



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' PARKING RESTRICTIONS, CALLERTON COURT, PONTELAND

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to provide experimental 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) parking restrictions in Callerton Court, Ponteland.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed experimental 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are implemented for a period of 18 months.

Link to Corporate Plan

Living - "We want to feel safe, healthy and cared for"

Enjoying - "We want to love where you live"

Key Issues

The County Council has received concerns from local residents via the local Ward Member about indiscriminate parking in Callerton Court, Ponteland.

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Background

1. The County Council has received concerns from local residents via the local Ward Member about indiscriminate parking in Callerton Court, Ponteland.
2. Callerton Court is located directly off the roundabout at the junction of Callerton Lane and Rotary Way and is in close proximity to Ponteland High School.
3. Residents have contacted the local Ward Member with concerns regarding parking by parents dropping off and picking up school pupils.
4. Much of this parking takes place at the entrance to the street, making it difficult for residents to enter and exit the roundabout safely at busy times and reducing the available carriageway width to one lane.
5. In response to the concerns, officers held a site meeting with the local Ward Member and residents to investigate the problem and agree where parking restrictions may be helpful.
6. In recognition of the forthcoming changes at Ponteland High School, which include an enlarged car park with drop-off facilities, it was agreed that any restrictions should be of a temporary nature initially, as it was felt that the school changes may eventually address the problem.
7. Residents were therefore consulted on a proposal to provide experimental double yellow lines. A copy of the consultation plan is shown in Appendix A.
8. The results of the consultation were:

For: 21 (81%)
Against: 4 (15%)
Neutral: 1 (4%)

A copy of the responses received is shown in Appendix B.
9. Ponteland Town Council support the proposal.
10. The local Ward Member supports the proposal.
11. It is therefore recommended that the proposed experimental 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions should be provided for a period of 18 months.
12. During this time, the effectiveness of the restrictions will be reviewed and a decision made, in consultation with residents and the local Ward Member, on whether they should be retained permanently, removed or altered.

Implications Arising out of the Report

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Policy	
Finance and value for money	The scheme will be funded through the Local Transport Plan Programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the parking restrictions.
Procurement	None
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	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Local residents and statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Ponteland East with Stannington

Background papers:

File ref: HE174328

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Report sign off.

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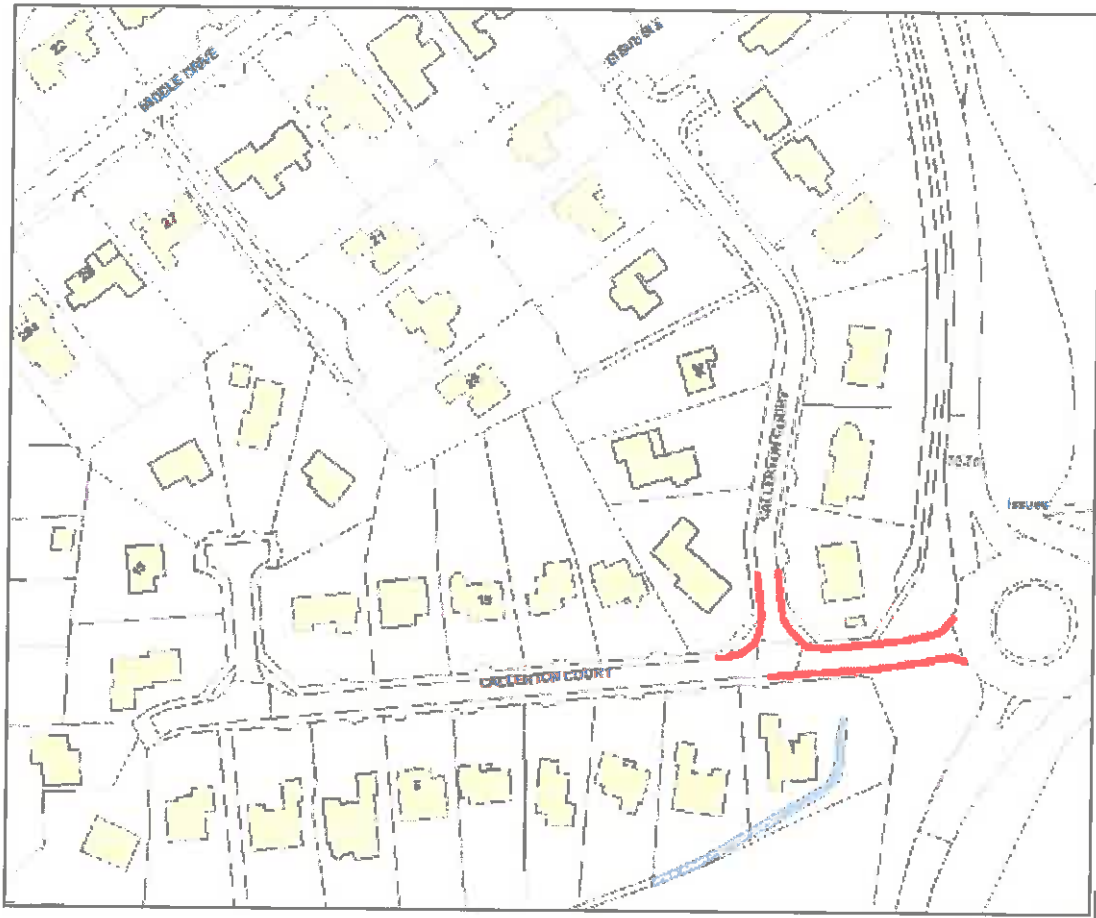
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Appendix A - Consultation Plan



