



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

**PROPOSED 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' PARKING RESTRICTION, ST
JAMES ESTATE, ALNWICK**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to provide a 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restriction (double yellow lines) at St James Estate, Alnwick.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restriction 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 residents via the local ward member about traffic congestion caused by parked cars at St James Estate in Alnwick.

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Background

1. The County Council has received concerns from residents via the local ward member about traffic congestion caused by parked cars at St James Estate in Alnwick.
2. St James Estate is located on a section of road that, along with Willowburn Avenue to the south, and Victoria Terrace and Wagonway Road to the north, forms one of the main traffic routes in Alnwick. It is part of the main route to the new high school and is a bus route.
3. None of the properties on the east side of the road have off-street parking so residents and visitors park on the road. These parked cars cause traffic to build up at busy times, particularly when there are also cars parked on the west side of the road. The problem has reportedly become worse since the new high school opened.
4. In response to the concerns raised residents were consulted on a proposal to provide double yellow lines on the east side of the road. A copy of the consultation plan is shown in Appendix A.
5. The results were:
 - For: 10 (48%)
 - Against: 10 (48%)
 - Neutral: 1 (4%)

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

6. The responses received show that there is an insufficient level of support amongst residents for parking restrictions, particularly from those on the east side of the road who do not have off-street parking.
7. Some of the comments received expressed concern that removing the parked cars, whilst easing congestion, would have the unintended effect of increasing traffic speeds.
8. There has only been one recorded slight injury accident on this section of road which occurred at the junction of Greensfield Avenue in 2015. Therefore, there are currently no road safety reasons to take action in this area.
9. The local ward member has agreed that, given the consultation results and comments, the proposal should not go ahead.
10. It is therefore recommended that the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restriction should not be implemented.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

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| Policy | |
| Finance and value for money | None |
| 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 | None |
| Crime & Disorder | None |
| Customer Consideration | Local residents and statutory consultees have been consulted. |
| Carbon reduction | None |
| Wards | Bamburgh |

Background papers:

File ref: HE185325

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Report sign off.

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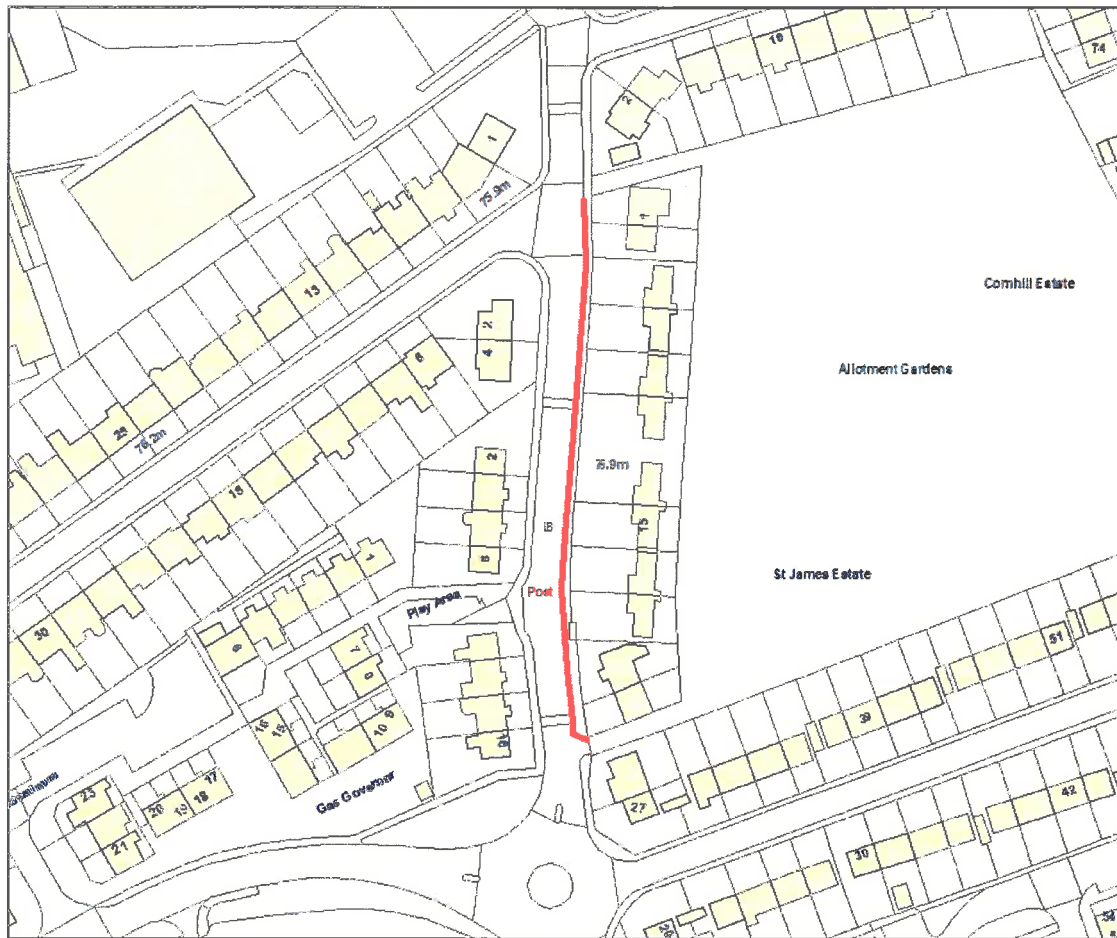
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| Finance Officer | n/a |
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| Director | |
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Appendix A - Consultation Plan



