



# Northumberland County Council

## RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

**Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services**

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### **PROPOSED RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING ZONE, CRUMSTONE, SEAHOUSES**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to provide a Residents Permit Parking Zone in Crumstone, Seahouses.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed Residents Permit Parking Zone is NOT implemented.

#### **Link to Corporate Plan**

Living - "We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for"  
Enjoying - "We want you 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 Crumstone, Seahouses.

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### Background

1. The County Council has received concerns from local residents via the local Ward Member about indiscriminate parking in Crumstone, Seahouses.
2. Crumstone is located behind the shops on the south side of Main Street and is close to the Harbour and other attractions. This means that it is sometimes subject to parking by visitors who either cannot find a space in the main car parks or are avoiding parking charges.
3. A 'Prohibition of Driving Except for Access' restriction is currently in place but this is rarely enforced by Northumbria Police.
4. Access to the rear of the shops on the south side of Main Street is via Crumstone. The area immediately behind the shops is not part of the public highway so would not be part of the permit zone.
5. There are two parking areas with garages within Crumstone which are also outside the public highway so would not be part of the permit zone.
6. In response to the concerns raised residents were consulted on the proposed permit parking scheme. A copy of the consultation plan is shown in Appendix A.
7. The results were:
  - For: 11 (50%)
  - Against: 9 (41%)
  - Neutral: 2 (9%)

A copy of the responses received is shown in Appendix B.

8. The responses received show that there is an insufficient level of support amongst residents for a permit parking scheme. Even if the 2 neutral responses are removed the proportion in support is only 55% of those who responded.
9. There are 39 residential properties in Crumstone. 10 of the responses in favour were from residents, which means that only 26% of households support the proposal.
10. The local ward member has agreed that, given the consultation results, the proposal should not go ahead.
11. It is therefore recommended that the proposed residents permit parking scheme should not be implemented.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	None
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	None
<b>Legal</b>	None
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	None
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Local residents and statutory consultees have been consulted.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Bamburgh

### Background papers:

File ref: HE185325

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### Report sign off.

***Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the report:***

	initials
Finance Officer	n/a
Monitoring Officer/Legal	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
I.T.	n/a
Director	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

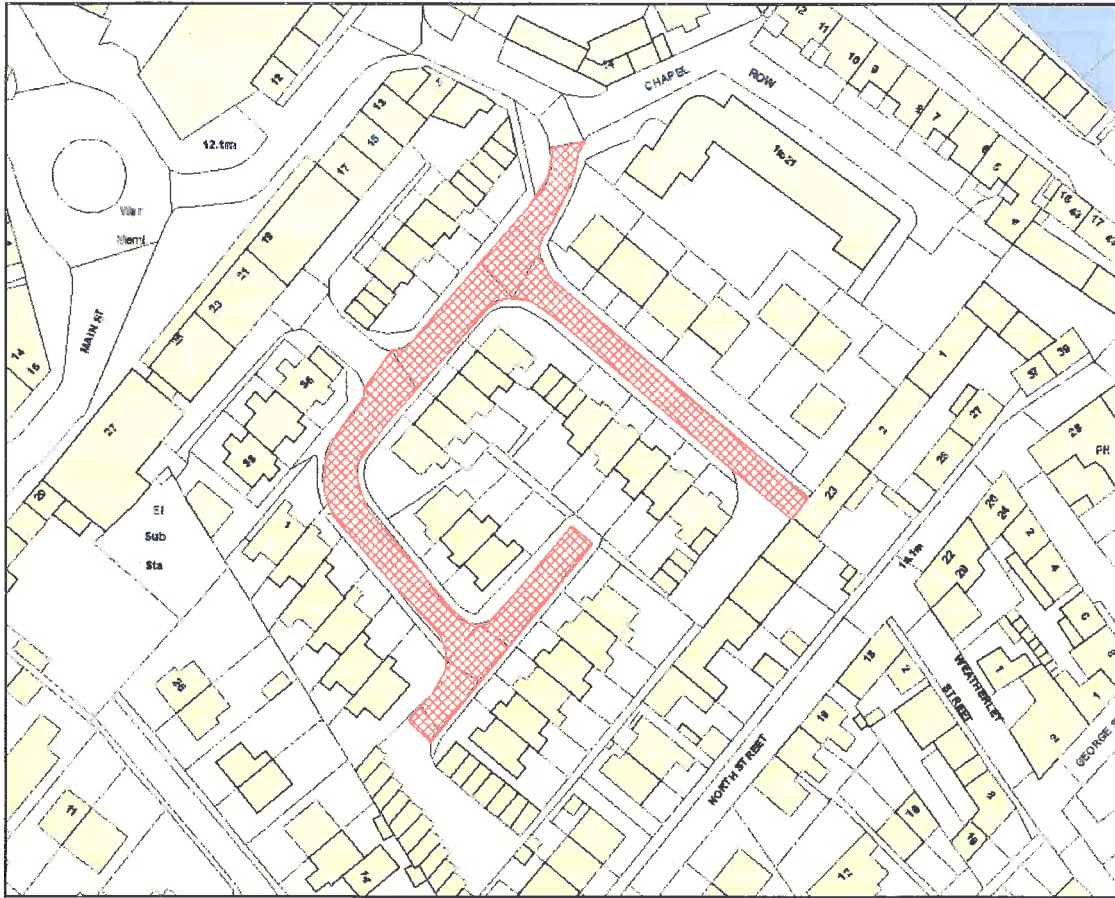
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## Appendix A - Consultation Plan