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Appendix B - Consultation Responses

F O R	A G E I T H N E S E	Other Relevant Comments
1		most welcome proposal. heavy use of the street for parking at peak school times which causes congestion and a risk to pedestrians. would support traffic restrictions being imposed further up the street than is being proposed at present as it will simply force people to park further up the street.
1		<p>I fully support the proposed parking restrictions to be put in place on Callerton Court.</p> <p>The parents parking in the entrance to the street around school drop-off and collection time make the road unsafe for the children and other road users in the area. The children who actually live in Callerton Court run the gauntlet every day when trying to walk to school as cars pull in and out indiscriminately and up onto the grass verge and pavements. These proposed restrictions should hopefully ease the situation.</p> <p>My only concern is how the restrictions will be policed. Without any actual deterrent or consequence, I am concerned that parents will continue to park in the entrance to the street as before.</p>
1		Thank you for the recent letter regarding the above mentioned matter. I'm obviously affected by the indiscriminate parking. Whilst very much in favour of double yellow lines, I fear that parking can still occur outside my front gate and the area beyond. I must therefore ask that the double yellow lines as envisaged be extended to include the whole of my frontispiece.
1		<p>Thank you for your letter concerning parking in Callerton Court. I confirm that I fully support your plan to forbid waiting as this has now become a serious problem.</p> <p>When the roundabout was erected initially we raised the question of its height, as from Callerton Court you are unable to see traffic approaching from Rotary Way. At the time we were advised that the roundabout had been erected in accordance with the regulations. Some years later we were advised that it was to be reduced in height but that has not happened. It is now however much more dangerous as shrubs and flowers have been planted in the centre and under the chevron signs at the edges. Our only concern about the new parking is that it could encourage the car owners to park further up Callerton Court which may restrict access to driveways to the houses. At the same time we are aware that Callerton Court is being used by holiday makers as a car park for the airport – some people being away from the country for up to two weeks. We trust that this information is helpful to you and thank you for the steps you are proposing to take with yellow lines.</p>
1		Whilst I agree with the proposal, it does not go far enough. I agree that it will hopefully stop the many idiots who park on the junction to collect their children from school, but they will just move further down Callerton Court, causing an obstruction to residents coming to and from their properties. I would prefer to see some form of parking restriction across all areas of Callerton Court e.g. strictly residents parking only with appropriate signage and fines imposed for those contravening the regulation. That might seem a bit draconian but it is the only way you will get people to stop parking and clogging up the road. Not only that, most of the people parking leave their engines running whilst waiting for their kids, pouring more pollution into the atmosphere. Thank you for taking a step in the right direction but I feel more has to be done. I fully support this proposal as the cars are parked far too close to the junction which joins the roundabout. I appreciate that parents need somewhere to wait for their children so expect they will still use Callerton Court for this but think the restrictions will help to ensure that the parents park sensibly and with consideration to the residents.
1		I am a resident of Callerton Court and feel that this is an excellent idea, the build up of traffic at school time leads to cars parking on the junction and making visibility impossible. I am often worried about the impact of this if a child appears from behind a car without looking properly.
1		Repair potholes in Callerton Court as school parked cars force residents to drive through potholes

