



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

Paul Jones

**Proposed Residents Parking Zone & No Waiting At Any Time
Restrictions U8290 Kingsgate, Hexham**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of Residents Permit Parking Zone and No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Kingsgate, Hexham.

Recommendations

Taking into account, comments made during the consultation process, It is recommended that the following restrictions are not introduced:
Residents Permit Parking Zone and No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Lines) restrictions on Kingsgate, Hexham.

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. Notification of indiscriminate parking on Kingsgate, Hexham.
2. Scheme was to be funded by Councillor Cessford, through his members Local Improvement Allowance.
3. The majority of consultees were not in favour of the proposals

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Background

1. Residents contacted their local Ward member with concerns regarding inconsiderate drivers parking on Kingsgate, Hexham.
2. After meeting with Councillor Cessford, Officers proposed that "Residents Permit Parking Zone and No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced on Kingsgate.
3. A consultation letter was sent to 17 Residents and 28 statutory consultees on the proposed parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A
4. 34 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 5 in favour and 23 against the proposal 6 consultees did not express a preference. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
5. Based on the feedback received it is recommended that the proposed scheme does not proceed.

Kingsgate Terrace/Cockshaw Junction Hexham



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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 Trevor Cessford
Legal	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
Procurement	Signage to meet regulations
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	None identified
Wards	Hexham West & Hexham Central with Acomb

Background papers:

File ref: 2018/045

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Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B - Consultation Response

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Report sign off.

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer:

Service Director, Local Services

Subject:

Proposed Residents Permit Parking Zone and No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Lines) restrictions on Kingsgate, Hexham.

Consultation

For: 5
Against: 23
Neutral: 6

Decision Taken:

Not to introduce the Proposed Residents Permit Parking Zone and No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Lines) restrictions on Kingsgate, Hexham.

Signature of Director



Date

26/9/18



Northumberland County Council

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Your ref:

Our ref: 2018/045

Enquiries to: Ms Sarah Hudson

Email: HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk

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Date: Wednesday 20th June 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Residents Parking Zone & No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions U8290 Kingsgate, Hexham

Concerns have been raised by residents regarding the parking on Kingsgate, Hexham which is causing obstruction and safety issues. Requests have also been received by Councillor Cessford to look into the possibility of introducing a residents permit parking scheme.

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 proposals, to introduce a 'Residents Parking Zone' at U8290 Kingsgate, Hexham as shown on the attached plan.

Signs would be erected as necessary indicating where Resident Permit Parking is in operation. Bays would not be provided within the zone as they are not required for this type of restriction. To cover administrative costs, residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits. (Currently £15 a year per permit, equivalent to £1.25 per month). A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking.

A freepost response form is enclosed for you to return your views, or you can email them to HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk. I would welcome a reply by **Wednesday 18th July 2018**. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to all individual comments. You may also wish to note that any comments received may be included in a Decision Report and may be available for public inspection.

I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

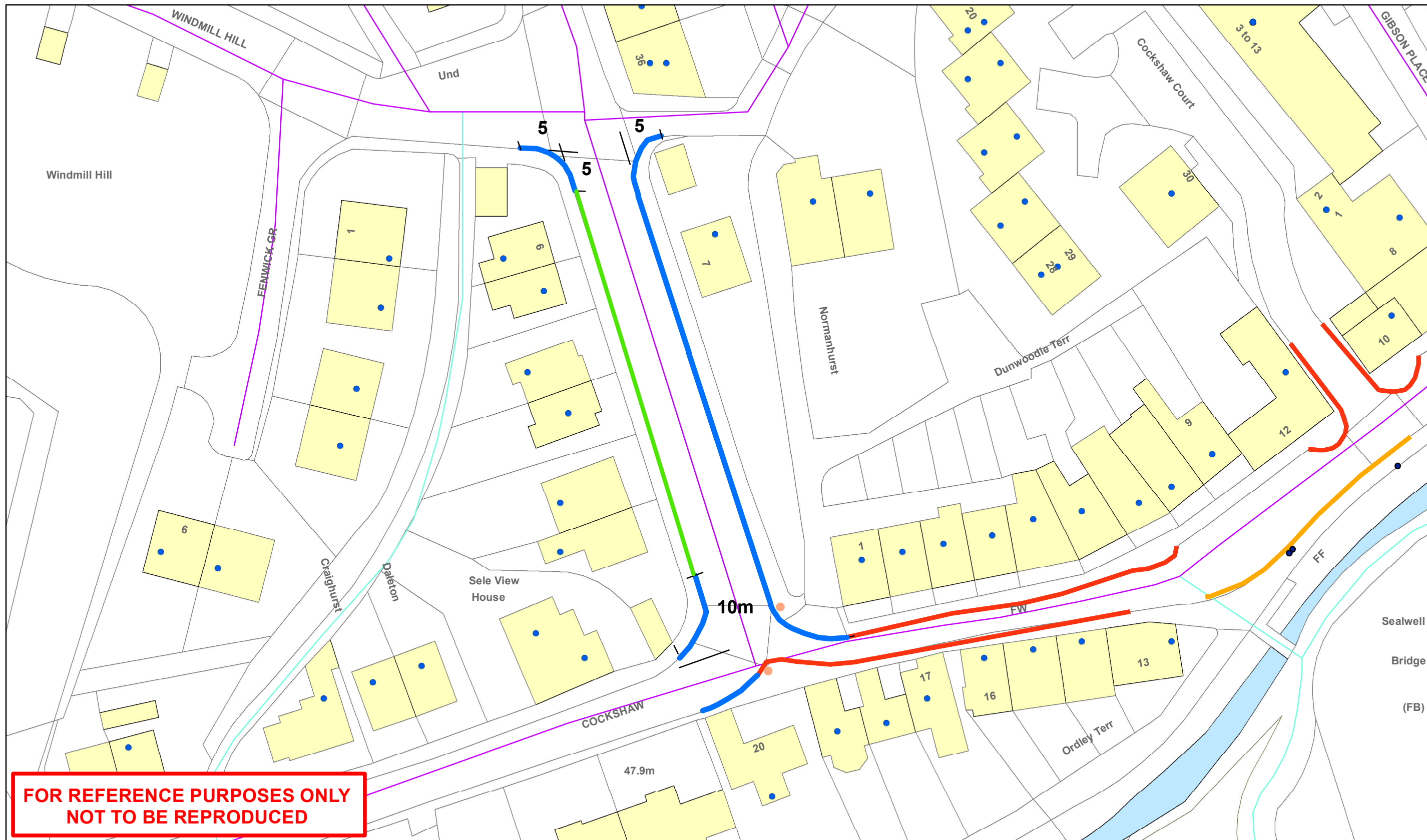
I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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Technical Assistant (Members Small Schemes)





