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RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed Residents Parking Zone U9561 Sunnyside, Cramlington

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of Residents Permit Parking Zone on Sunnyside, Cramlington.

Recommendations

Taking into account comments made during the consultation process it is recommended that the following restrictions are not introduced:
Residents Permit Parking Zone on Sunnyside, Cramlington.

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. Complaints of of indiscriminate parking on Sunnyside, Cramlington were raised with the local councillor.
2. The scheme was to be funded by Councillor Swinburn, 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 Sunnyside, Cramlington.
2. After meeting with Councillor Swinburn, officers proposed that "Residents Permit Parking Zone" be introduced on Sunnyside.
3. A consultation letter was sent to 58 residential properties and 18 statutory consultees on the proposed parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A.
4. 22 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with only 7 in favour and 15 against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
5. Based on the feedback received and with the agreement of Councillor Swinburn, it is recommended that the proposed scheme does not proceed.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
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	
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. Obstruction / congestion of the highway
Customer Consideration	Scheme was proposed to improve road safety for pedestrians, residents and road users in the area
Carbon reduction	None identified
Wards	Cramlington Village

Background papers:

File ref: 2018/070

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Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B - Consultation Response

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed Residents Permit Parking Zone on Sunnyside, Cramlington.

Consultation

For:	7
Against:	15
Neutral:	0

Decision Taken: Not to introduce the Proposed Residents Permit Parking Zone on Sunnyside, Cramlington.

Signature of Director

Date



26/10/18



Northumberland County Council

Your ref:

Our ref: 2018/070_01

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Date: Thursday 16th August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposed Removal of Existing Parking Restrictions &
the Introduction of a Residents Permit Parking Zone
Sunnyside, Cramlington**

Concerns have been raised with County Councillor Swinburn and Cramlington Town Council, regarding indiscriminate parking on Sunnyside by non-residents. They have requested that the existing parking restrictions (Prohibition of Driving Except for Access to Off Street Premises) be changed to a Resident Permit Parking Zone upon the completion of a favourable consultation.

A Resident Permit Parking Zone will have the following limitations:

1. Signs will indicate where Resident Permit Parking is in operation.
2. In a Residents Parking Zone bays are not normally provided.
3. The current charge for Resident Parking Permits is £15 a year per permit.
4. A **maximum** of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking.
5. This scheme would be regarded as self-enforcing between 6pm and 8am.
6. Blue badge holders will require a parking permit.
7. Businesses will not be eligible for residential parking permits.
8. A permit does not guarantee a parking space.
9. A minimum of 75% of eligible residents must respond, and of those, 70% must be in favour of the scheme for this to proceed.

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 a Resident Permit Parking Zone on U9561 Sunnyside, Cramlington, as shown on the attached plan.



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The County Council is seeking your views on the proposals and a freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that comments received will be carefully considered.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and Housing and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Friday 14th September 2018. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

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.

Yours faithfully

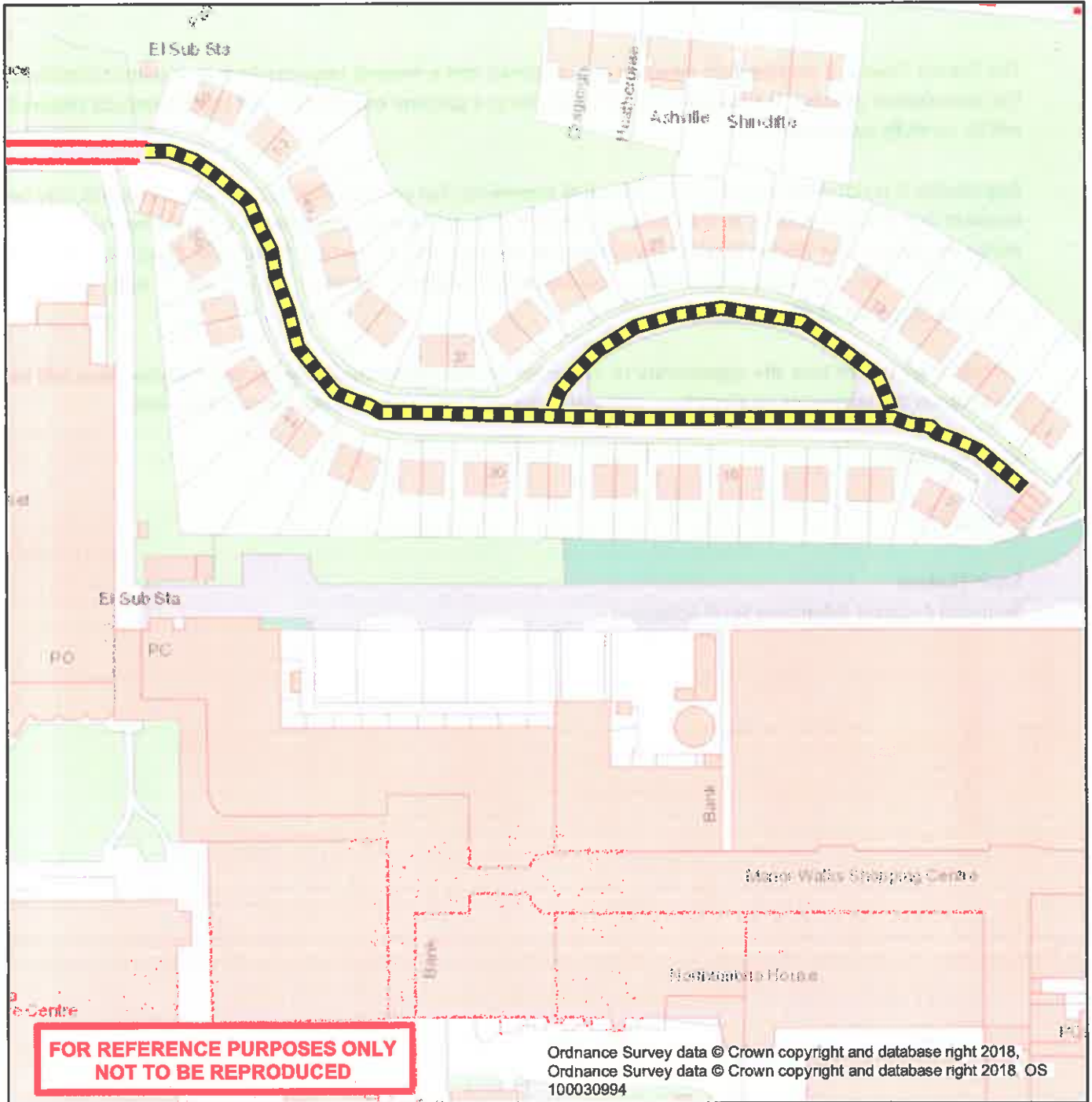
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Proposed Resident Permit Parking Zone



