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RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed Amendment to Parking Restrictions, Bassington Avenue, Cramlington

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider an amendment to the new parking restrictions on Bassington Avenue, Cramlington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the following amendment be made to the parking restrictions:

No Waiting between 08:00-18:00 to be changed to No Waiting between 09:00-16:00 Monday to Friday only (Single Yellow Lines) on Bassington Avenue.

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. Since the introduction of the new restrictions residents have raised concerns about the impact the No Waiting between 08:00 - 18:00 restrictions have on the parking for local residents.
2. The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Flux, through his Members Local Improvement Allowance.

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Background

1. Since the introduction of the new restrictions residents have raised concerns about the impact the No Waiting between 08:00 - 18:00 restrictions have on the parking for local residents.
2. The time restrictions are making it difficult for residents to park.
3. After meeting with Councillor Flux, officers proposed that the “No Waiting” restrictions be amended in order to alleviate these concerns.
4. A consultation letter was sent to 118 residents on the proposed amendments to the parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter is attached in Appendix A.
5. 35 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 21 in favour of Option 1, 6 in favour of Option 2 and 8 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
6. The results of the consultation were discussed with Councillor Flux, who agreed that the restrictions should be revised to Option 1 - Change to No Waiting between 09:00-16:00 Monday to Friday only.
7. The scheme is supported by Councillor Flux and funded through his Members’ Local Improvement Allocation.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Members Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Flux
Legal	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
Procurement	
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	
Wards	Cramlington West

Background papers:

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Appendix A - Consultation Letter

Appendix B - Consultation Responses

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Report sign off.

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Date: Thursday 24th January 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

New Parking Restrictions, Bassington Avenue, Cramlington

In June 2018, all statutory addresses of the above area were consulted on the above proposals. The consultation exercise ended on 20th July 2018, and responses were received from 5 consultees with 4 in favour, 0 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposed measures.

A number of consultees recommended that HGV's should use a different route, so they do not come past the new housing estate and also that timed parking restrictions (single yellow lines) be introduced to allow residents to park in the evening on Bassington Avenue. This was included in the scheme.

Therefore the following recommendation was agreed:-

To approve the proposal to introduce No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (Double yellow Lines), No Waiting between 08:00 - 18:00 restrictions (Single Yellow Lines) and HGV directional signage with a change to the junction priority on Bassington Avenue, Cramlington.

Since the introduction of the new restrictions residents have raised concerns about the impact the No Waiting between 08:00 - 18:00 restrictions have on the parking for local residents. County Councillor Flux has therefore requested that we consult residents with proposals to amend the restrictions.

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 amend the existing No Waiting between 08:00 - 18:00 restrictions (Single Yellow Lines) on U9553 Bassington Avenue, Cramlington with the following options.

Option 1 - Change to No Waiting between 09:00 - 16:00 Monday to Friday only.

Option 2 - Remove the No Waiting (Single Yellow Lines)



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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 22nd February 2019. 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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Post Code	N o w a i t i n g b e t w e e n 9 - 4	R e m o v a l o f S Y L	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
NE23 8AN	1			<p>I would like to vote for the option 'Change to No Waiting between 09:00-16:00 Monday to Friday as there is no better option available. Parking restrictions are definitely necessary. The issue are not the residents but the commuters who park on the front of the estate to take the train to the city thus trying not to pay for parking at the station. I could see them every morning parking and walking to the station. Now the restrictions are in place they park before the yellow lines, some park on the grass area opposite the old people's home now leaving less space for the visitors. As a result of this I believe the council is losing the revenue.</p> <p>If you checked how many residents are parked in the evening during the week or on the weekend you would see that there are hardly any cars parked. The issue are the train commuters who work in the city. I believe that the best option might be to introduce parking for the residents only between 08:00 and 17:00 Mo to Fr and issue permits for the local residents.</p>
NE23 8AN		1		
NE23 8AN	1			<p>Would like to see parking restrictions remain in place - much safer since applied - fewer near misses overtaking parked vehicles. Would also be good to see yellow line painting completed in full (unfinished) signs put up to explain hours applicable / restrictions etc. Parking still being abused on single yellow line - requires enforced. Residents have ample own personal parking, no need to park on road.</p>
NE23 8AR		1		<p>We support the double yellow line across the front of Bassington Manor development as cars parked restrict visibility when going out of the residential area and a two-way road gets converted into a single line road. The problem's not only between 8 - 5 or 9 - 4, it's 24hrs every day. It's not fair for the neighbours that some people have more than two vehicles and they don't know where to park them.</p>
NE23 8AN	1			<p>Hi, Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this proposal. My preference is to retain some sort of parking control on Bassington Manor as we have seen a significant improvement in access and overall pedestrian safety since the restrictions were introduced. I would be supportive of Option A and wish to see the restrictions for HGVs retained. We still see heavy goods vehicles using this access for the industrial estate and it is not safe with the children who now play on this street. Ideally I would like the council to consider a permanent solution to keep industrial traffic separate from this residential estate. Maybe changes to the junction of Bassington Avenue / Bassington Drive to stop any through traffic? I look forward to hearing the final decisions from NCC</p>