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Title: 2018/045
Proposed Parking Restrictions
U8290 Kingsgate Hexham

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- Existing Parking Restrictions
- Existing Parking Restrictions
- Proposed New Parking Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines)
- Proposed Residents Parking Zone (7 Properties)

Appendix B

Thoroughfare	Post Code	F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
Cockshaw Terrace				1	Can see no point in yellow lines on the right side of the street. Supports the restrictions near 6 kingsgate. Request to extend the lines near Sele View House past garage doors. Also 20mph zone for this area
Kingsgate	NE46 3QY			1	Double yellow lines on the four corners of site are essential. Residents parking permits yes if wanted (I am not a car owner). No to double yellow lines on the eastern side of the road. This is used by residents or Dunwoodie Terrace, who have nowhere else to park. Perhaps they could have parking permits to park in this area? Kingsgate is also used by parents taking children to sele school. Would there be arrangements for them to park for a limited time. Just to drop and pick up children but prevent them parking all day.
Kingsgate	NE46 3QY	1			I fully support the proposal for residents parking zone on Kingsgate. the permit parking would be so much safer and allow easier access up the street for emergency and commercial vehicles. I would be interested to hear how the residents only parking zone would be monitored to ensure compliance as I do ha fears that some people would ignore the provision and park regardless.
Kingsgate Terrace	NE43 3EP		1		I'm sorry but I believe this proposal to be ridiculous!. Some vehicles belonging to people on Cockshaw have to park on Kingsgate (your proposed "yellow lines" area). Where do you think they will now park given that there are already yellow lines down by their houses at cockshaw burn???? They will be forced to go further up cockshaw towards Westbourne Grove and overcrowd it with vehicles OR up onto Kingsgate Terrace which is already congested!. I pay my road tax the same as a resident of Kingsgate (your prosposed "residents only parking" area). Why should they enjoy their own exclusive private parking?
Kingsgate Terrace	NE43 3EP		1		I don't support this because you aren't leaving enough parking for residents. You are only leaving space for 7 properties when there is more than that, where are the other residents going to park their cars.
Kingsgate Terrace	NE43 3EP	1			I think it would be a great idea for the members of Kingsgate to get parking permits to be allowed to park there cars on street. But one question would it be guaranteed that we will definitely get a parking place.
Kingsgate Terrace	NE43 3EP	1			I would be happy to pay £15 a year to ensure I was able to park in my street as lots of parents dropping off and collecting their children from the sele Park here
Dunwoodie Terrace	NE46 3QT		1		I write in order to lodge a complaint/objection against the proposals. I wholeheartedly disagree with the plan as being the correct way to alleviate parking problems in this area of Hexham. As a resident on Dunwoodie Terrace for 14 years I am unaware of any accidents/collisions relating to parking problems and the junction/corner and would appreciate being enlightened as to what this is based on. Additionally, I am somewhat concerned this has been tabled as a proposal without fully notifying the actual residents concerned. The residents of some areas of Cockshaw/all of Dunwoodie Terrace and all of Ordley Terrace have been kept in the dark and completely excluded from this exercise, further more there are no signs outlining the proposal which seems some what underhanded. Along Dunwoodie Terrace and Ordley Terrace areas there have already been double yellow lines which have compounded parking issues along all these streets and the proposal will simply increase the magnitude of the issue. I, as well as other residents will be aware that the bigger issue is with people from shops/offices/shoppers parking in this area for the entire day - together with parents dropping off/picking up from Sele First School at peak school times. When you consulted about the management proposals regarding Dunwoodie/Cockshaw/Ordley Terrace last year I did, in my objection, state I was not adverse to a permit scheme but that sufficient permits per household needed to be available ie 2 residents and one visitor permit per home. Unfortunately this was totally ignored and no feedback was provided to this suggestion. There are resolutions to be had to this issue but the proposed scheme is not one. Double yellow lines on one side of Kingsgate will merely push the parking problems further afield to other streets and provide no resolution whatsoever. I do not deem the parking on both sides of the street to cause any danger or obstruction whatsoever. Could the street be made one way for instance as a solution to ensure a free flow of traffic along this street? Could this entire section of hexham be made permit holders only but all the same permit meaning all residents of the several streets are able to find parking when necessary and without the visitors who cause more of an issue? I did raise in my objection last year, that when lining the road, the no entry to the top of Ordley Terrace/Dunwoodie Terrace should be made clearer as vehicles regularly go the wrong way down this street, again this was ignored and not responded to/dealt with. I have a young child and elderly parents meaning that if you compound the current parking problems it will be dangerous for my small child simply living in her home/unviable for my parents to visit due to distances required in parking from my home.

