



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

Paul Jones

**Proposed Parking Restrictions,
Junction of New Ridley Road and Batt House Road, Stocksfield**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow lines) restrictions on New Ridley Road, Stocksfield at its junction with Batt House Road.

Recommendations

It is recommended that No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (Double yellow Lines) be introduced on Ridley Road at its junction with Batt House Road, Stocksfield.

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

1. Reports have been received regarding indiscriminate parking at the junction of Ridley Road, with Batt House Road, Stocksfield. This causes concerns regarding driver and pedestrian safety in the vicinity.
2. The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Dale, through her members' Local Improvement Allowance.
3. The majority of consultees were in favour of the proposals.

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Background

1. Residents contacted their local Ward member with concerns regarding inconsiderate drivers parking on or near the junction of Ridley Road, with Batt House Road, Stocksfield.
2. Indiscriminate parking at the junction is making it difficult for residents to negotiate this junction safely.
3. After meeting with Councillor Dale, Officers proposed that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced at the junction in order to alleviate these concerns.
4. A consultation letter was sent to 23 Residents and 28 statutory consultees on the proposed parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A
5. 11 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 7 in favour and 1 against the proposal. 3 consultees did not express a preference. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
6. A number of consultees recommended that the parking restrictions be increased on Batt House Road and on New Ridley Road to take into account the topography.
7. The results of the consultation were discussed with Councillor Dale, who agreed that the consultees suggestions should be taken into account and the restrictions amended accordingly. The revised restrictions are shown in Appendix C.
8. The scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Anne Dale through her Members' Local Improvement Allocation

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Anne Dale
Legal	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
Procurement	
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	
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. Obstruction / congestion of the highway
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for pedestrians, residents and road users in the area
Carbon reduction	
Wards	Stocksfield & Broomhaugh

Background papers:

File ref: HO186430

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Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B - Consultation Response

Appendix C - Final Design

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Report sign off.

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

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Monitoring Officer/Legal	
Human Resources	
Procurement	
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Date: 6th June 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposed Parking Restrictions,
Junction of New Ridley Road and Batt House Road, Stocksfield**

Road users have raised concerns with County Councillor Dale, regarding vehicles being parked too close to the junction of New Ridley Road / Batt House Road, Stocksfield, causing traffic safety issues. Councillor Dale has therefore requested that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced at this junction in order to alleviate these concerns.

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the proposal to introduce No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions on the junction of C258 New Ridley Road with U8124 Batt House Road, Stocksfield as shown the attached plan.

If you have any comments or observations regarding this proposal please can you email or write to Highways Programme, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF before the 6th July 2018

