

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS U6110 DOGGER BANK TO DYERS COTTAGE LINK, MORPETH

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the introduction of a "Resident Permit Zone" on the U6110 Dogger Bank to Dyers Cottage Link in Morpeth.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) Resident Permit Zone is introduced on U6110 Dogger Bank to Dyers Cottage Link in Morpeth as proposed.

Key Issues

- 1) Scheme being funded by LTP.
- 2) The scheme will improve quality of life for local residents who deal with varying issues of indiscriminate parking on a daily basis.
- 3) Parking will still be permitted on Mitford Road, although it will now be prohibited during peak times. It is anticipated that this will assist in reducing the volume of parked vehicles currently causing obstructions, therefore improving road safety at school start and finish times.
- 4) Scheme will assist further in removing parked vehicles from Mitford Road by stopping all day parking and creating a parking place for residents.
- 5) Scheme to be introduced to compliment parking restrictions on Mitford Road.

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BACKGROUND

1. Following on from recent the decision to introduce "No Waiting, Mon – Fri, 8:30 - 9:30 and 14:30 – 1600" parking restrictions on the south side of Mitford Road, residents have raised further concerns regarding inconsiderate parking. A site meeting was held where it was highlighted that by introducing a Resident Permit Parking Zone on U6110 Dogger Bank to Dyers Cottage Link, it would further reduce congestion on Mitford Road. The "No Waiting, Mon – Fri, 8:30 - 9:30 and 14:30 – 1600" parking restriction will prevent all day parking and the introduction of a Resident Permit Parking Zone will provide a parking place for these. The implementation of both sts of restrictions will result in a free flow of traffic on Mitford Road at key times of the day.

CONSULTATION

2. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to approximately 9 residents 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 16th March 2016 and responses were received from 6 consultees with 3 in favour, 1 against and 2 neither for nor against the proposals. A summary of consultee responses is attached.
4. The North East Ambulance Service was the only statutory consultee to respond to the consultation and did not express a preference.

COMMENTS

5. Responses to comments received;
 - Not enough car parking spaces compared to the properties affected.
 - It may be harder to find a parking place within the suggested Resident Permit Zone.
 - House prices would depreciate due to restrictions on Mitford Road being introduced.
6. Responses to comments received;
 - The parking place will work on a first come, first serve basis and if there is no parking place available, an attentive place to park must be sought.
 - At present there are no restrictions in places on the U6110 Dogger Bank to Dyers Cottage Link which permits anybody to park. With the new restrictions being introduced on Mitford Road, it is likely that motorists who park all day on Mitford Road would migrate to U6110 Dogger Bank to Dyers Cottage Link. The proposed restrictions will now safeguard the area for residents only parking.
 - It is not the responsibility of the council to provide parking places for residents, even when prohibiting parking restrictions are introduced. However, in this case, as the Resident Parking Zone will reduce congestion on Mitford Road, it has been deemed appropriate.

RECOMENDATIONS

7. 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 the majority of residents who responded support the proposals. It is therefore recommended that the proposed parking restrictions be introduced.
8. 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	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Funded by LTP
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Residential, route to schools, inconsiderate parking issues
Crime & Disorder	Scheme will remove inconsiderate parking promote a safer environment.
Customer Considerations	None
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

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

Executive Director of Local Services

Subject:

Proposed parking restrictions on Mitford Road, Morpeth

Consultation

6 Responses

3 For

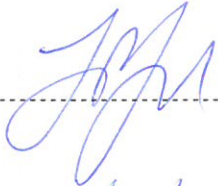
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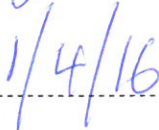
Decision Taken:

To approve the introduction of a "Resident Permit Zone" on the U6110 Dogger Bank to Dyers Cottage Link in Morpeth.

Signature of Corporate Director



Date





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Wednesday 3rd February 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further Proposed Parking Restrictions – Mitford Road – Morpeth

As a result of the consultation which proposed a 'No Waiting, Mon – Fri, 8:30 - 9:30 and 14:30 – 16:00' parking restriction on the south side of Mitford Road, it has been brought to our attention by local residents that the introduction of a 'Resident Parking Zone' on the U6110 Dogger Bank to Dyers Cottage Link would alleviate congestion further. The proposed single yellow line would stop all day parking and ensure that there are no cars parked inconsiderately during peak times. The resident parking zone would introduce a parking area dedicated to residents which would remove resident vehicles from Mitford Road. We are therefore writing to you to find out your views on providing a 'Resident Permit Zone' to the U6110 Dogger Bank to Dyers Cottage Link as shown in the attached plan. Only residents affected by the 'No Waiting, Mon – Fri, 8:30 - 9:30 and 14:30 – 16:00' parking restriction and the 'Resident Parking Zone' would be entitled to a resident parking permit. If the results of the consultation are favourable, proposed parking restrictions will be introduced.