Dunwoodie Terrace	NE46 3QT	1	<p>My first objection is that the people that will be affected the most have not been informed, I was told by a neighbour who was told by one of the people living on Kingsgate. So I feel that the people that will be affected by the proposal have had no consideration in this matter from the council. There are plus minus 20 cars between Dunwoodie Terrace and Audley Terrace and we are the ones that park on the road that you are proposing to block. It seems to me that to appease 1 person you will be taking parking away from 10 people which will create a problem further up cockshaw and Kingsgate Terrace. I do believe that the people living in the areas that will be affected should also know your intentions. Also the lady living in Dunwoodie Terrace asked someone at the council where we are supposed to park and she replied at the Wentworth and walk home from there, she is in her late seventies with rheumatoid arthritis and it's about a mile walk. This has upset me deeply as I feel that if this is the kind of person looking after the people of hexham then we have no hope of getting some understanding to our situation. There are young families with young children and elderly people living in Dunwoodie and Audley Terrace, if you close the parking on Kingsgate where are we all supposed to park? I have lived here for over 10 years and have never heard of any accidents on the section of road in question, nobody to my knowledge has been hurt, it is a very busy road with the school pick up and drop off so I do not think safety is an issue, Just an excuse to have the road cleared. I do hope that you will give some consideration to the people that will be affected in your proposal as we are residents too and pay our council taxes the same as everyone else. I would like to complain about the proposal as I feel that the people who will be affected by this proposal have not been notified. I heard it from a neighbour who heard it from someone else and I park on kings gate as there is no parking for people living at Dunwoodie, orderly and people living on cockshaw.</p>
Dunwoodie Terrace	NE46 3QT	1	<p>As a resident of Dunwoodie Terrace of many years I am shocked at this poorly considered proposal. The parking provision on Dunwoodie/Ordley Terrace/Cockshaw has already been squeezed by the double yellow lining recently put in place (very swiftly might I add) despite the objection of numerous residents. I have lived on this street for circa 20 years and am unaware of any accidents having taken place at the corner of kingsgate due to parking problems and am somewhat surprised at this. I am aware parking is an issue but this is mainly due to people who don't live in the vicinity parking and going to work etc - I am not adverse to the idea of permits but perhaps to include the whole cockshaw area but with sufficient permits ie 2 residents and one visitor per household. I am aware there is a new development of housing proposed in hexham whereby it is deemed necessary that each dwelling have three spaces. Unfortunately since the lines installed at Cockshaw/Ordley/Dunwoodie there is less than one space per household. The proposal to double yellow one side of Cockshaw will simply compound the parking issues in this area of Hexham and push these further afield. The problems have become worse since the changes in Northumberland to provide free parking as now an increased number of shop owners/workers in the area park there all day causing increased problems. I strongly disagree with the proposal as outlined together with the proposal for Tanners Row at the bottom end of the street which again will simply cause further parking problems on Dunwoodie and the surrounding streets. The parking issues in Hexham do need addressing but I feel you are looking in completely the wrong place with the wrong solution for the homeowners who live in the area and at the say so of probably one resident! In addition to this I feel the whole exercise has been poorly set out with no communication to any residents on the neighbouring streets including parts of Cockshaw, Dunwoodie Terrace and Ordley Terrace. Additionally, there are no posters displayed whatsoever in this regard alerting us to this proposal - the only reason we are aware is due to a neighbour who is one of the very few to have been consulted kindly informing us!</p>
Dunwoodie Terrace	NE46 3QT	1	<p>Wish to express our opposition to the proposal for restrictive parking on Kingsgate, Hexham. This proposal, purporting to relate to vehicles causing obstructions and safety issues in this street appears to be based on no evidence whatsoever. Kingsgate is one of the widest streets in the locality and comfortably holds cars parked on either side, moreover, police reports show that there have been no personal injury reports from this street in the last 5 years. As one of many surrounding residents, in my experience traffic uses this street freely and parking issues are non-existent, with the street both providing parking for immediate residents while also acting as an overflow buffer to limited or no parking in Dunwoodie and Ordley terraces. Furthermore, we are concerned that consultation was badly circulated - i.e. not at all to residents closely affected in Dunwoodie Terrace and Ordley Terraces where the implementation of recent parking restrictions have exacerbated the limited provision of parking to people living immediately adjacent to Kingsgate. Finally, we are concerned that this proposal stems from the very personally motivated concerns of one resident, and that without taking time to look more closely at the circumstances involved, the council has spent time and money preparing a completely inappropriate parking plan that is not needed, and that residents are now having to fight to prevent its implementation</p>