Existing Double Yellow Lines

<p>NORTHUMBERLAND Northumberland County Council</p>	<p>Network Management Information System</p>	<p>Title: Proposed Residents Permit Parking Zone U9561 Sunnyside, Cramlington</p>		
<p>Northumberland County Council County Hall Morpeth Northumberland NE61 2EF Tel: 01670 533000</p>	<p><small>This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office. Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. License no. 100049048 (2009).</small></p>	<p>Dm: SH</p>	<p>Date: Aug 2018</p>	<p>Scale: NTS</p>

Thoroughfare	Post Code	F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
Sunnyside	NE23 6UX	1			I fully support the proposals, I hope also that parking on the grass in the centre of Sunnyside is not allowed. Also it's about time that the parking on the footpaths was stopped, if you have a pushchair or a shopping trolley you have to walk on the road - "Health and Safety"! THANK YOU How will this be policed?
Sunnyside	NE23 6UX	1			But no parking in front of ours. I don't drive. Make grassed area a car park. Have no parking on any corners on estate. It would be hard for emergency services to get through. My answer is NO, if it can mean people can park in front of our house. This means if emergency services are needed at our address and cannot park safely to sort us, it would not be able to sort us. Put speed limit on estate too. Stop people parking on pavements as I cannot get passed and some kerbs are too high and catch my scooter underneath. Thank you. p.s. I would not need to buy any permits. Please let me know your outcome on this matter. Thank you. Something needs to be sorted about the parking problems.
Sunnyside	NE23 6UX		1		We haven't had any problems with parking.
		1			After many years of receiving many verbal complaints from residents who live in this area I think it will be a welcome scheme. There is a problem of workers from Manor Walks continuously parking in this area early in the day until very late. I would recommend that this scheme be introduced.
Sunnyside	NE23 6UU		1		In your letter you have stated "concerns have been raised" I am a resident of Sunnyside and I wish to know what concerns have been raised before any decision is made. the letter also states in the 2nd sentence "They", who is/ are "They" you are referring to? It also states that the current cost for parking permits is £15 per year. I wish to know if the "They" referred to above are going to meet the costs for all the residents of Sunnyside. I wish to also have a full breakdown of what the said £15 per permit is spent on. A generic piece of paper does not cost £15, The council can provide me with a copy of said permit, I can go get them printed off and distributed to all residents in Sunnyside for less than £10 and replacements free of charge. I am busy doing my own consultation in the street to find out if the residents prefer my proposal rather than another stealth tax.
Sunnyside	NE23 6UY		1		
Sunnyside	NE23 6UU		1		A few parking spaces should be created for people who visit the church. We are unsure why the fence was erected to stop them parking there. It doesn't make sense really. The current double yellow lines should stay and be policed more effectively.
Sunnyside	NE23 6UU		1		I have lived in Sunnyside for 44 years and have an issue with parking as I have 4 children that bring their cars, and I am against any charges in front of my house. You need to find MORE PARKING IN CRAMLINGTON
Sunnyside	NE23 6UU		1		I do not support this proposal. I appreciate there are problems with non-residents parking in the street but this is not the answer. We do not own a car but had a driveway laid for our children to use when they are visiting. Very occasionally there are three cars here (we can fit two on the driveway and the other parks over the drive), are we supposed to tell our family that only one of them can visit us at a time (only one visitor permit allowed)? Also there are some residents who insist on parking their cars over the path (I know the road is very narrow nearer the entrance to the street where they do this to protect their cars), why not concrete over the grassed area of the street in front of our house, it is very rarely used by the children in the street these days (not like it was when our children were younger when it was always used to play on but attitudes change to letting children play out now)? This would give residents somewhere extra to park in the street which is now overrun with parked cars. I appreciate this doesn't address the non-resident parking but would be helpful. Thank you.