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### Appendix B - Consultation Responses

F O R	A G E I T N E S S E R	Other Relevant Comments
1		<p>With regard to a recent letter I received from the council regarding parking issues/solutions for Crumstone, whilst I agree that the issue needs to be addressed I have concerns as to the solution proposed</p> <p>How will the permit system be enforced? Will the council bring in a local contractor to clamp and tow vehicles? If a traffic warden is to be used how often will they patrol?</p> <p>Areas A &amp; B which I have also marked on the attached scan are also part of the issue, everyone has a garage but people park in front of them.</p> <p>Area C is also part of the issue.</p> <p>One of the main issues with parking is the number of staff from adjoining businesses parking on the junction of area C</p> <p>Also people staying at the ship hotel have been told by staff to park in Crumstone during busy periods</p> <p>I noted on a recent facebook post by a local councillor that one resident would require 3 parking permits as they have 3 vehicle in their household whilst only having enough space outside their house for 1 car.</p> <p>I do not own a car at the minute due to the amount of air travel I do for work and so I rent a car whenever I'm at home, would this mean I need to change the proposed permit for a new one every time I rent a different vehicle?</p> <p>On occasions I have been held up by delivery vehicles by uptown 20 minutes from either entering or leaving Crumstone.</p> <p>Also area D seems to becoming a personal storage area for the residents at number 1</p> <p>Unfortunately Crumstone and Seahouses were not designed for 2 and 3 car families nor were most of the villages along the coast.</p> <p>I believe a better solution would be more signage at the entrance to Crumstone and above all else people being a bit more considerate but not sure how you can implement that.</p>
1		<p>I have lived at this address for 40 years and have had very few problems with visitors.</p> <p>I do not want to pay £15 per year to park outside my own house.</p> <p>You could put a sign at the start of the estate to confirm that it is a no parking area.</p> <p>It would be very difficult to police as you hardly ever see a traffic warden on the street.</p>
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		Paul Liversidge North East Ambulance Service
1		Area included should extend to Main St.
1		I am very much in support of this proposal but I have serious concerns about how this restriction will be enforced. PEOPLE WILL ABUSE THIS RESTRICTION
1		There is already a system in place, there are road-signs at the entrance to Crumstone prohibiting motor vehicles unless they are accessing off street premises. This technically makes it an offence for anyone to drive into Crumstone unless they intend to drive into a drive or garage. This system has not been enforced or policed. Any new system will only work if it is policed and enforced, otherwise it is a complete waste of time and money. Can I also ask when the council intends to re-surface the road pavements. they are in a shocking state of repair.
1		I am in favour of the proposed resident parking scheme which I consider to be essential due to ever increasing parking problems. I would be willing to pay the proposed admin charge of £15 p.a.
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1		1. There is no Crumbstone. This is an appalling unchecked error in this survey. 2. I have two cars. How does the permit scheme impact that - two permits plus visitor? Overall agree with the proposals for Crumstone.
1		We are a family with three adults all working and all requiring their cars to travel to different parts of the county for work. Therefore one permit and one visitor permit will not work for us. Would it not be possible to have additional signage just after the Chapel Row junction i.e. Residents Only including signage on the road itself? Either that or a register of residents vehicles that traffic wardens could consult? ANd use this in conjunction with visitor parking permits issued to households.
1		I would prefer to park for free outside my own house as I have done for the last 30 years without difficulty. It would perhaps help if the access only sign was more prominent or if possible, a sign saying "Residents Parking Only"
