



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

PROPOSED RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING, MONKHOUSE TERRACE, ALNWICK

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to provide residents' permit parking in Monkhouse Terrace, Alnwick.

Recommendations

It is recommended that given the results of the consultation, the proposed residents' permit parking scheme is implemented.

Link to Corporate Plan

How - "We want to be efficient, open and work for everyone"
Living - "We want to feel safe, healthy and cared for"
Enjoying - "We want to love where you live"
Connecting - "We want to have access to the things you need"
Learning - "We want to achieve and realise your potential"
Thriving - "We want to attract more and better jobs"
Success Measures - "We want to make a difference"

Key Issues

1. The County Council has received concerns from local residents via Alnwick Town Council about indiscriminate parking in Monkhouse Terrace.

Background

1. The County Council has received concerns from local residents via Alnwick Town Council about indiscriminate parking in Monkhouse Terrace.
2. As well as the inconvenience caused by inconsiderate parking, safety concerns have been raised associated with parked vehicles blocking the footway, leading to pedestrians with prams/pushchairs unable to pass and being forced into the road.
3. Monkhouse Terrace is located close to Alnwick Town Centre and consequently is subject to parking by those who work or shop within the town. Residents state that they are frequently unable to park near their homes.
4. Residents have previously sent a petition to the Town Council, and more recently a letter with 8 signatures requesting permit parking was sent to the council on 23 September 2017. A copy of this letter is in Appendix A.
5. The situation is exacerbated when events such as the Music Festival are held and the number of visitors to the town increases.

Consultation

1. In response to the concerns raised a consultation was carried out in October 2017 on a proposal to provide residents permit parking (see Appendix B).
2. 14 properties and statutory consultees were consulted. 6 responses were received.
3. The responses to this consultation were:
 - a. For: 5 (83%)
 - b. Against: 0
 - c. Neutral: 1 (17%)

A copy of the responses is shown in Appendix C.

4. The local ward Councillors, (Cllrs Castle and Moore) support the proposal.

Recommendation

5. Given the results of the consultation and the original letter with 8 signatures, it is recommended that the proposed residents permit parking is implemented.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	The proposal will be jointly funded through the Traffic Management element of the Local Transport Plan programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the traffic regulation order.
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	Statutory consultees and residents have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Alnwick

Background papers:

File ref: HE174328

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 Letter from Residents to Alnwick Town Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in regard to my previous petition for resident parking. The response from you, was that there no plans for resident parking. Our street is used as overflow parking for the town and holiday cottages as well as streets that have no parking near their houses. There are ten houses in our street and another 8 max in the flats across the road at green batt yet each day we struggle to park our cars. We are forced to park in king street and Lisburn street which has a knock on effect to the people that live in those streets. We wrote to you with a petition that each person from the street signed and still nothing was done about it. We are prepared to pay the annual fee for the privilege to Park outside our own homes. We would like to address this again with you to implement resident only parking.

Signatures from residents in the street

S. Caid J. Robinson
23.9.17 J.R.
P. Mallaburn
John Cresswell
Paul Leighton

Regards

Paul Leighton

Appendix B Consultation Letter & Plan



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Date: Wednesday 11th October 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Residents Permit Parking, Monkhouse Terrace, Alnwick

The County Council has been contacted by residents of Monkhouse Terrace who are having difficulty parking near their homes due to indiscriminate parking by others. A residents permit parking scheme has been specifically requested.

I am therefore writing formally to find out your views on providing residents permit parking in Monkhouse Terrace, as shown in blue on the plan overleaf.

If a permit scheme is introduced, residents are entitled to two permits per household, one of which can be used by visitors. There is a charge of £15 per permit, per annum.

A response form is enclosed with this letter, or you can respond online at: <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk>

The closing date for responses is Wednesday 8th November 2017.

I would encourage you to respond to this consultation as any decision taken will be based on the views of those who respond. Please note your comments may be used in the Decision Report which will be available to the public.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

R McKenzie
Richard McKenzie
Senior Programmes Officer



Proposed Residents Permit Parking Area - Monkhouse Terrace, Alnwick



Appendix C Consultation Responses

F O R T	A N G E A I T N H S E R	Other Relevant Comments
1		No comments
1		No comments
1		I fully support the proposal for residents parking permits as it is becoming increasingly difficult to park outside or even near my house especially when there are events held in Alnwick such as the food and music festivals, I believe this is because monkhouse terrace is so close to the town centre. I would happily pay for a permit.
	1	Thank you for your letter dated 30th October 2017 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 or egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for out-patient appointment. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the On-going road safety programme.
1		I hope that the permits do come in as an example there was a car parked on the pavement and I have a double pram and I couldn't get it out to put it up outside my door so I had to take it to the end of the street and then carry my children out and put them in the pram thank you
1		no comments
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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer(s) and Cabinet Member:

Service Director - Local Services
Cabinet Member for Environment & Local Services

Subject:

**PROPOSED RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING,
MONKHOUSE TERRACE, ALNWICK**

Consultation

For: 5 (83%)
Against: 0
Neutral: 1 (17%)

Decision Taken:

The proposed residents permit parking should be implemented.

Signature of Director/
officer/Cabinet Member



Date

28/3/18