Sunnyside	NE23 6UU	1		<p>As a resident near the entrance to Sunnyside I am one of those who would definitely support this proposal. Frequently I am unable to park outside my own home due to others parking there to use the shops. Often when they do this they use the shopping trolleys and leave them in the street.</p> <p>I and my neighbours have mentioned the notices which they pass, saying that the street is for access only, to the drivers and some are willing to leave and go to the ASDA car park, but unfortunately there are others who are decidedly less polite!</p> <p>The double yellow lines when you first turn into the street are also often ignored.</p> <p>Since there are now more retail shops than ever, the problem can only get worse, especially as there are also more homes under construction, which will require more parking facilities.</p> <p>I would also like to mention the Welcome Church at the entrance to the street. It is a building used by various organisations apart from being a centre of worship, and sadly it has no proper facilities and so is forced to seek parking elsewhere. Unfortunately this is often in Sunnyside. It is a great community facility and would benefit from proper accessibility.</p> <p>Sadly I believe that the required criteria for parking permits will not be met as the homes further into the street are not as greatly affected. However if it does come to pass I would greatly appreciate two permits.</p>
Sunnyside	NE23 6UU	1		<p>I do not agree that too many cars are being parked on Sunnyside. The odd shopper may park from time to time but given the state of parking in the retail park who can blame them. The only time there may be a lot of cars parking in one place is when people have a number of guests, as in at a party. There is space for three cars to park outside my house, yet most of the time only my car is parked there.</p>
Sunnyside	NE23 6UX	1		
Sunnyside			1	
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Sunnyside	NE23 6UU	1		<p>I live in the worst affected area at the entrance to the street. We suffer from shoppers parking as there is an entrance to shopping centre from our street and cars parking at the church. If this is not resolved by having residents permits we must look at other solutions as the current signage is enforceable by the police only. Residents further down the street will not support this as they are probably not even aware there is a problem.</p>
Sunnyside	NE23 6UU	1		<p>On first consultation with Cllr Mark Swinburn about the parking on the grassed areas in Sunnyside there was never anything mentioned about permit parking in Sunnyside. All that was mentioned was a layby to replace the central footpath double yellow lines, but no one take any notice of these, also fencing in front of the Welcome Chapel which has been done. This is much improved, no grass been churned up. This was also proposed for the central grassed area in the street. To make permit parking I feel this would encourage more parking on the central grassed area as they would not pay for permits. Also at the bottom of the street cars park opposite each other parking half on the road and half on the pavement which is illegal. Residents at the top of the street and also emergency vehicles would not get through. So these householders would not pay for a permit, also there would be no-one to police it. In my opinion this would not be appropriate.</p>
Sunnyside	NE23 6UU	1		<p>As a resident I completely disagree with the introduction of a residents' permit parking zone. I live in the "Sainsbury's" end of the estate and I have not been impacted by any non-residents parking outside of my house. However I do understand a few of the residents who live at the entrance to Sunnyside have, but I believe this is due to visitors to the church. Mainly because the grass area adjacent to the church has been fenced off and leaves no alternative. There are a lot of elderly residents who may no longer have cars but their families visit them and I think it is wrong to penalise them. I see this as no other ill thought up scheme to line the Council's pockets. I pay full Council Tax, which I believe also funds Cramlington Town Council, which is another non-entity. I would be a very disappointed resident if this gains approval.</p>
Sunnyside	NE23 6UU		1	<p>Unecessary! Drives for council properties and parking bays where path on green would be more effective!</p>
Sunnyside	NE23 6UU	1		<p>We do not support your proposals, we have lived in our property for approx. 25 years and have now purchased our home. We find it's unbelievable that you are now suggesting a proposal of permits for parking outside our own property for ourselves or visitors. It's not even the fact of the £15 fee, but the sheer principle of it all. My husband is often on call and would have his works van all week. He needs the transport for any callout he may have. This proposal if it went ahead would mean he would not have access to the works van as he would not be able to park outside our "own home".</p>
Sunnyside	NE23 6UU	1		<p>I have family visit me quite a lot. I think it is a bit unfair to charge. Sunnyside is quiet through the day. Only nights and Sundays when people whom live here are parking.</p>

Sunnyside	NE23 6UU		1	I am not opposed to parking permits but don't see why residents should have to incur a £15 - £30 yearly charge. It should be free.
			1	No other comments
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