

## Delegated decisions



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

Paul Jones

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#### Proposed Parking Restrictions, Langdale Drive, Cramlington

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the introduction of proposed parking restrictions on Langdale Drive, Cramlington.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the following parking restrictions are introduced:  
No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (Double yellow Lines).

#### **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. Residents had raised concerns about indiscriminate parking on Langdale Drive, Cramlington.
2. The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Flux, through his Members Local Improvement Scheme allowance.
3. Following the consultation it is recommended to proceed with the proposed parking restrictions.

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### **Background**

1. Residents contacted their local Ward member with concerns regarding safety issues for both pedestrians and motorists caused by parked cars on Langdale Drive, Cramlington.
2. Indiscriminate parking on the road is making it difficult for residents and visitors to negotiate this road safely.
3. After meeting with Councillor Flux, officers proposed that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns.
4. A consultation letter was sent to 46 residents and 20 statutory consultees on the proposed parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A.
5. 17 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 14 in favour 2 against and 1 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 proposals should be introduced as proposed.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	None
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Funded through the Members Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Flux.
<b>Legal</b>	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
<b>Procurement</b>	
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The proposal is designed to minimise the risks caused by indiscriminate parking.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Traffic safety concerns i.e. Obstruction / congestion of the highway
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for pedestrians, residents and road users in the area
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	N/A
<b>Wards</b>	Cramlington West

### **Background papers:**

2016/147

### **Appendix Index**

Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B - Consultation Responses

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### Report sign off.

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

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Human Resources	N/A
Procurement	N/A
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Director	
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**Your ref:**

**Our ref:** 2016/147

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**Date:** Thursday 14th March 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Proposed Parking Restrictions, Langdale Drive, Cramlington**

Concerns have been raised with County Councillor Flux, regarding parked vehicles on Langdale Drive, Cramlington, causing traffic safety issues. Councillor Flux has therefore requested that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced at this junction in order to alleviate these concerns.

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 introduce No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions on the U9551 Langdale Drive, Cramlington as shown on the attached plan.

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 Director for Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Friday 26th April 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

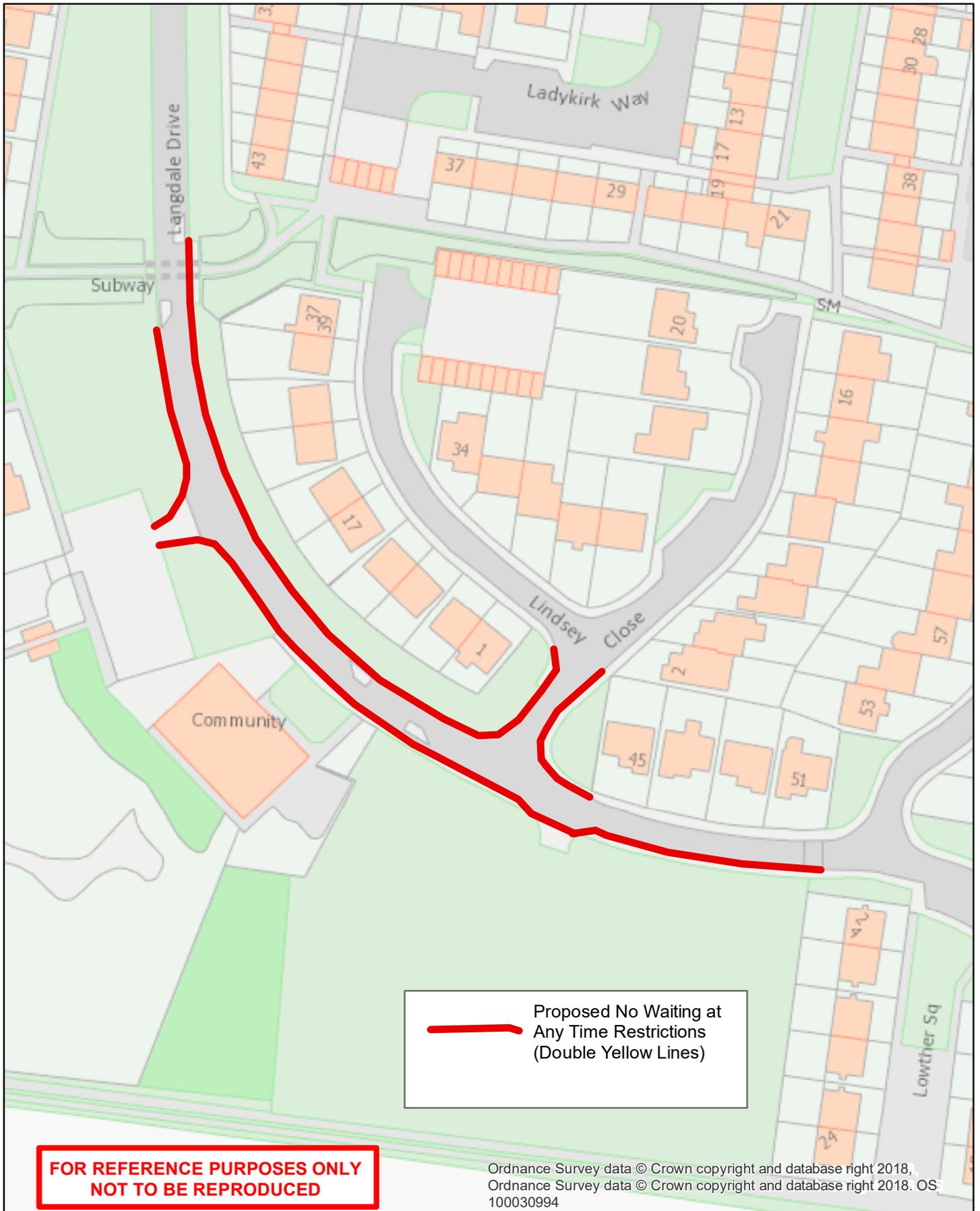
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<p>Northumberland County Council</p>	<p><b>Network Management Information System</b></p>	<p>Title: Proposed Parking Restrictions Langdale Drive Cramlington</p>		
<p>Northumberland County Council County Hall Morpeth Northumberland NE61 2EF Tel: 01670 533000</p>	<p>This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. License no. 100049048 (2009).</p>	<p>Dm: CE</p>	<p>Date: Mar 19</p>	<p>Scale: NTS</p>