NE23 8AR	1		I support Option 1 to have no waiting restrictions Monday to Friday. The main problem here has been that the entrance and exit via Strother Way is hazardous when cars are parked which obstruct peoples vision, particularly when exiting the estate. On many an occasion exiting Strother Way I have come face to face with another car in the middle of the road, because I couldn't see them coming because of parked (particularly vans and 4x4's). I live close to the corner further along next to the sub station and have observed large lorries come round that corner and nearly collide with parked cars, particularly in icy weather, so I fully support lorries being redirected to an alternative route. Any restricted parking on either side of Exiting Strother Way for me is essential, and it has been much safer since restrictions were in place. I can however see that parking for residents particularly fronting on to Bassington Manor would be helped by more flexible parking arrangements after 4.00pm and at weekends.
NE23 8AR	1		Street signage on Strother Way, when entering from Cramlington side is on wrong side. Need to be on both sides of street. Also "leading to Tavern Close" including . Also need sign to the left of No1 Tavern Close a sign is required to direct traffic to Tavern Close to right and Strother Way is left. Also the street lighting from the care home Cramlington House to end Bassington Avenue. There are no street lights lit on an evening and you just get blinded by the lights from the care home and cannot see where you are walking this is an accident waiting to happen. I use crutches to walk and cannot walk on there on an evening due to the poor lighting conditions from the railway station to the end of the street.
NE23 8AR		1	I would also support the "No waiting between" proposal if residents were given parking permits between those hours.
NE23 8AN	1		We can see no real problem not even a surge of traffic at the two key times. Double yellow lines along the whole of Longmeadows would seem an over reaction and limited yellow lines of the end of the road would only shift any problem there is further up. Perhaps speed limit might be useful. We advocate no action.
NE23 8AN	1		People that were parking on this road through the day was mainly people using the train station to avoid parking fees. I still see HGV vehicles using this stretch of road through the residential estate, and parking very close to the estate during the night. I believe all HGV vehicles should be banned from using this route as it can be very dangerous to residents and other traffic. They should be forced to use the turn off further up next to renoilt and the main thoroughfare for industrial traffic. Why can't you give all residents with cars a parking permit and this will address all issues.
NE23 8AN	1		If you remove the (single yellow lines) you are going to end up with the original problem of poor visibility. I totally agree with single yellows for residents: concerns between 09.00 & 16.00
NE23 8AN	1		
NE23 8AN		1	The changes currently in place have had a significant effect on the road safety on Bassington Avenue - however vehicles parked outside the "No Waiting" hours are still a potential danger due to the relatively narrow road and the use of this road by HGV's heading to/from the industrial estate. I would not want to see the single yellow lines removed (indeed I would prefer to see a double yellow line on both sides of the road), nor the "No Waiting" time reduced. Adequate parking facilities have been provided for residents off Bassington Avenue adjacent to the premises - this should be utilised for vehicular parking - not Bassington Avenue.
NE23 8AN	1		Preference is to remain no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) But in regards to the letter sent 2nd preference would be option 1 - change to no waiting between 09:00 - 16:00. On another note can we also get a grit box for the estate.
NE238AN		1	Since the single yellow lines have been introduced it has improved the safety when turning left out of the estate but when turning right you are faced with the same issues as previously due to speeding cars over taking the parked cars using the train station. The new signage is yet to be installed so the HGV issue is still causing problems. Can you confirm that the existing signage is to be removed and replaced directing industrial traffic to the next roundabout for entrance to the industrial estate. Option 1 with added permit system for the 6 houses that run parallel with Bassington Avenue is a possible option. As the proposed plans for the extension of the train station go ahead more people will be using the trains at weekends.
NE23 8AR	1		I support Option 1 - Change no waiting times. It would be a very bad idea to remove the new single yellow lines. These stop people parking here to use the train station for commuting. When this road is full of parked cars it becomes quite dangerous when approaching the corner.

