



Northumberland County Council

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

PAUL JONES

**EXPERIMENTAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON RATCLIFFE ROAD AND
CHURCH STREET, HAYDON BRIDGE**

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the effects of the experimental parking restrictions introduced on Ratcliffe Road and Church Street in Haydon Bridge on 3rd April 2017.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the following experimental parking restrictions are introduced on a permanent basis following the experimental 12 months period:-

- No Waiting (double yellow lines) are introduced on Ratcliffe Road.
- No Waiting (double yellow lines) are introduced on Church Street.

Link to Corporate Plan

How - "We want to be efficient, open and work for everyone"

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

Connecting - "We want you to have access to the things you need"

Key Issues

1. On 3rd April 2017 experimental restrictions were introduced following concerns being raised with the council regarding the junction of Church Street and Ratcliffe Road following a number of reports of vehicles parking inconsiderately, reducing the width of the carriageway and reducing sightlines.
2. During the period of the experiment the council has received no feedback or further complaints and therefore assumes that the experimental order is working well.

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3. The scheme is supported by Local County Councillor Alan Sharp and Haydon Bridge Parish Council, and is being funded through the Local Transport Plan.

Background

1. Council Officers have been working with Local County Councillor Alan Sharp and Haydon Bridge Parish Council following road safety concerns raised by residents and businesses regarding inconsiderate parking around the junction of Ratcliffe Road and Church Street.
2. It was reported that inconsiderate parking was occurring around the junction of Ratcliffe Road and Church Street on the west side of the bridge, which results in poor visibility and reduced carriageway widths.
3. Following discussions with Local County Councillor Alan Sharp and Haydon Bridge Parish Council it was agreed that parking restrictions should be introduced in the area. When parking restrictions are introduced, they tend to disperse the parked vehicles to various locations within the vicinity. Due to the close proximity of residential properties, local shops and the bridge, it was agreed to introduce the "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions on Church Street and Ratcliffe Road as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. This allows for minor amendments to be made to the parking restrictions throughout the experimental period if any unforeseen issues occur as a result of the experimental restrictions.
4. On 3rd April 2017 when the experimental restrictions were introduced, local residents and businesses were sent a letter inviting them to submit any feedback they wished to provide on the experimental restrictions.
5. Since the restriction were introduced, there have been no further complaints regarding inconsiderate parking in the area and no feedback was received as a result of the request for feedback. We can only assume from the lack of feedback that the restrictions introduced are having a positive effect in the area and the road safety concerns have been addressed.
6. From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concerns raised, and it is usual that some sections of the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. Bearing in mind the reduction in complaints regarding the affected area since the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order was introduced, and the lack of responses received from the request for feedback, it is assumed that the experiment has worked well and should be introduced on a permanent basis.

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Recommendations

7. it is recommended that the "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions on Ratcliffe Road and Church Street should be made into a permanent Traffic Regulation Order. A plan of the extent of the proposed permanent Traffic Regulations is attached as Appendix A.
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 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 an inquiry is not held.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed by LTP
Legal	None
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	Areas suffer from inconsiderate parking resulting in increase road safety concerns.
Crime & Disorder	The schemes will promote a safer environment and may reduced any potential antisocial behavior
Customer Consideration	Road users and pedestrians will benefit from parking restrictions
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Haydon and Hadrian

Background papers:

None

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Report sign off.

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Experimental Parking Restrictions on Ratcliffe Road and Church Street, Haydon Bridge

Decision Taken: The restrictions below are introduced as a permanent Traffic Regulation Order following the 12 month experimental period.

- Introduce “No Waiting at Any Time” (double yellow line) Parking Restrictions to Ratcliffe Road
- Introduce “No Waiting at Any Time” (double yellow line) Parking Restrictions to Church Street

Signature of Director



Date