Yours faithfully

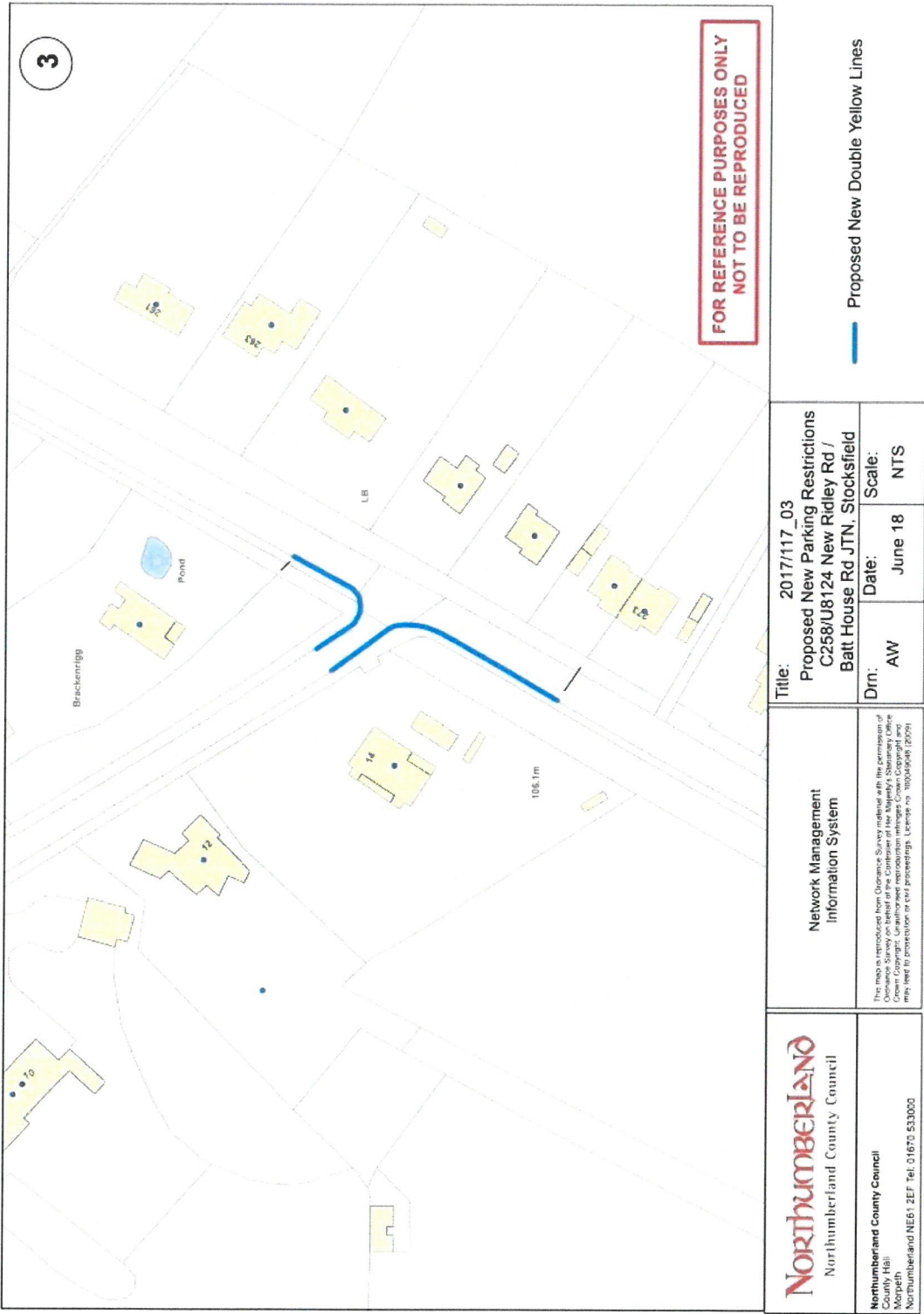
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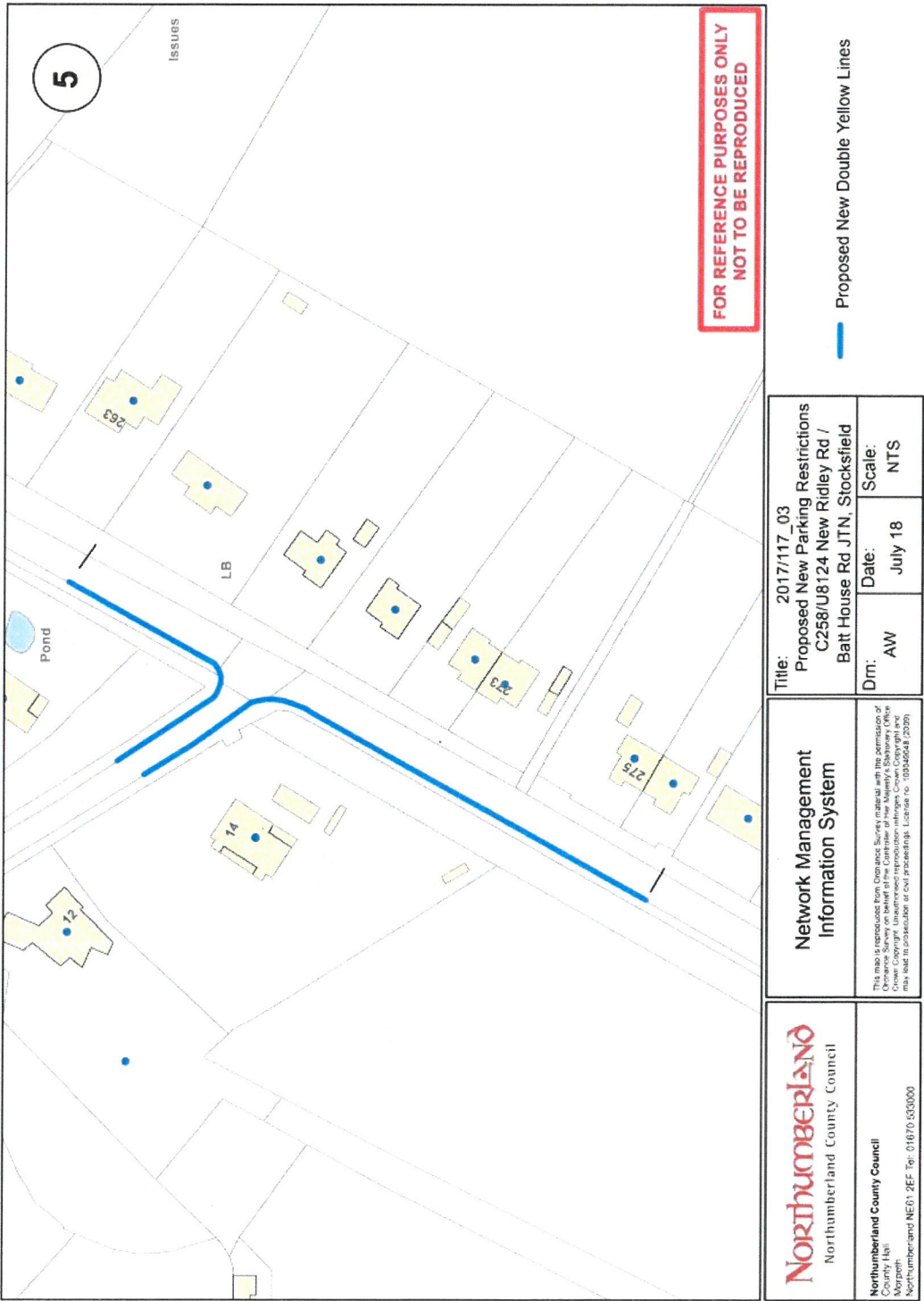
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Appendix B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	
			Other Relevant Comments
		1	Phone: The restrictions do not go far enough. The vehicles that park near the junction will only move further down Batt House Road. This should be RESIDENTS PARKING ONLY
1			Thank you for your letter dated 6 June 2018 regarding the above. This problem has been ongoing for some time now and we have also had a letter from Northumbria Police stating that you should not park on the pavement, and if this problem continued that a fine would be imposed. This letter resulted in action for a while but did not last. The main problem is that at No.XX Batt House Road, there is a business operating from there and staff park on New Ridley Road. Also what has been exacerbating the problem is that land behind No.XX Batt House Road is busy having a new property built, along with No.10 Batt House Road property being re-built. All this adding to the congestion at present. As I am not too sure what your proposal entails, meaning a sign showing the parking restriction or in fact double yellow lines painted on the road or both. If it was one or the other I would think the double yellow lines may have more of an impact and this would be supported by both myself and my husband.
1			Re the proposed parking restrictions Batt House Road/New Ridley Road both myself and my wife are in full support of the proposal. Please thank Anne Dale for supporting our concern over this junction.