Dunwoodie Terrace	NE46 3QT	1	<p>I reserve the right to expand upon the reasons for objecting. 1. The consultation has been badly advertised and has not included those who are most affected. 2. There is no site notice posted. 3. There has been no consultation advertised in the local newspapers. 4. There has been no discussion with residents. 5. a recent consultation along Dunwoodie terrace has, as mentioned recently, displaced on street car parking onto Kingsgate. 6. There is no justification of the safety issues, this is simply not true. 7. No obstruction has been evidenced.</p> <p>8. the issue appears to be a best conjecture from one resident. 9. it is therefore not expedient to implement the plans. An open public consultation should be held for the Cockshaw/ Kingsgate area. Recent double yellows have meant that there are 6 parking bays for circa 20 properties on Dunwoodie Terrace and Audley Terrace. Note they do not have off street parking so it is a race to get a parking space. The situation is compounded by schools and business. I note that you are also proposing to double yellow next to Tanners Row/ Gibson place. Local business will simply park on Dunwoodie and Audley parking bays. 11. Rather than address a wide spread parking problem in Hexham you are pushing it from street to street. 12. New housing development in Hexham is directed to have 3 off street bays. Whilst we have less than 1 per property. 13. Restricting parking along Kingsgate will push the parking situation which is strained onto other neighbouring streets. I therefore object on the basis of the above concerns which were not listened to when double yellows were introduced next to our house. The school staff and children dropping off, people employed in Hexham parking all day coupled with less than 1 space per house compounds the parking problem, adding a restriction on Kingsgate which is ill thought out is a step too far. Please can you pass on my comments to Cllr Cessford for his information? I will happily meet him and walk him through the issues. Whilst I am not against parking permits per se, the proposals on Kingsgate which includes double yellow lining and permits based on perceived highways issues is not receiving any support from residents on Audley Terrace, Cockshaw and Dunwoodie. The proposed plans will simply displace parking further afield. There needs to be some joined up thinking locally, tinkering around the edges to solve a Hexham wide issue is not the solution. This area suffers from school drop off and pick up, business people parking, however this is generally manageable as traffic moves on outside of work and school hours. The recent addition of yellow lines was bearable, this latest proposals is unbearable, ill thought out and is not an expedient way to spend council money. There is a more reasonable solution which has not been put forward as an option - I would like to discuss this with you.</p>
Dunwoodie Terrace	NE46 3QT	1	<p>I understand safety issues regarding parking on Kingsgate, however I feel painting double yellow lines on one side of the road is an overreaction and would cause more problems than it would solve. I agree with painting them on the corners and junctions, as there have been access issues with cars parked too close to the junction. However, the road is easily wide enough for council and emergency vehicles to use with cars parked on either side. Furthermore, this street is used to park on by the residents of Dunwoodie Terrace and Ordley Terrace due to there being no parking in front of our respective houses. Therefore, I feel any parking permits should also be available for these houses. Lastly, having lived in Dunwoodie Terrace for more two and a half years, I have had no issues with parking on Kingsgate, including school times when parents park on the road to drop off / pick up children. I feel there is no need for permit parking. However, if this should be introduced, it would put extra pressure on Cockshaw and, therefore, residents here would also need permit parking.</p>
		1	<p>I would inform you that as 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 ongoing road safety programme.</p>
Dunwoodie Terrace		1	<p>We can't believe that we are going through this residents parking issue again and while we realise we are not included in the consultation, the knock on effects of these restrictions will have as much, if not more, of an impact on the Cockshaw residents than the Kingsgate residents. It has already been raised and rejected by a majority of residents twice before. The parking on Kingsgate has always been used by the residents of Cockshaw ever since we've lived here (37 years) and certainly before any of the Kingsgate residents who reside there now. Putting double yellow lines down one side just means it will push the "obstruction and safety issues" further on, as people do have cars and have to park somewhere. We do know that one of the residents there seems to think he owns the road and nobody should be allowed to park outside his home or garden. However, we hope his persistence doesn't mean that his wants are put before other people's needs. We can see the corners could cause a problem and there is possibly a case for double yellow lines there, but as for safety we can't see it being more or less safe than most roads in Hexham. If safety is an issue, then perhaps you could explain why it is still 30 mph past the Cockshaw entrance to the park which leads to the Sele First School, when other more industrialised areas are 20 mph.</p>
Seal View House	NE46 3EB	1	<p>No to east side of Kingsgate - needed and not a nuisance or causing van problems. No to Residents Parking permits! Yes to parking on corners - v dangerous and vans have great difficulties.</p>