NE23 8AR			1	Please keep the parking restrictions in place. The parking situation on Bassington Manor / Avenue is extremely dangerous with very limited visibility. This is compounded that some of these vehicles are transit van size so restrict visibility significantly.
NE23 8AN	1			
NE23 8AN	1			It's very important to restrict HGVs turning and exiting that junction, more so with Hubway Depot nearing completion. There is a sign opposite Hubway exit saying all HGVs to turn left, which will direct them to the parking restriction area. This sign should (must be) changed to direct HGV to turn right when exiting Hubway site
NE23 8AR	1			In favour of stopping HGV passing in front of Bassington Manor. Big concern with the street lighting along the front of Bassington Manor. No lighting next to Cramlington House Old Peoples Home. Four lamp posts do not work. Please sort this is a disgrace and a safety issue.
NE23 8AR	1			As I live further into the estate the parking restrictions do not affect me directly with regards to parking. However, the residents that appear to have the issue are the ones with houses facing onto Bassington Ave. All of those houses have ample driveways and can park within the fences. The main issue for those appears to be people parking to use the train station. Since the yellow line has been in place, yes there is less parked cars on and around the bend permanently. However the bend in question leading onto the dual carriageway is dimly lit and dark evenings visibility is very poor. Presumably it would be better for permanent double yellow lines. Many people would park on weekends to use the station for travelling and possibly leave their 'parked cars' for the entire weekend. The only solution with regards to this would be resident parking permits which works well in other areas of Cramlington.
NE23 8AN	1			Putting the double yellows has massively helped the congestion at the top of the estate, however has just moved the problem from one side of the entrance to the other. As I guess the majority of cars are train commuters I would suggest you need to look at the source of the issue, which is lack of parking around the train station. I don't see any signs for HGV'S at the top of the estate either, so they are still using this route!
NE23 8AN	1			It is much easier to see when trying to exit / enter the estate now that the lines have prevented the commuters for the train station parking there also.
NE23 8DR	1			I think this would be fair to residents & visitors using the station for shorter periods in evenings and weekends.
NE23 8AN	1			No waiting at any time. Double yellow lines. Thank you so much as I've already been pushed off this road twice.
NE23 8AR	1			The traffic has been much better since the restrictions have been in place. Removing them would be dangerous as the continuous parked cars block the road & your view.
NE23 8AN			1	I know the people parking there work at Manor Walks as I have seen the same cars parked in Nelson Village. I am not sure if reducing the no parking restrictions to 9-4 Monday to Friday would help, as I think they may be there on Saturday and Sunday. I feel Manor Walks needs to address its ongoing issue of staff parking as it continues to spill out into the surrounding housing estates.
NE23 8AN			1	No parking. double yellow lines. Also stop parking on pathways, parents having to walk on roads with children
NE23 8AR			1	We understand the risks that the road covers. The main concern from people who travelling from a far to the neighbouring train station obviously the option of parking on this road offers free parking rather than the hourly rate within the main stations confine. The major risk is the part at the bend which enters the bassington manor and at the junction into the estate causing single lane traffic, reduction in visibility and heightened risk of not seeing children from the neighborhood. We also understand that a lot of families have more than one car where most have only one car parking space, which I believe external offers an alternative area of parking reducing the same risk within the estate. Our proposal be as follows: Increase road width on opposite side to allow actual parking with allocation to residents through parking permit for the times between 08:00 & 17:00 at other times this would be available to visitors. Secondary option, permit parking with proposed singled line area to allow residents park on the area past the estate and changing the marking to double lines on the bend and before the estate.

NE23 8AN			1	Bassington Avenue is a highways road not a car park. Avant who built Bassington Manor confirmed every property has at least 2 spaces for cars however many prefer NOT to use garages or have more cars/vans than drivers. Since the restrictions came into force (Dec 2018) we have had icy/snow conditions and a flood 5/2/19). This proved to be the right decision as all were able to pass without incident which would not have been the case before the restrictions. Your proposal does not address that fact cars park on Bassington Avenue for 2-3 days over the weekend (as the car drivers use the train) for a weekend away. I would like the current restrictions to remain and the remaining lines painted which has not been done.
NE23 8AR	1			
NE23 8AN		1		Everyone on the estate has a parking bay, driveway, garage or both. There is no need for anyone to be parking on the road leading to the estate, this is restrictive and dangerous for residents driving in and out, the yellow lines were put there for a reason, for safety and as a deterrent for others parking there and then using the train station. It is also a problem within the estate of people parking partially on the road and pavement, creating a hazard.
NE23 8AN			1	I agree with the existing No Waiting between 08:00 - 18:00 restrictions. There is heavier traffic flow on a weekend with delivery vans etc and the houses facing onto this road have more than ample private driveways for visitors. Having a lane of parked cars also blocks the view of the pedestrian crossing on the corner.
NE23 8AR		1		I would like to register my vote as Option 2 - Remove the No waiting (single yellow lines)
NE23 8AN			1	My first comment is that we were not consulted on the first set of proposals in June 2018. I strongly disagree that the current lines should be removed. I in fact suggest double yellow lines should be laid entirely. Even now there are Cars & Vans blocking the view as you leave the estate. This is a danger; likewise parking up to the corner is a hazard as cars entering from the main road often drive too fast and do not see other cars in the middle of the road by passing the parked cars. This would be just as bad if not worse at the weekend or in the evening.
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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer:

Service Director, Local Services

Subject:

It is recommended that the following amendment be made to the parking restrictions:
No Waiting between 08:00-18:00 to No Waiting between 09:00-16:00 Monday to Friday only (Single Yellow Lines) on Bassington Avenue.

Consultation

Option 1: 21
Option 2: 6
Neutral: 8

Decision Taken:

To amend the parking restrictions as proposed

Signature of Director



Date

19/3/19