1			Having received your letter today regarding the above parking restrictions, I am writing to confirm that as a resident affected by them I am completely in agreement with their implementation. Having been affected over many years every day by anything up to six cars/vans plus belonging to people who are not residents, I am all in favour of the proposed restrictions and if anything extending the lines slightly further into Stocksfield village. The cars are usually parked well on to the pavement making it difficult for pedestrians as well as causing a hazard for vehicles heading into the village coming over the rise in the road, also in winter weather making it difficult to turn into residents drives as a wider sweep in is needed. I hope these comments are useful in coming to a decision.
1			Ref Junction of New Ridley Road and Batt House Road I am totally in agreement with the proposed restrictions. I am totally in agreement with the proposed restrictions. It is amazing that there has not been a serious accident at this junction and I look forward to the restrictions being implemented.
			Further to my telephone conversation with you I would like to give strong support for the provision of double yellow lines at the junction of New Ridley Road and Batt House Road Stocksfield having experienced several near misses especially from cars/lorries travelling from the direction of New Ridley Village as they are obscured by a brow of a hill. I am scanning to you your plan where I have identified the brow of the hill and also suggested the double yellow lines be extended further on both Batt House and New Ridley.
1			 <p>2 - Proposed extent of double lines</p> <p>Brow of Hill</p>