Kingsgate Terrace	NE46 3EP	1	<p>I would dispute that cars parked on Kingsgate are causing an obstruction or security concerns. Since the double yellow lines were put in around a year ago on Cockshaw and Dunwoodie terrace the obstruction issues have been remedied. Should Kingsgate have permit and double yellow lines this will force residence of Cockshaw and Dunwoodie Terrace and Kingsgate to park on Kingsgate Terrace an already busy street. Kingsgate should not be looked in isolation but together with neighboring streets. Should permitting and double yellow lines be enforced for Kingsgate, parking solutions should also be found for Dunwoodie, Cockshaw and Kingsgate Terrace.</p> <p>If the proposal was to go ahead, increased traffic and car parking would occur on Kingsgate Terrace. Kingsgate Terrace is already a very busy street and parking is a nightmare. Increased traffic and parking on Kingsgate Terrace in recent years is causing damage to pavements, obstruction and safety issues. The parking situation on Kingsgate Terrace is far worse than Kingsgate and I am surprised that a review by NCC is taking place for this street. I would dispute that there are safety and obstruction issues on Kingsgate as the street is wide enough for cars to park safely on the road at each side and parking restrictions on Cockshaw and Dunwoodie Terrace ensure cars are unable to cause obstruction at the bottom of Kingsgate. Kingsgate Terrace and adjacent streets need to be considered for permit parking rather than just looking at Kingsgate in isolation.</p>
Dunwoodie Terrace		1	<p>I am a resident of Dunwoodie Terrace, Hexham and have always had to park round the corner on Kingsgate as there are double yellow lines in front of my house on the narrow part of the street. My neighbours also have the same problem. We are the people who have to park on Kingsgate, if there are double yellow lines there will be no parking facilities for us in the area – except possibly Windmill Hill. This would be most unfair to the inhabitants there, and also difficult for me as I am an elderly resident with rheumatoid arthritis and lung problems. One of the occupiers on Kingsgate parks a trailer on the road to prevent us parking alongside his house, and he is one of the privileged few in the area who has a garage. The rest of us do not have the alternative. Our houses were built way back in the 1890's. We would appreciate being part of this consultation as I believe those of us living on Dunwoodie Terrace are the most affected by these proposals.</p>
Dunwoodie Terrace	NE46 3QT	1	<p>I am an owner occupier of Dunwoodie Terrace which is located at the junction to Kingsgate. I am against the introduction of these restrictions, and below are my comments regarding parking permit and restrictions introduced on Kingsgate. I understand safety issues regarding parking on Kingsgate, however I feel painting double yellow lines on one side of the road is an overreaction and would cause more problems than it would solve. I agree with painting them on the corners and junctions, as there have been access issues with cars parked too close to the junction. However, the road is easily wide enough for council and emergency vehicles to use with cars parked on either side. Furthermore, this street is used to park on by the residents of Dunwoodie Terrace and Ordley Terrace due to there being no parking in front of our respective houses. Therefore, I feel any parking permits should also be available for these houses. Lastly, having lived in Dunwoodie Terrace for more two and a half years, I have had no issues with parking on Kingsgate, including school times when parents park on the road to drop off / pick up children. I feel there is no need for permit parking. However, if this should be introduced, it would put extra pressure on Cockshaw and, therefore, residents here would also need permit parking.</p>
Cockshaw	NE46 3QX	1	<p>Ever since we moved in we have , along with other residents in Cockshaw , experienced difficulty in parking in the immediate vicinity both long term and "drop off ". Last year, parking restrictions were imposed along Cockshaw which consisted of mainly double yellow lines. This has meant that we have not been able to park outside our house despite the fact that is one way only .We have therefore been using Kingsgate to park. Your proposal to grant permit parking to Kingsgate residents completely ignores our rights as citizens to park freely close to our house. There would clearly not be enough parking for all residents in this area and if the residents of kingsgate wish for there own parking for their use only then it would be a case of buying a property with a driveway. We believe the residents of Kingsgate have specifically approached Councillor Cessford to selfishly grant themselves the opportunity to obtain their own (two) spaces and exclude other local residents the right to park safely. If this proposal is granted without alteration and or further consultation we will have no option but to approach our MP to look into the matter on our behalf. One of the reasons for this proposal (as stated in your letter) was " causing obstruction and safety issues ". We are sure you are aware that the remainder of Cockshaw (going west) and the road at the top of Kingsgate is even MORE difficult to drive along and park and yet you have you have not suggested these have parking restrictions imposed. Why Not ? However all cars are all now parking on the pavement restricting disabled access. We can not accept this unfair and unreasonable proposal.</p>