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1		<p>We are receipt of your correspondence detailing the proposal to apply "No Waiting At Any Time" parking restrictions to our street. We therefore support the proposal. Can we first say that we welcome this decision to address the ridiculous situation whereby the residential street that we live in is overrun with cars picking up children from the nearby schools every weekday afternoon. There is a car park provided at the school area for this purpose. The situation is particularly dangerous around the entrance to Callerton Court where people are parking right up to the end of the street near to the roundabout and effectively turning a busy junction into single lane. This is also where young children walk around,(our own child included), often having to walk on the road due to the volume of traffic parked in this area. We have attached four photographs taken today which demonstrates the extent of the problem on a daily basis. We would however like to recommend that signs are provided at the entrance to the street, stating no waiting or residents parking only or similar. The extent of the double yellow lines on your diagram will probably effectively clear the junction area (if the situation is policed correctly) but will in all probability push the traffic further up the street, so that the rest of Callerton Court becomes single lane with the added danger around the junction adjacent to number 1. If the double yellow lines were extended further up the street this would help, but how would this affect visitors parking outside our house for genuine reasons? We are very keen to get the right result to address what is an extremely irritating and potentially dangerous situation and would be more than happy to meet on site to discuss the situation further.</p>
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1		<p>An excellent proposal which should be greatly assist we residents in getting in and out of Callerton Court at school times - and without the worry of safety concerns.</p>
1		<p>I am absolutely in support of the proposed restrictions as a resident of Callerton Court. It is incredibly dangerous trying to leave our cul-de-sac between 3 - 4pm when parents are parking to pick up children. There is no consideration of safety the way some parents park, and there are a number of times I have had to overtake a row of 3-4 cars parking at the entrance of Callerton Court and praying someone doesn't come at the roundabout and create a head on collision. The restricted areas, whilst not preventing parents using the street as a pick up point, will ensure they do not park in unsafe positions. The idea would be if parents used the adequate school parking!!! Please note Eastern Way has exactly the same problem and is equally as dangerous at 3-4pm!</p>
1		<p>We are glad that this improvement as at last being made and hope that the "experiment" will become a permanency.</p>
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1		<p>I have experienced cars, parked at the entrance to the cul-de-sac just after the roundabout which is an accident waiting to happen. My retention is that the cars will naturally move further into the cul-de-sac which is already very busy at school times - (morning end of day), they make it very difficult to get in & out of driveways as it is.</p>
1		<p>Drivers coming into Callerton Court between 8:30 and 9:00am and 2:45 to 3:34pm cause chaos particularly associated with turning, ranking themselves and often moving off without signalling. We avoid going in and out of Callerton Court at these times if we can.</p>
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1		<p>I agree with your proposals, however, my concern is all that will happen is the parking will move further into Callerton Court (we are number 19) as this is already happening. Any congestion and safety concerns will I feel just be moving from one area to another but in a more confined space.</p>
1		<p>The double yellow lines will keep the junction clear, which is of course a good thing. However, perhaps it will only serve to move the cars further down the street, perhaps blocking our drive, or at least making visibility more difficult when we are coming off the drive in our own car. This is something that must be taken into consideration when schools are planned, or when decisions are made that allows intake of pupils from so far away that they need transport to get to & from school.</p>

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1			<p>Parking on the entrance to Callerton Court and at the junction of both branches of Callerton Court represents a danger to pedestrians and other road users. Cars parked on the proposed area restrict access to the 'court' by narrowing the road and causes difficulty in seeing pedestrians as they attempt to cross the road at either the entrance to the 'court' or at the junction of the part of Callerton Court turning to the right. Pedestrians both old and young walk up the 'court' and cut through to willow way and it is particularly busy at the time when parents and others park at the end of a school day. It however has been known for cars to be parked and left for several days on the proposed lined area. We find it particularly difficult to turn into our drive with cars parked eltherside of our gateway but even more dangerous to exit our property at the parked cars obscure the view of the road in both directions. Cars often arrive, park and wait for long periods with their engines running which causes increased emissions outside our home.</p>
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	1		<p>The cars will just park further up the Court. They are already parking up to No18. A sign to say 'Residents Parking Only' would be better.</p>
	1		<p>Adding double yellow lines to the highlighted area on the map will not stop cars parking in the street to pick up school pupils. They will still park in Callerton Court but further down, therefore affecting more households. It would be in the interest of the county council to address the parking issues on the school grounds rather than making a change which will have no positive impact on the residents in Callerton Court.</p>
	1		<p>In response to your recent letter regarding No Waiting at Any Time restrictions at the entrance to Callerton Court. We agree entirely that this is necessary due to the inconsiderate & dangerous parking by parents at school finishing times. We have ourselves encountered the problems of safe entry & exit on many occasions.</p>
	1		<p>NOT THE ANSWER. Cars now park as far down as no.18 and will get worse. Double yellow lines are not the solution as the whole street may soon need them meaning an end to visitor/relations parking. At a time when school catchment areas are being extended parking never seems to be a considered by planners. Solution is to provide car parking at the schools themselves with adequate traffic flow schemes to cater.</p>
	1		<p>I support the proposals as there are great concerns around the safety & congestion on Callerton Court. It is important to note that cars park up the majority of the street morning and afternoon. Cars move down the street towards the junction when spaces become available meaning there is constant movement of traffic. The upper cul-de-sac is used as a turning point with cars pulling in, circling & reversing which is a safety hazard. I have witnessed a number of 'near misses' with children crossing the road and calling through the car (in between no's 8 & 9). If yellow lines are placed at the entrance of the street, I am sure cars will simply park higher up resulting in a greater problem than the one we already have! Its a matter of time before a child is hurt.</p>
		1	<p>Thank you for your correspondence dated 10th July 2018 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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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio Holder (where appropriate):

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

Subject:

PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' PARKING RESTRICTIONS, CALLERTON COURT, PONTELAND

Consultation

For: 21 (81%)
Against: 4 (15%)
Neutral: 1 (8%)

Decision Taken:

The proposed experimental 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are implemented for a period of 12 months.

Signature of Director/
officer/Portfolio Holder where
appropriate)*

Date



5/10/18

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