To make this scheme enforceable, signs would be required at the entrance to the resident permit zone and residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits (Currently £15 a year per permit). A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking. As the restriction is proposed to be in place every day, anyone who did not wish to purchase a resident permit would not be able to park in the resident bays at any time.

I am therefore writing formally in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) to ask for your comments on the proposals as above and shown on the enclosed plan.

A freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. I would welcome a reply by Wednesday 16th March 2016. If no comments are received by that date it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations regarding the above proposal. Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to all individual comments but staff will be on hand to clarify any queries you may have. You may also wish to note that any comments received may be included in a Decision Report and may be available for public inspection.

Please visit the following web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/> if you wish to respond to this consultation online.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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

Dan Fraser
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Title: Mitford Road, Morpeth		Scale:		Drn:	
Date:		Date:		Date:	
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Appendix B – Summary of Consultation Responses

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
		1	<p>Thank you for your letter dated 3rd February 2016 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as an 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.</p>
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	1		<p>The parking area you describe only has space for 4 cars while still allowing the two sides at the bottom to be used these spaces are always full day and night by local people and also those on Newgate Street when the zone is full. The one your restrictions is 6 houses where they have 11 cars, the spaces are not equal to the proposed available. What will happen is that people will simply park on the opposite side of the street to the proposed restricted zone during these times or more pinnately. The top and bottom of the problems, Dogger Bank to narrow for the busses/courier especially peak times. Could the restrictions be term time only?</p>
			<p>Further to our recent meeting held at our premises on Wednesday 6th January at 3pm, please find below our concerns/suggestions as discussed with yourself.</p> <p>Concerns: Depreciation in house value. Our neighbour will forward you a letter from the estate agent detailing that in going ahead with your proposal the values of our homes will be reduced by approx. £15,000.00 - £20,000.00 and will also limit the person who will be able to purchase the house. The report seems to point out that it is residents of Mitford Road and parents of children at the nearby schools that is creating the bottleneck effect outside of our home, as we demonstrated on Wednesday the cars outside our home belong to residents from Bullers Green and Newgate Street and we feel that it is unfair for residents to be financially penalised due to other people's careless parking. In section 3 of your key issue statement you state that your scheme will improve the quality of life for local residents who deal with various issues of indiscriminate parking on a daily basis, at the current time we are the only residents that are discriminated against as our neighbours in Wansbeck Place have adequate parking to the rear of their properties, your proposal would not improve our quality of life in fact it would make it worse as we would be financially disadvantaged and still face the same problems of indiscriminate parking.</p> <p>Recommendations: The land between 1 Mitford Road and Wansbeck House should be set aside for residents only parking for 1,3,5,7 Mitford Road, Dyers Cottage and Wansbeck House, this would allow the residents that are to be disadvantaged within your proposal a place to park and thus not effecting values on homes. The restricted hours that you propose we feel should be increased in the evenings from 1430 - 1600hrs to 1430 - 1700hrs as we do not feel you have taken into consideration the out of school clubs / junior running clubs that take place after school hours. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for meeting with ourselves and look forward to your positive response.</p>
1			<p>I understand that new parking restrictions may be introduced on Mitford Road Morpeth. No off street or private parking, limits property buyers and with the added disadvantage of no on street parking I am of the opinion that this will be further detrimental. It is common knowledge there are a number of factors which reduce house value, i.e., nuisance neighbours, high levels of crime, electric pylons, wind farms (ect) and no parking facility (all these are in the top 12 factors that determine your homes market value). Factors that determine your home's market value at any given time are complex and many of them are subject to change on a regular basis. Being aware of some of those factors, you and the agent selling/valuing your home/estate agent, can plan a sale and assess the value accordingly. I appreciate you only recently purchased this property, at a time when it was assumed street parking was accepted. Unfortunately, if this is to be removed, we must advise that your property value will certainly depreciate.</p>
		1	<p>I own and live in xxxxx adjacent to the proposed restrictions on the U6110 and own and rent out xxxxx next door to us. Our tenants past and present have enjoyed unrestricted parking in the U6110 so the proposal will have a direct negative effect on them in that they will have to pay for something which is currently free and also may find it harder to find a place to park under the proposed scheme. We ourselves have plenty of room to park in our garden (which is accessed via the U6110) so we don't need parking space in the lane although future owners may feel the need for an extra space so the proposal would have a negative effect on them too. However, if parking bays are to be drawn on the road, then I would note that there should be enough room for cars to pass in the lane in order for us to drive in and out of our garden.</p> <p>Finally, I notice that nos. 9 and 11 Mitford road have space to park 2 cars on their drives so the only houses in need of permits would be nos. 1,3,5 and 7 Mitford Road, ourselves, Wansbeck Cottage (our tenants) and possibly Dyers Cottage - they have room to park one car on their drive. There seems to be only enough room for 4 parking bays at most on the U6110 so that will probably be a problem - more permits needed than spaces available!</p>
		1	<p>I hope these comments are helpful.</p>
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