



# **Northumberland**

## **County Council**

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

**Paul Jones**

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**Introduction and amendments to various parking restrictions within the vicinity of Glendale Community Middle School and on the High Street in Wooler**

**27 November 2018**

**Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposed parking restrictions within the vicinity of Glendale Community Middle School in Wooler. This report also addresses the request to extend the time periods on the existing parking bays located on the High Street in Wooler.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the various parking restrictions inclusive of 'School Keep Clears' and 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are introduced within the vicinity of Glendale Community Middle School in Wooler.

This report also recommends an extension to the current permitted time periods for parking on the High Street in Wooler.

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

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

Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"

Learning - "We want you to achieve and realise your potential"

#### **Key Issues**

1. Demand for parking has intensified along Brewery Road where trip generators including The Riverside Bar, Doddington Dairy Milk Bar and Glendale Community Middle School are positioned.
2. Indiscriminate parking takes place within the mouth of the South Road/Brewery Road junction which limits inter-visibility.

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3. Due to the narrow road width and regularity of access requirements, the free flow of traffic is compromised which contributes to road safety concerns.
4. The 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions and 'School Keep Clear' markings are supported by Councillor Murray, Wooler Parish Council and Glendale Middle School.
5. The current time period for prospective customers to park on the High Street is 45 minutes. This is deemed insufficient to cater for the character and demands of the businesses in the area.
6. The increase in the permitted parking time period on the High Street is also supported by Councillor Murray, Wooler Parish Council and affected parties including local businesses in the area.

### Background

#### 1 Introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Brewery Road, Wooler

The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions and 'School Keep Clear' markings on Brewery Road in Wooler forms part of the 2018/19 LTP and a contribution is also being made from Councillor Murray's members allocation. The scheme is being proposed on road safety grounds to prevent indiscriminate parking.

The popularity of local businesses on Brewery Road has led to an increase in the level of parking. A balance is therefore sought to maintain parking where it is deemed appropriate, whilst also protecting junction visibility and facilitating the safe passage of vehicles along the route. Displacement of vehicular parking is likely to be minimal and availability of parking will be maintained using existing off street provision (see **Photograph 1**).



**Photograph 1: South Road junction with Brewery Road showing proposed location of restrictions (Google street view image)**



### 2 Introduction of 'School Keep Clear' markings on Brewery Road, Wooler

'School Keep Clear' markings are commonplace outside the majority of schools. Their purpose is to prevent parking or stopping in an area where pupils access and egress the school. They effectively reduce or eliminate the conflict that could arise between moving traffic and Vulnerable Road Users (VRU's). It is understood that pupils enter and exit the school via a footpath which leads to a narrow footway on Brewery Road. This area would benefit from remaining clear from parked vehicles so that a visible presence of pupils is maintained for traffic travelling in both directions (see **Photograph 2**).



**Photograph 2: Glendale Middle School showing proposed area for 'School Keep Clear' markings on Brewery Road (Google street view image)**

### 3 Extension of the current permitted parking time period on the High Street in Wooler

The existing parking provision on the High Street consists of 'Monday – Saturday 8am – 6pm, 45 minutes, no return within 3 hours' bays. Following discussions with the Parish Council and local businesses operating in the area, 2 hours has been agreed as a more suitable for those using the shops. The intention is to enhance the user experience of those visiting and making use of the shops in an area where affording extended time for off street parking provision is limited.

The increase in time period for parking from 45 minutes to 2 hours will also allow us to improve our Civil Parking Enforcement practice which is currently difficult when operating within a limited window of 45 minutes. (see **Photograph 3**).



**Photograph 3: High Street Wooler, existing parking bays with permitted parking for 45 minutes (Google street view image)**

### 4 Summary

This scheme will introduce:

- 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at the junction where South Road meets Brewery Road
- 'School Keep Clear' markings outside Glendale Community Middle School
- Extension of the current permitted parking time period on the High Street in Wooler from 'Monday – Saturday 8am – 6pm, 45 minutes, no return within 3 hours' bays to 'Monday – Saturday 8am – 6pm, 2 hours, no return within 3 hours' bays.

Details of the proposals are shown on the plan at Appendix A.

Council Officers have worked closely with Councillor Murray and Wooler Parish Council on the scheme.

Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Orders.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will be financed from LTP 2018/19 inclusive of a contribution from the elected member's fund.
<b>Legal</b>	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO-006-22) Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO-005-34)
<b>Procurement</b>	Signage and road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders
<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"/>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Business owners will benefit from parking allocation that closely aligns with the current habits. Road users inclusive of VRU's will benefit from increased road safety measures.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	Maintaining the free flow of traffic assists with carbon reduction
<b>Wards</b>	Wooler

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### **Background papers:**

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TROs\HE185325-43 Various Restrictions Wooler\TRO's and Notices

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

### **Report sign off.**

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

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

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**DECISION TAKEN**

**Title of Officer:** Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:** Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at the junction where South Road meets Brewery Road.  
Proposed 'School Keep Clear' markings outside Glendale Community Middle School.  
Proposed extension of the current permitted parking time period on the High Street in Wooler from 'Monday – Saturday 8am – 6pm, 45 minutes, no return within 3 hours' bays to Monday – Saturday 8am – 6pm, 2 hours, no return within 3 hours' bays

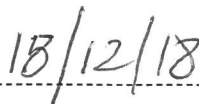
**Consultation:** Information letters sent to affected properties and statutory consultees – proposal part of LTP 2018/19 and supported by Local County Councillor, the Parish Council and has been notified to Northumbria Police.

**Decision Taken:** To introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at the junction where South Road meets Brewery Road.  
To introduce 'School Keep Clear' markings outside Glendale Community Middle School  
To extend the current permitted parking time period on the High Street in Wooler from 'Monday – Saturday 8am – 6pm, 45 minutes, no return within 3 hours' bays to Monday – Saturday 8am – 6pm, 2 hours, no return within 3 hours' bays.

Signature of Director



Date





## Appendix A - Scheme Plan

