



Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

**PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' PARKING
RESTRICTIONS, DUNSGREEN, PONTELAND**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to provide experimental 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) parking restrictions in Dunsgreen, Ponteland.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed experimental 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are implemented for a period of 6 months.

Link to Corporate Plan

Living - "We want to feel safe, healthy and cared for"
Enjoying - "We want to love where you live"

Key Issues

The County Council has received concerns from local residents via the local Ward Member about indiscriminate parking in Dunsgreen, Ponteland.

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Background

1. The County Council has received concerns from local residents via the local Ward Member about indiscriminate parking in Dunsgreen, Ponteland.
2. Dunsgreen is located off Callerton Lane and is directly opposite Ponteland High School
3. Residents have contacted the local Ward Member with concerns regarding parking by parents dropping off and picking up school pupils, and also by older school pupils who drive to school but park in the estate instead of within the school grounds.
4. Much of this parking takes place at the entrance to the estate from Callerton lane, and on or near to junctions further within Dunsgreen, making it difficult for residents to enter and exit the estate safely at busy times.
5. In response to the concerns, Officers held a site meeting with the local Ward Member and residents to investigate the problem and agree where parking restrictions may be helpful.
6. In recognition of the forthcoming changes at Ponteland High School, which include an enlarged car park with drop-off facilities, it was agreed that any restrictions should be of a temporary nature initially, as it was felt that the school changes may eventually address the problem.
7. Residents were therefore consulted on a proposal to provide experimental double yellow lines. A copy of the consultation letter and plan is shown in Appendix A.
8. The results of the consultation were:

For: 10 (91%)
Against: 0 (0%)
Neutral: 1 (9%)

A copy of the responses received is shown in Appendix B.
9. Ponteland Town Council support the proposal.
10. The local Ward Member supports the proposal.
11. It is therefore recommended that the proposed experimental 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions should be provided for a period of 6 months.
12. After this time, the effectiveness of the restrictions will be reviewed and a decision made, in consultation with residents and the local Ward

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Member, on whether they should be retained permanently, removed or altered.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	
Finance and value for money	The scheme will be funded through the Local Transport Plan Programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the parking restrictions.
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	Ponteland East with Stannington

Background papers:

File ref: HE174328

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Report sign off.

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

	initials
Finance Officer	n/a
Monitoring Officer/Legal	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
I.T.	n/a
Director	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

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Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan



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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Experimental 'No Waiting at Any Time' Parking Restrictions, Dunsgreen, Ponteland

Concerns have been raised by residents of Dunsgreen over indiscriminate parking in the area, particularly at school times. Cars parked on or near to junctions are affecting visibility, leading to safety concerns.

In order to address this it is proposed to provide 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions (double yellow lines) at the junctions, as shown on the enclosed plan.

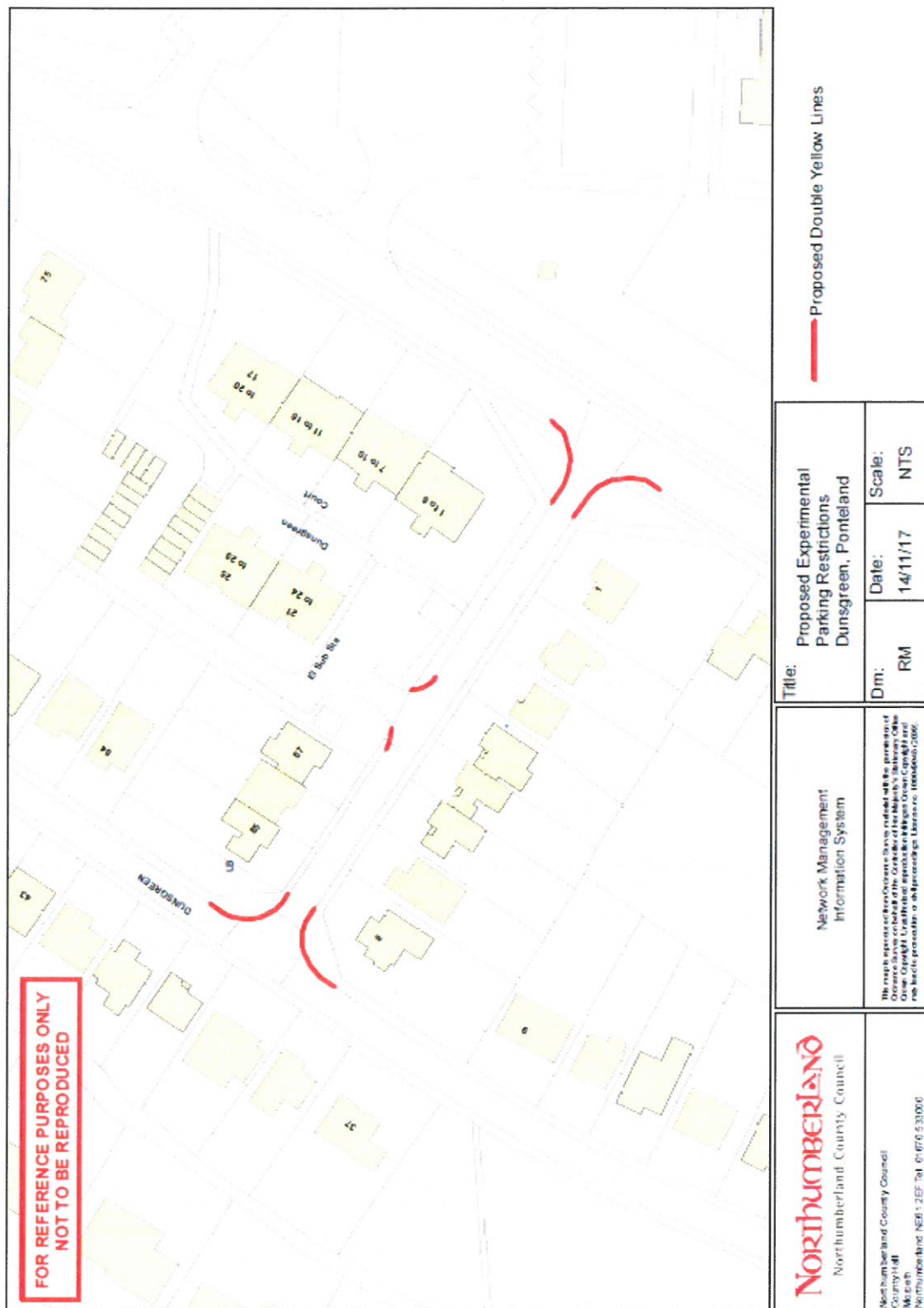
It is proposed that the restrictions are provided on an experimental basis initially. This will allow us to assess their effectiveness and gather residents feedback before deciding whether they should be made permanent or not. It will also allow the potential impact of the redeveloped High School to be taken into account. The experiment will last for 6 months.

