area

Sustainability

None

Consultation

Morpeth Town Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the

County Councillor for the area.

Wards

Morpeth North

#### **DECISION TAKEN**

Officer(s):	Director of Local Services and Housing
Subject:	Proposed No Stopping at Any Time on Verge Restrictions, U6109 High Stanners, Morpeth
Consultation	4 Responses 3 For 0 Against 1 Neither for nor against
Decision Taken:	a) Introduce No Stopping at Any Time on Verge Restrictions
	<ul> <li>Extend existing No Waiting At Any Time Restriction at Challoners Gardens Junction</li> </ul>
Signature of Director	7 - 1
Date (9/3	7/1  16

The Occupier

Our Ref: HO166027

Your Ref:

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Wednesday 29th June 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

#### Proposed No Stopping at Any Time on Verge Restrictions, U6109 High Stanners, Morpeth

Residents have raised concerns with, County Councillor Bawn and Morpeth Town Council, about indiscriminate parking on the verge at High Stanners, Morpeth which is not only causing damage to the verge but also a potential road safety issue. County Councillor Bawn has therefore agreed to fund the introduction of no stopping at any time on verge restrictions, subject to favourable consultation with affected residents, which should assist in improving the current situation.

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 introduce No Stopping at Any Time on Verge Restrictions at High Stanners, Morpeth 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.

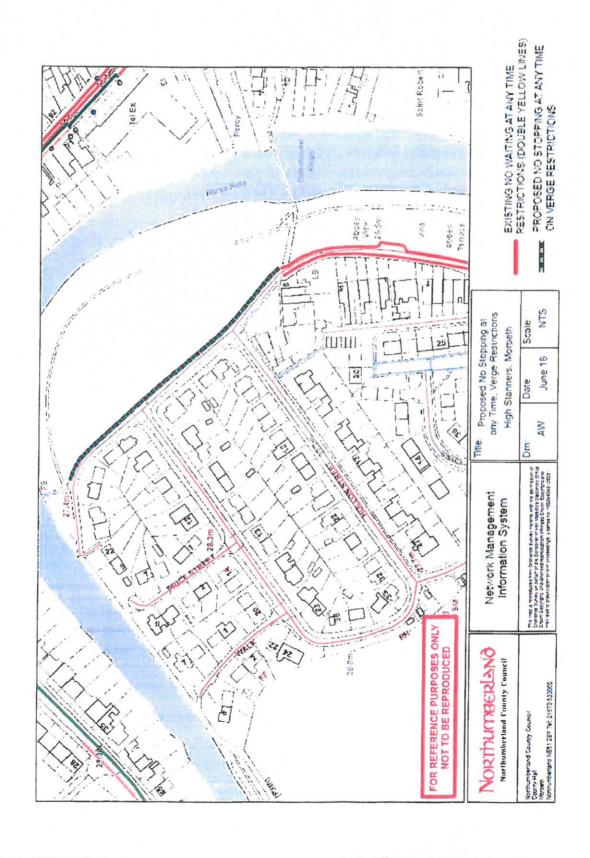
Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Director of Local Services and Housing and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Wednesday 20th July 2016. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <a href="http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/">http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/</a>.

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.

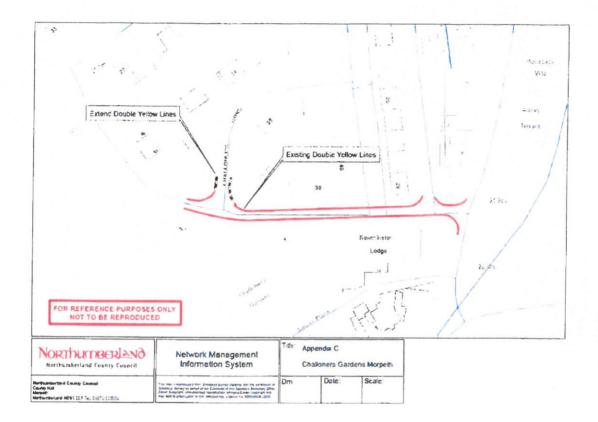
Yours faithfully

Terry Luck

**Programme Officer** 



FOR	AGAINST	NRITHER	Other Relevant Comments
Ī	1		No stopping verge restrictions, I fully support the restrictions. As
			someone who sees the problems on a daily basis and the abuse
			of the grassed ares by vehicles I werlcome the proposal to stop
			this. I would have preferred a physical deterrent but this will at
			least deter the casual offender. Vehicles parking and driving on
			the grass are a hazard to residents and visitors alike, especially
			children when playing in a presumed safe and secure
			environment. No residents ever park in this area so I would hope
			the proposal will be fully supported.
			Hi Terry, here are some photos in support of the consultation.
1			Kind regards, - Photos attached.
			Thank you for your letter dated 29th June 2016 in which you invite
			us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I wold 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.
			The parking of cars parking on pavements at High Stanners is also
1			a safety issue at times unable to access the footpaths.
1		_	Whole hearled support from me.
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#### Paul Jones

#### **ADDENDUM**

Proposed No Stopping at Any Time on Verge Restrictions, U6109 High Stanners, Morpeth

15th February 2017

#### Purpose of Addendum

The original report recommendation is detailed in an extract below.

Following discussions between County Councillor David Bawn and Council Officers, it is considered that the original recommendation of: No Stopping at Any Time on Verge Restrictions be introduced on U6109 High Stanners, Morpeth, would not be the most appropriate solution to resolve the issue, primarily because of enforcement. We have anecdotal evidence from Parking Services to suggest that without constant enforcement, this type of restriction at this location would have little impact on the problem. Subsequent discussions with Councillor Bawn has led to the proposed amendment to the original solution.

It is therefore recommended that a 'birdsmouth' fence be erected in the verge, thereby preventing vehicles parking on the grass area. This type of fencing would allow pedestrians to enter the grassed area. (as detailed on the attached plan – Appendix 1)

It is anticipated this will alleviate the issue of parking on verges.

Please note: The recommendation to Extension of Double Yellow Lines (No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions) on Challoners Gardens Morpeth will stand.

#### Proposed No Stopping at Any Time on Verge Restrictions, U6109 High Stanners, Morpeth

17<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (signed by Director of Local Services and Housing 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016)

#### **EXTRACT**

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### **DECISION TAKEN (ADDENDUM)**

Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):	Director of Local Services and Housing
Subject:	Propose to erect birdsmouth fencing on High Stanners to prevent vehicles parking on the grassed area.
Consultation	Not required. Consultation took place on original proposal
Decision Taken:	To erect birdsmouth fencing.
Signature of Director	41
Date	9/3/17