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1		I have concerns regarding how this scheme would be policed when there are opportunities for cars to park out with the hours when the scheme would be implemented as cars park at holiday homes, to shop on the Main Street and to visit The Ship Hotel. The outline also does not include the area between the road into Crumstone and the garages belonging to 38, 37 and 35. This area is heavily populated by vehicles owned by the workers at Pinnacles Restaurant on Main St, and is always congested making entry to the rear of our property and indeed the garage very difficult. This is a major concern as we are unable to park at the front of our property due to the location in proximity to the bend in the road between ourselves and number 1. There is also a major concern regarding vehicles parking in Crumstone, and in particular the aforementioned area, from flats above Johnny's Amusements as these properties are being rented on a residential basis by George FWhite of Alnwick, residents are being told to park in Crumstone when they take up the lease, and these properties do not have any parking rights at all, in fact the plans were only passed for the properties on a holiday let basis only, with the proprietor-providing parking permits for the main car park situated off Main Street, but this does not happen causing major issues. The access road at the rear of 36, 37 and 38 is as I state a vehicular access road, and one of my fears is that if the plans are passed as proposed that the tenants from the flats will park in the access road hence restricting access to those 3 houses. So whilst I support the proposal in principal I would like to see the above areas addressed, and amended plans submitted before I can support in full.
1		The reason I have ticked No is because we have a system in place already and it is being abused and furthermore I am not prepared to pay for the privilege to park outside my front door!! I would suggest however that it would not do any harm to have double yellow lines put on the corners. It may stop cars parking on the footpaths on the corners because they have the paths just about ruined. A permit system will not be policed and and by the way I have been resident in 22 Crumstone for nigh on 47 years and not a thing has been done to improve any of the road or path surfaces - they are getting pretty hard up to say the least.
1		We acknowledge there is an issue and we both don't think this is the right solution, 1 permit for us and 1 guest won't be enough for the 2 car families so whenever they have a guest what would happen, would they be liable for a fine??? Would the permits be checked by a traffic warden??? We both feel this solution would end up backfiring on us being a 2 car household, our guests or visiting family members the ones being fined for not being able to have a permit. Our proposal going forward would be some kind of barrier with a code to open it, something like the ocean club. Our neighbour doesn't have a car, would she need to payout £15 just so people can visit her.



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	1	Not willing to pay to park on my drive and who will operate it as you can't operate main st parking.
1		I think this is long overdue & will alleviate all parking problems in that area caused by inconsiderate people evading parking charges. Maybe a system of free car parking could be looked at for residents to attract them to use car parks not residential streets. You have the wholehearted support for the scheme.
1		Our main problems are! 1. Visitors parking ignoring the signs at ship entrance. 2. People who rent flats above amusements on Main Street parking. 3. Customers of the Ship Hotel parking. 4. Employers of businesses on main street parking. 5. People who live on North street parking. Our other main concern is if this goes ahead how can we enforce it. We would also consider paying extra is the problem was resolved.
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**DECISION TAKEN**

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

**Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services**

**Subject:**

**PROPOSED RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING ZONE, CRUMSTONE, SEAHOUSES**

**Consultation**

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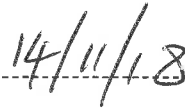
**Decision Taken:**

The proposed residents permit parking scheme should not be implemented.

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



**Date**



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