



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES

PAUL JONES

PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME PARKING RESTRICTION ON FRONT STREET WEST, BEDLINGTON

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of no waiting at any time parking restriction on Front Street West in Bedlington due to road safety concerns.

Recommendations

It is recommended that a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction is introduced on front Street West in Bedlington.

Link to Corporate Plan

How - "We want to be efficient, open and work for everyone"

Living - "We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for"

Connecting - "We want you to have access to the things you need"

Key Issues

1. Inconsiderate parking occurring on the Market Place due to a parking restriction being removed when resurfacing works took place and never being reinstalled in error.
2. Vehicles pulling on to the pedestrianised area of the Market Place which was not designed to take the loads imposed by vehicular traffic.
3. There are already adequate parking facilities in the town to accommodate any vehicles visiting the shopping outlets.

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4. Restrictions to be introduced without any formal consultation in order to address road safety concerns which have been raised by West Bedlington Parish Council and Local County Councillor

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Background

1. As part of the regeneration of Bedlington Market Place a number of parking restrictions were changed. Regrettably, a section of double yellow line failed to be reintroduced in error following resurfacing works associated with the Market Place Scheme.
2. In recent months a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate parking has increased significantly. Vehicles are parking on the Market Place despite adequate parking provision being available within the town.
3. After discussing the complaints with West Bedlington Parish Council and Local County Councillors it was agreed that double yellow lines should be reinstated as originally planned without any formal consultation due to the restrictions being necessary on road safety grounds.

Consultation

The reintroduction of additional No Waiting At any Time parking restriction will be introduced without consultation due to significant road safety concerns in the area. The 30 statutory consultees including the emergency services and various disabled and transport organisations/associations will be informed of the decision as well as the Chief Officer of Police. A plan showing the proposals is attached as Appendix A.

Recommendations

4. From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concerns raised in this area and it is inevitable that some individuals in the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. The introduction of parking restrictions without consultation can be a contentious matter, but due to the road safety concerns in the area and support from local County Councillor and Bedlington Town Council, it is recommended that the "No Waiting At

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Any Time" (double yellow line) is introduced on Bedlington Front Street West.

5. The Council has the power to hold a public inquiry before making any traffic regulation order. Such an inquiry might enable disputed evidence to be tested under cross-examination and the need for an order to be critically examined by an independent inspector. In this particular case, officers believe that such an inquiry is unlikely to bring any fresh information to light and it is therefore recommended that an inquiry is not held.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
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	Unauthorised pavement parking taking place putting pedestrians at risk.
Crime & Disorder	Inconsiderate parking on footpath
Customer Consideration	Benefit of to pedestrians using Bedlington Market Place
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Bedlington

Background papers:

None

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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	PJ
Portfolio Holder(s)	GS

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Title of Officer: Paul Jones - Service Director -Local Services

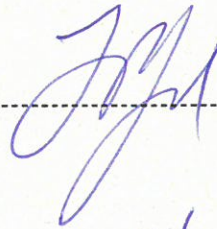
Subject: Proposed "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction on Front Street West, Bedlington.

Consultation: No Consultation undertaken. Restriction introduced on safety grounds

Decision Taken: To introduce a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction on front Street West in Bedlington.

Signature of Director

Date



5/4/19