



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES

PAUL JONES

PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME PARKING RESTRICTION ON GIBSON STREET IN NEWBIGGIN

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of "No Waiting At Any Time" parking restrictions at the junction of Gibson Street and Westfield Crescent due to road safety concerns.

Recommendations

It is recommended that a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction is introduced on Gibson Street in Newbiggin.

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 occurs on Gibson Street, particularly in the evening due to vehicles parking too close to its junction with Westfield Crescent.
2. Parking layby outside of the shops currently has single yellow line across which prohibits parking through the daytime.
3. Restrictions to be introduced without any formal consultation in order to address road safety concerns raised by local residents

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4. The scheme is supported by Councillor Simpson and Newbiggin Town Council

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PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME PARKING RESTRICTION ON GIBSON STREET IN NEWBIGGIN

Background

1. Vehicles are not permitted to park in the layby on Gibson Street outside of the shops due to a single yellow line which prohibits waiting between 8am - 6.30pm
2. When vehicles are parking in the evening, as they are currently permitted to do so, they are blocking the sight lines of vehicles exiting Westfield Crescent which has raised road safety concerns.
3. The Highway Code states "DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space". This is to allow sight lines to be kept clear.

Consultation

The removal of the "No Waiting 8am - 6.30pm parking restrictions and the introduction of 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

1. 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 Newbiggin Town Council, it is recommended that the "No Waiting 8am - 6.30pm parking restriction is removed outside of the shops and a "No Waiting At Any Time" (double yellow line) is introduced on Gibson Street in Newbiggin.
2. The Council has the power to hold a public inquiry before making any traffic regulation order. Such an inquiry might enable disputed evidence

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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 the consultation process and involvement with interested parties, means that such an inquiry is unlikely to bring any fresh information to light and it is therefore recommended that an inquiry is not held.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	None
Legal	Appropriate Traffic Regulation Order to be introduced
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	Parking at the junction is putting road users at risk by obstructing sight lines
Crime & Disorder	Inconsiderate parking at Junction of Gibson Street and Westfield Crescent
Customer Consideration	Parking now restricted at the junction through the day. However vehicles should not be parked there at any time following the Highway Code.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Newbiggin Central and East

Background papers:

None

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Report sign off.

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Finance Officer	
Monitoring Officer/Legal	
Human Resources	
Procurement	
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Director	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer:

Paul Jones - Service Director -Local Services

Subject:

Proposed "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction on Gibson Street in Newbiggin.

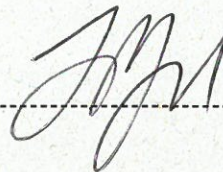
Consultation:

No Consultation undertaken. Restriction introduced on safety grounds

Decision Taken:

To introduce a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction on Gibson Street in Newbiggin.

Signature of Director



Date

19/8/19



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Title: Gibson Street
Proposed Parking Restrictions

Drm: **Date:** **Scale:**
1:1000

KEY

Proposed Double Yellow Line

Existing Single Yellow Line
8am - 6:30pm