			1	<p>I absolutely and wholeheartedly oppose the proposition - as our property is just on the edge of the proposed plans, all this will do is shove the parking problem further up to Kingsgate Terrace and Windmill hill which already is at capacity and will affect SO SO SO many more properties (more compacted living, terraced houses and flats rather than the larger 7 semi-detached properties that this whole proposal is concerning). If the proposal is put in place, more properties will be affected by the parking problem and cars will start to park up windmill hill and at the edge of Kingsgate terrace - there is a beautiful grassy area where LOTS of the young children of the street play in and if the car parking is shoved up windmill hill then that makes it more dangerous for them as they enjoy the quieter and safer play area, often after school. Also, it will mean that all the smaller properties will eventually have the same proposal made and be forced to pay a resident permit charge. The parking is SO much safer as it is - the double yellow line area seems particularly ridiculous as there is no issue of having cars on both sides of that road - it is just going to be wasted space causing problems and transferring the problem to a play area for children! That is an accident waiting to happen and is completely unacceptable. Things are actually FINE as they are, the street is busier for school picking up time and that is it, nobody has been complaining except it seems for the bigger houses but their problem should not be moved onto those with small children and smaller houses and a smaller space to live in. Perhaps those in the more affluent larger houses that have been complaining about the parking should perhaps invest in alterations to their gardens to accommodate a car if they feel the problem is that much of an issue for them, instead of making this a problem for the less affluent homes with young families who are already concerned about road safety and visibility around their homes. Residents of Kingsgate terrace already accept that we won't always get to park our car outside our own home but instead of complaining to the council to get our own private road we understand how to share and be a community because safety is more important and we all have to live together in this small space. Surely those on Kingsgate can do the same. Don't cram more cars into a smaller space next to a children's play area - this is a really dangerous disaster waiting to happen.</p>
Dunwoodie Terrace	NE46 3QT		1	<p>We are against this poorly designed piecemeal proposed scheme that has been developed without prior adequate local engagement and foolishly tries to address make-believe issues. Our reasons are: 1. There is no independent evidence (e.g. Northumbria Police incident records) to demonstrate the existence of any recorded safety issues. 2. The Council presented no evidence of safety issues. 3. In 28 years of living in this area we have never witnessed a single safety issue on Kingsgate. 4. The proposal to clear cars and trailer(s) from one side of the street would make it easier for vehicles to speed - that is, less safe. Traffic moves appropriately freely around these residential streets - this is not a main thoroughfare and we do not wish it to become a rat-run. 5. The Council has presented no evidence of obstruction issues for the likes of emergency services. Indeed, in 28 years of living in this area we have seen emergency services (especially fire service vehicles) attend incidents without issue. 6. The part of Kingsgate where the yellow lines are proposed is counter-intuitively the widest part of the street. The rest of the street that is Kingsgate Terrace is far narrower and is logically more at risk from safety and obstruction issues. 7. In 2017 the Council put double yellow lines in the narrow part of Dunwoodie Terrace / Ordley Terrace to prevent obstructive parking across the footpaths and safety issues caused by through traffic mounting the pavements. This resulted in a greater need for residents to park in Kingsgate. As residents of Dunwoodie Terrace we would not have given up our rights to park outside our house in 2017 if we had known that the Council would come back the following year and propose removing our parking rights in Kingsgate. 8. The proposal to allocate parking permits is not based on need and has not taken account of the consequential impact of the Council's 2017 yellow lining scheme in Dunwoodie and Ordley Terraces. 9. The impact of the proposed Small Members Scheme would significantly worsen the ability of residents to live and work from their existing houses. 10. The proposals would remove circa 20 parking spaces in the centre of Hexham at time when the Town Council's emerging policy (Hexham Neighbourhood Plan 2018) is calling for more (not less) parking provision. In response to proposed private housing development, the elected members of the County Council from Hexham have been very clear in publicly stating that they believe more (not less) parking is needed in the town centre. 11. The Council should stop this and all other piecemeal removal of parking spaces proposals. Instead the council members and it's professional staff should commit to undertake a proper area based engagement exercise involving all residents and using factual evidence to evaluate the need for a joined-up area based traffic calming and parking strategy for all the residential areas that are part of the attractive Hexham town centre. Conclusion - we are appalled at the stress and disruption to many residents lives caused by inadequate engagement leading to the poorly designed Small Member's Scheme proposal using highways legislation. We are disgusted at the hypocritical failure of the new Council to advertise the statutory consultation in the Hexham Courant. We were shocked that the Council failed to send official consultation letters to the majority of those residents significantly impacted by the proposal. We note that the Council developed this so-called safety scheme despite holding information which shows in their words 'there has been NO "personal injury collision" reports within the last 5 years.'</p>

Cockshaw	NE46 3QS	1	<p>I object strongly to the proposed residents parking zone and no waiting at any time restrictions U8290 Kingsgate, Hexham. I believe that safety is not an issue here, Kingsgate is one of the widest streets in the area with plenty of room for vehicles passing through when both sides of the street have cars parked on them. Emergency vehicles and refuse lorries manage to get through without any problems. Parking is a serious issue in Hexham, residents have already lost 12 parking spaces in Cockshaw and Dunwoodie Terrace, with the implementation of double yellow lines. This would simply move the parking problem on to another area. I believe this proposal will have a detrimental effect on the lives of people living and working in Hexham. I wish to object to the proposed residents parking zone & no waiting at any time restrictions U8290 Kingsgate, Hexham. There are no reports of any obstructions or safety issues on Kingsgate. Restricting parking provision would simply displace a problem to another area. I believe this would have a detrimental effect on residents' ability to work and live in Hexham.</p>
Kingsgate Terrace	NE46 3EP	1	<p>MY concern is that the proposed changes in the parking would result in adding additional parking of car etc onto Kingsgate Terrace which is already under pressure following the conversion of existing terraced dwellings into 2 bedroom flats in this street which as increased the parking by 20% on top of the public using this street for parking and walking into Hexham town center along with the street being using to drop of the kids on the school run and often the road can be blocked with the food delivery's ie Tesco, Asda. Would the Highways dept consider forming some addition parking bays at the base of windmill hill/Fenwick Grove as this is an open space as again this is being used for parking as well to help in this growing problem of residents having more than 2 cars.</p>
Ordley Terrace	NE46 3QX	1	<p>We have been advised by Hexham Town Councillor Tom Pearson on 12 July 2018 that there has been an application for residents only parking for seven properties on the lower part of Kingsgate (U8290 Kingsgate, Hexham). We are writing to notify you of our objection to such a proposal which we believe will directly impact upon those other residents in the neighbourhood of Kingsgate i.e. those properties within Dunwoodie Terrace (12) and Ordley Terrace (4) and adjacent Cockshaw properties including 17 – 20 Cockshaw (4). Properties that in the main have no access to private off street parking and are impacted upon by the pre-existing and recent extension of parking restrictions in the local area. We are not aware of any current research with regard to parking and specifically 'obstruction and safety issues' that has taken place in this area of Hexham. We are aware of research that took place in 2012 with regard to resident parking which showed 'the variation in vehicular numbers is minimal .. overall it is assumed that residents leave for work and their space is replaced by shoppers or staff using the town centre'. With regard to obstruction and safety Kingsgate at this section is one of the widest sections of road in the area, more concerns with regard to safety and obstruction are clearly to be observed in upper Kingsgate. Safety is managed well within lower Kingsgate, and I am unaware of any accidents reported within this area other than those caused due to non-gritting of roads during icy weather. The potential impact of such a parking restriction would put additional pressures upon the parking of residents in other areas of Cockshaw, Eilansgate and Windmill Hill and surrounding areas, with the displacement of cars to adjacent non-resident only parking areas and impact upon the community cohesion of a lovely part of Hexham that I am pleased to call home. We do appreciate the need for improved safety at the junction and would therefore be in support of a limited extension of the new double yellow lines to cover this, although recognising junction parking is covered by the Highway Code. We believe the extension of double yellow lines from 1 Dunwoodie Terrace to beyond 7 Kingsgate is a proposal that evidences excessive use of Local Authority power to address perceived 'obstruction and safety issues' and is not proportionate to the concerns, which are not evidenced. We would ask the Local Authority in considering the safety issues in the local area to firstly review the opportunity that was lost when introducing a new 20mph speed limit in areas Hexham. The continuation of 30mph in Kingsgate / Cockshaw and placement of new 30mph signage at the entry to Cockshaw has surely impacted upon safety and is in direct contrast to the 20mph speed limit in place around Hexham High School. The current 30 mph in Cockshaw which is a main access route to Hexham First School also used by a high number of unaccompanied children attending both Hexham Middle Schools appears likely to have a more significant impact on safety in the local area.</p>
Cockshaw	NE46 3QU	1	<p>the proposal will simply pass on the parking problem further afield. There have been no recorded accidents within the last 5 years. There have been no recorded issues of obstruction to the highway. The consultation has been very badly advertised (if at all). All residents we have spoken to are against the proposals, it seems to be one person against the community.</p>