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Appendix B - Consultation Responses

| F O R | S T | N E I T H E R | Other Relevant Comments |
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| | 1 | | <p>As there are occupants cars parked permanently on the west side of the road (even in the bus stop area) Where are delivery and work vans supposed to load and unload on the east??</p> <p>I don't object to restricting residents parking permanently, but object to DOUBLE yellow lines!!!</p> <p>This road was never suitable for the amount of traffic which now use it, and with more buildings being erected at this end of town, it is becoming both dangerous and unbearable.</p> <p>Now we are being penalised to stop at our own front doors!!!!</p> |
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| | 1 | | <p>Something does need to be done about this road. This is not the answer. They are all pensioners who live in these bungalows, some have carers coming a few times a day, some rely on family and friends coming to visit and take them shopping also help them in the home some have cars of their own which the need to get them out the house, where are they expected to park these cars? as there is no parking on the other side of the road. I think you need to look further along the road to the co operative state as the parking there is terrible. All the houses over the road have drives to park the cars except for one, this is the houses opposite the bungalows.</p> |
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| | 1 | | <p>Thank you for your correspondence dated 26th 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 outpatient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.</p> |
| 1 | | | <p>I can't believe it's taken so long for something to be done here, it is stupid having double parking in one of the main roads into town. The quicker the parking is restricted the better, it is really irritating being stuck there because of one thoughtless driver.</p> |
| 1 | | | <p>I don't think this proposal goes far enough. The erratic parking on the whole of this road through from Wagonway Road, Victoria Terrace to St James Estate is dangerous. This is a bus route and yet people park anywhere outside the shops. The view of drivers emerging from Swansfield Park Road is often blocked by people parking on double yellow lines and even on the pavement completely. This is a disaster for pedestrians who often haven't a clue who's doing what and when with their vehicle. There doesn't seem much point in spending money on new yellow lines when the ones we have are not managed and don't get me started on blue badge holders.... I wish you luck!</p> |
| 1 | | | <p>I have lived on St James Estate for nearly 9 years now and the volume of traffic has risen over the past few years. My main concern is speeding and the cars that may be causing the traffic congestion are acutely slowing the traffic down on the approach to the roundabout. This is starting to be a very dangerous stretch of road and feel that yellow lines will only increase the speeding along this road. Also the bungalows are where elderly people live and to ask these to cross a very busy road isn't a great idea. How about turning the grass areas outside the bungalows into parking bays for St James residents?</p> |

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| | 1 | | If double yellow lines are to be put on the east side of the road, they should be taken to the roundabout as cars park there too, causing obstruction for cars coming out of the allotments. The bus stop on the west side of the road often has cars parked also, preventing the buses pulling properly of the road. Needs looking into. |
| | 1 | | No1 & No3 St James Estate have driveways and we have to be able to stop & wait outside for a break in the traffic flow both ways before being able to access these driveways. There is no double parking issues outside these properties as we are directly opposite Greenfield Avenue junction and therefore should not be included in any parking restrictions if they were to go ahead. This is a residential estate not a main road. Parked cars are a good thing as they keep car speeds down and I can't believe you want cars to go faster as this is in a school area. |
| 1 | | | Will there be someone to ensure that the restriction is enforced? |
| | 1 | | I live on the east side of St James Estate. Have done for 5 years and in last couple of years seen a build up of vehicle traffic due to increased public transport and the new high school. I don't have a vehicle, but may want one in the future. Those that have vehicles who live on the east side where are they going to park up 24/7? There's always an alternative (at a cost). A proposal, there's a substantial amount of grass area at front of bungalows on east side. How about off street parking at each bungalow or a layby running the entire length of carriageway where permitted. Sadly there's the cost, but in long term it would benefit all concerned. |
| 1 | | | Make the grass area beside the roundabout into parking bays. |
| | 1 | | I just can't believe someone from NCC has had the bright idea for parking restriction outside aged persons' bungalows! Access? This road is absolutely terrible for boy racers speeding, especially during weekend late nights! This proposed scheme would definitely exacerbate this. Traffic obstruction is mostly caused by cars double parked outside the fish shop and Co-op store, not the bungalows! If this system is implemented, will you provide me with a designated car parking space for no. 7? Most importantly will NCC provide safe crossing outside the bungalows? As it is hazardous and will only get worse if this system is implemented. |
| | 1 | | We strongly object to this proposal. We live at no.1 - see map - it is on the junction of Greensfield Avenue. This road is a housing estate and due to the number of new estates now built, the road has become increasingly busy over the years to the point now - DANGEROUS - the new High School having huge impact on traffic. There are times when it is impossible to reverse out of our drive - the speed of cars also hugely increased. People parking along this road does slow the traffic. Speed restriction urgently needed. 1. I wish for a site meeting face to face to discuss this. 2. Discuss the possibility of part of the road "No Waiting". 3. Please be aware a lot of residents already use alternative parking for extra vehicles. |
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| | 1 | | I cannot understand why double yellow lines would help to stop congestion at St James' Estate as there are fewer car owners on this part of the road than other parts. Further along the road there are more cars on this side of the road and I think moving those would help the flow of the traffic far more. Speed is the main problem on this road and double yellow lines would only make this worse. |
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DECISION TAKEN

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

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

Subject:

PROPOSED 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME'
PARKING RESTRICTION, ST JAMES ESTATE,
ALNWICK

Consultation

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Decision Taken:

The proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restriction is NOT implemented.

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



Date

14/11/18

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