I am therefore writing to find out your views on this proposal. A freepost form is enclosed for you to send any comments you may have or you can reply via email to HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk or online at <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk>

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 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 5th January 2018
I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents.

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Appendix B - Consultation Responses

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
			Other Relevant Comments
1			<p>I agree with the proposed scheme and it is long overdue. Have had a nightmare with people parking along our road.</p> <p>However I would suggest a few additions. I live in Dunsgreen Court and our entrance is often blocked too. People park on our short private road leading to the car park. They are often offensive when confronted and litter too. If the lines were also on there it would help us.</p> <p>I would also strongly advise running the lines down the part from our entrance to Callerton Lane. This area has no properties and just a hedge bordering our car park. This is the main area people park. I can understand not running lines down the opposite side as they are actual properties but there is no need for anyone to park on our side.</p> <p>The lines could then be extended along Callerton Lane the full length of our flats as people are known to park there or on the verges too, causing damage and holding top traffic.</p> <p>If you have any questions feel free to contact me.</p>
1			The indiscriminate parking is creating problems since the estate is totally reliant on one exit and when service vans need to park for repairs etc, blockages can be created
1			<p>Thank you for your letter dated 15th November 2017 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. 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>
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1			I think it will go some way to helping with the dangerous parking especially around school times both AM and PM
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			I'm sure these additions will help alleviate some of the issues in the area especially sight lines at junctions.
1			I am very much in favour toward the proposed parking restrictions on Dunsgreen. At the moment too much irresponsible parking especially at school closing time. I would be in favour of extending the doublelines to take in move of Dunsgreen, particularly alongside Dunsgreen Court, to prevent parking on the pavement.
1			I support your proposals whole heartedly. Having been resident on Callerton Lane for over 60 years - in the bungalows and 25 years in Dunsgreen Court, I have seen it first hand, it is a nightmare the behaviour of car owners is so irresponsible and selfish, on many children could walk more and it is safer to do this. They are more in danger from the cars when they are being picked up than they face walking. My grandchildren now grown up walked one of them from Worth road Ponteland to Callerton Lane for years.
1			Long overdue! Fully support the proposals which are well-timed as the situation was getting out of hand.

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1			I would like to see the yellow lines being extended from callerton lane down to the entrance of Dunsgreen Court Flats. Also the green gate on the right hand side of Dunsgreen needs to be kept clear because through the gate there is a flat path which gives good access for wheelchair use, and if emergency vehicles are required to use a trolley or chair. Refuse collection vans also use the green gate access, because inside the car park there is only a raised kerb (small wall).
1			I support the proposal as far as it goes. In addition to the proposed double yellow lines that will protect junctions I would like to see the double yellow extend down all one side of Dunsgreen (this would allow access for emergency vehicles during peak times) and single yellow lines (effective between 8.15 and 9.15am and then 2.30 and 4.00pm) placed in front of and opposite all driveways in Dunsgreen - this would enable residents to enter and leave their properties during peak drop off and pick up times. Having lived in Dunsgreen I now conclude that the sad reality is that many parents of pupils who use Dunsgreen as their car park are selfish. They could not care less about anyone other than themselves and their children. They do not respect residents and will not participate in any voluntary or non-mandatory schemes. The additional yellow lines that I propose will safeguard residents and protect their right to be able to come and go from their properties at times of their choosing. Please do something meaningful. At certain times of the day emergency vehicles do not have unrestricted access to residents in Dunsgreen and residents do not have the right to move freely around their community.
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DECISION TAKEN

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

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

Subject:

**PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL 'NO WAITING AT
ANY TIME' PARKING RESTRICTIONS,
DUNSGREEN, PONTELAND**

Consultation

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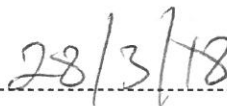
Decision Taken:

The proposed experimental 'No Waiting at Any Time'
restrictions are implemented for a period of 6 months.

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



Date



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