			1	<p>We do not support the above proposal. We would like to make the following comments:- We believe that the consultation is flawed. We do not believe that you have consulted appropriately with the residents of the local area who may be impacted by this decision. The residents of both Ordley Terrace and Dunwoodie Terrace park on Kingsgate due to the narrow roads and parking restrictions around their homes. This does not currently create a problem for anyone on Kingsgate as there is sufficient parking provided people park considerately and do not try to reserve parking by placing cones or bins on the road. These proposals benefit only 7 households to the significant detriment of a large number of other households in the immediate area. It is very rare that the residents of Kingsgate need to park somewhere other than immediately outside their own homes at present. This is the third time that there has been a suggestion of the introduction of residents' parking in this area. Each time the proposal has been rejected by the majority of residents. We believe that it is at the behest of one household who believe that they have a right to park immediately outside of their house and that no-one else should park in that spot. That household has a garage that they never use. They also park a trailer outside their property which is rarely moved and is rotting in the street, adding parking restrictions. They also currently rent one of the garages on Windmill Hill but do not use that for parking a vehicle. We do not accept that there are significant safety and obstruction issues. The only times when parking is difficult is around school drop off and collection times. Outside of those times, generally there are no significant issues with parking provided everyone accepts that they may not be able to park right in front of their own door. Most of the terraced streets around Hexham are single lane with parking on both sides. This is the nature of the area however, drivers make allowances for that and give way as required. The introduction of these proposed restrictions will have the effect of pushing more vehicles up around Fenwick Close where there are older people's bungalows, the impact of which will be to prevent the older people parking outside their own homes. Given the hilly nature of the area, this could cause considerable problems for those residents. It will also restrict access for emergency vehicles to the bungalows. It will also increase the parking of cars on the grass at Windmill Hill where local children play on a regular basis creating a different safety concern. Each time a new Councillor is elected to the area, this is raised as an issue. The Council does not have the time or resources to waste on pursuing such ridiculous schemes. Councillors should appraise themselves of previous attempts to introduce such schemes before they pursue such matters. The introduction of this scheme to address a perceived problem will actually create a real problem for everyone else in the locality. We trust that this scheme will not progress any further.</p>
Ordley Terrace	NE46 3QX		1	<p>As a local resident who lives just around the corner and regularly needs to park on Kingsgate since the parking restrictions on cockshaw were imposed. I'm surprised that this has got this far as I have not witnessed any safety issues or obstructions on Kingsgate. It is a wide road and large vehicles, such as fire engines can easily get along here with cars parked on both sides of the street. If you put parking restrictions in place here you are going to cause problems further up where the streets are not as wide. I also disagree with resident parking permits for the same reason and because doctors and nurses visiting patients would also be unable to park here. Hexham has limited parking as it is. Surely the council should be looking at other options. Like creating a multi storey car park for businesses and visitors to hexham so they don't keep parking in the already limited residents spaces. Please do not go ahead with this scheme as it would very likely lead to safety issues and obstructions if you did by forcing residents to park further from their homes on narrow streets.</p> <p>I strongly object to the proposals on the basis there is absolutely no clear evidence to support the grounds of obstruction and safety. Pantehnicons, fire tenders, refuse vehicles can all negotiate the section of Kingsgate in its current arrangement without the need to consider parking restrictions. Therefore there are no substantiated grounds to introduce a residents permit parking scheme. If the Council believe to the contrary please share the evidence by return. Furthermore, the Council need to explain they have considered the impact of loss of parking to nearby streets. At most the proposed parking restriction (annotated by blue line) should be confined to within the tangent points of the radius bends at the junction of Cockshaw/Kingsgate and Windmill Hill/Kingsgate. I submit my feedback as a local resident but also as a Chartered Civil Engineer with +20 years highway and urban design experience.</p>
Dunwoodie Terrace	NE46 3QT		1	<p>No concerns have been raised by police or any other agency regarding the proposed restrictions in Kingsgate. The proposal does not fit with the Councils ideas to promote more parking and in this case for residents in the Dunwoodie Terrace area this will impact the parking situation greatly.</p>
Kingsgate Terrace	NE46 3EP	1		<p>I only support it if it was continued the whole length of Kingsgate including Kingsgate Terrace where the safety of pedestrians and residents is put at risk by the parking of people who are collecting their children from school watching /playing cricket or working. They continually park with no consideration often at angles taking up space that could be used for another car. Wide vehicles often can't get through or do so with great difficulty. God forbid the day an ambulance or fire engine needs to get along Kingsgate Terrace.</p> <p>Why do town councillors never visit the residents in their wards to explain their decisions or discuss further with the people these decision would affect?</p>
		1		<p>Double yellow lines needed at the bottom of Kingsgate. There have been several bumps there and we are worried a child may get run over as people park right on the corner and obstruct vision. I have a garage on the corner which i can***** use.</p>