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		thank you for your letter of June 6th, giving the details of the above proposal. We shall be very pleased to see these parking restrictions. In fact we would recommend that they extend further up and down the blind hump in the road that causes all the problems. Our drive is at the bottom of the slope, if drivers park beyond the double yellow lines, they will make exit from our drive hazardous. We already have to 'see each other out' as traffic can come over the hill too fast to stop before our exit. We have witnessed many near misses. Thanking you again and looking forward to hearing from you.
1		We understand that parking restrictions may be introduced at the junction of New Ridley Road and Batt House Road. We live at xxx New Ridley Road and fully understand the need to address the parking problem at this junction. The problem has become increasingly evident over the last few years. As you will be aware cars parked on New Ridley Road close to this junction block the sight line for cars coming out of Batt House Road. Equally dangerously these parked cars force vehicles coming from New Ridley onto the wrong side of the road. The tendency has been for cars to be parked half on the pavement, this has meant that a vehicle coming from New Ridley still has room to pass, even if a vehicle is travelling in the opposite direction. We are not condoning pavement parking, the problems caused by vehicles obstructing the footpath are very real. It is well recognised that vehicles drive at excess speed on New Ridley Road, therefore any accident is likely to be very serious. Regardless of the decision about parking restrictions, speeding on New Ridley Road needs to be addressed. Our main concern is that if the restrictions are placed exactly as proposed then cars may be parked fully on the road and just before the blind summit, making an accident even more likely. To prevent this the restrictions need to be extended much further along New Ridley Road, so that vehicles are on the correct side of the road before and at the blind summit. Placing the restrictions in the wrong place will make the situation more dangerous than it is at present. Our house is just over the brow of the hill and manoeuvring onto and off of our drive would be incredibly difficult and dangerous were a vehicle to be parked across the road. We trust that these observations will be of assistance and look forward to hearing from you in due course.
1		I am writing in response to your letter on behalf of Mr Dixxxx (Copied in) , reference above, with regards to your proposal contained therein. Mr Dixxxx has dictated these comments and would like to object to the proposal of introducing a "No Waiting At Any Time" Restriction as marked in blue on the map as this means no guests or visitors can park outside his home as the area proposed extends past the entrance and is directly outside the gate/access area. Firstly it needs to be noted that all the cars parked in these places over the past few months are not just from Mr Dixxxx's property. On both the land of Mr Fxxx next door and the land the next house down there has been a totally new house built and a complete renovation of the other and builders vans and wagons have been doing work and supplying goods on these premises. Looking at the suggested no waiting at any time the result of the effect of such a proposal only affects Mr Dixxxx's property and access. Mr Dixxxx does not accept that due to other complainants that he should bear the responsibility solely for these complaints and if anyone who is visiting Mr Dixxxx's property parks on the corner or to the right of the gates on exit they are immediately asked to remove and park elsewhere. Mr Dixxxx has 4 cars of his own and should he wish to park them outside of his drive he should be allowed to do so being that he pays all taxes and road taxes just like everyone else in the street should. To add to this Mr Dixxxx has electric gates on his property for security and anyone visiting the property has to park outside and ring the bell to gain entrance by a person inside opening the gates. If you put the no waiting restrictions where you are suggesting it will prevent visitors stopping to wait for access unless the gates are left open at all times which obviously not only defeats the purpose of having gates it is a security risk. Mr Dixxxx would be happy to consider the markings on the corner, as suggested, and even down to the gate but no further as this will cause problems with access through the electric gates. (marked in orange on attached plan)
	1	I would inform you that as an Emergency Service we recognise and appreciate the need for restrictions to improve road safety.. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
	1	The Parish Council met last night and supports the proposal in respect of the A695. With regard to New Ridley Road and Mount View Terrace, the Council expressed no view. I understand from Mrs Dale that Birch's Nook is to be reviewed.
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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer:

Service Director, Local Services

Subject:

Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,
New Ridley Road, Stocksfield at its junction with Batt
House Road, Spittal

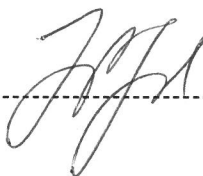
Consultation

For: 7
Against: 1
Neutral: 3

Decision Taken:

To introduce the parking restrictions as proposed

Signature of Director



Date