Kingsgate	NE46 3QY	1	<p>We have been in this house for 29 years now and the reason we bought it was for the large road frontage which would mean safe and convenient parking for my family. With 3 young children we realised there was the possibility that in future years there could be a need for up to five vehicles. Not wishing to inconvenience others and knowing that we would have no more legal right to park on our frontage than anyone else we deduced that this frontage with the capacity to take 10 vehicles would be quite adequate. The house we would have preferred only had a drive for 2 cars. As the years progressed it became obvious that not everyone was of the same mindset as we were regarding parking of their cars in front of other people's property. There are now a considerable number of residents of mainly Cockshaw but also of surrounding streets who have not thought of others when choosing a property. No one has seemed bothered about the inconvenience of this until now when it was realised by these same people that their parking places in front of other people's property and in other peoples street were at risk. Over the years there has been a number of attempts to do something about the parking problems as long ago as there was a site meeting in March 2010 with Terry Robson, Jim Long or possibly Paul McKenna, the last police traffic warden and myself. At that meeting Jim Long announced that he would extend the restricted area to include all of Cockshaw, Eilansgate and Kingsgate Terrace, I suggested that this would not be a good idea since at that time those areas did not have much of a problem and that objections would flood in and that either just the area in question or alternatively the whole of Hexham be considered. There was a lot of talking done and eventually over a year later in early 2011 a plan was starting to be formulated by Jim Long and Paul McKenna. It took until the middle of 2012 before it was actually published and the plan was exactly what Jim Long has proposed at the site meeting and just as I had predicted there was an outcry from those not affected lead by Derek Kennedy who accused the Tories of a money making plan, consequently the plan was dropped. The council did not even do their research properly saying there were about 28 objections from Kingsgate, they did not realise that Kingsgate and Kingsgate Terrace are different streets and the Terrace should not have been included anyway. At this time at the request of Morpeth I recorded car numbers and took many photos of the problem to no avail. In 2014 the plan was rejected but the residents of Kingsgate were not happy with this and we raised a petition signed by every household in the street. I attended a planning meeting in Ponteland to give our case and at that meeting the council accepted that they had made errors in not knowing the area properly but there would be no reappraisal of the situation and that was it but our petition from Kingsgate would be given consideration. This proposal was accepted by the Town council but subsequently rejected by the County Council. As a result of a non resident of Kingsgate parking here me and my family have been put at risk. My granddaughter and 14 years ago came too close for comfort to being knocked down while crossing the road to get to my daughters car outside number 2, there being no other place to park. We constantly have to carry shopping etc across the road since there are no places available at our side because no one wants to park at the other side, it means crossing the road and would be dangerous. The most recent plan if it can be called a plan was to put double yellow lines in Cockshaw which have cut out about 5 parking spaces, this is totally over the top and again no logical thought behind it. You need to try to create safe parking not ban it so the cars move elsewhere to cause even worse safety problems, where is your risk assessment? Your new proposal will endanger me and my family not just two of three times a week as now but 24/7 where is the safety in this, you now expect my family to cross the road every time we go out in the car whether for shopping or anything else. I can't even park outside my own garage to load and unload my car since the proposed lines cover the corner. This scheme is just totally idiotic there being no other way of describing it. No thought has been given to where any residents cars are going to park. I have heard a story that an elderly lady from Dunwoodie Terrace called the council and was told she would have to park in Wentworth car park, if this is true it is just totally incompetent of the council and shows a total disregard for the peoples safety and wellbeing. The lady in question would have to walk on the level nearly 800 metres or 700+ going up hills to the town. We need a sensible plan here if that is within the capability of Morpeth but this is just ridiculous and has to be rejected in this form. Recently I offered to come to Morpeth to inform you of the situation here since it was obvious that there had been insufficient research by yourselves but this offer has not been taken up.</p>
Kingsgate	NE46 3QY	1	<p>Whilst it is time that there are significant parking issues on Kingsgate and in the surrounding area, most of what you propose in this communication will only make things worse. It would be a good idea to have double yellow lines on both corners of Kingsgate at the bottom of the hill. You are more often than not unsighted when emerging from Dunwoodie Terrace and the waste collection lorries have enormous difficulty at time turning into Kingsgate because of vehicles parked on the corners. I imagine emergency vehicles would encounter similar difficulties. However, your proposal in respect of the double yellow lines on one side of Kingsgate takes no account of the fact that many of the residents in Dunwoodie terrace and Ordley Terrace park on Kingsgate and such a reduction of available parking space would create an impossible situation. I would suggest that you need to look at the whole of the area, including the lower park of Cockshaw. This is a high density residential area with some multiple vehicle ownership but with very few houses having off road parking. If you want to introduce residents parking it needs to cover a wider area not just Kingsgate and some provision would need to be made for short term parking for parents taking their children to the school.</p>

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