Post Code	F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
	1			The introduction of this restriction will help the area due cars parking indiscriminately throughout the day. At school times it is particularly congested due to the lack of controls around parking in the area. It should improve sight lines and improve free flowing traffic.
NE23 8EJ	1			This causes a huge safety issue for both drivers and pedestrians! Accidents should be prevented, you shouldn't wait for an accident or two, and then act upon it. There is not enough parking available for the amount of cars on the road nowadays. There is enough land sitting right next to the community centre, plans may have been created to use this land, but surely some of this land could be used for extra parking. You have a school, and a community centre which the blood donors use, but parking is not available for all. If the parking was available, I doubt we'd have the same problem.
NE23 8EJ	1			
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NE23 8EJ	1			<p>Whilst I support the proposals, I do have some concerns.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When and how often is this junction going to be policed and how will this be budgeted.</li> <li>2. Also if these restrictions are to be imposed, where are the people who are currently parking there going to park. I refer to the parent - baby classes etc. they do indeed cause obstructions but trying to contain active children whilst parked some distance away could pose problems for the parents.</li> <li>3. The area opposite the entrance to Lindsey Close used to have a Council building sited there, It was bulldozed and demolished some years ago and now is overgrown with a fence round it. As it is not being used, why then could it not have been left for car parking hence negating the need for parking all along Langdale Drive or could it not now be used for car parking as it is currently dead ground.</li> <li>4. Whilst you are considering this proposal, could you also consider a speed reducing measure on the entrance to Lindsey Close, the speed some drivers come in here is excessive and lots of school children use this junction for the primary school.</li> </ol>
NE23 8EL	1			I support this proposal. One of the frustrating aspects of the parking issue is that there are two parking bays one on Langdale Drive near flats and the other on Lindsey Close both bays less minute from the community centre. As the parking issues happen during the working day these bays which can hold approximately 25 cars are almost empty while the main Langdale Drive road is full of parked cars. I have witnessed women with pushchairs, shopping etc having to walk on the road as the cars block their passage along the footpath.
NE23 8EJ	1			I support this proposal. However, my only concern when this is enforced is where are the cars currently using this area going to park? Cars already park in our street and directly in front of our house and I can only see this getting worse if there are no additional parking spaces created. Are there any plans to create more parking spaces? Maybe on the fenced land behind the community centre or by extending the current car park out towards the subway?
NE23 8EJ		1		I oppose on two point: 1' The installation of double yellow lines will impose 24/7 restrictions to the residents to solve an issue that only occurs a couple of hours per week. 2' Placing double yellow lines will not resolve the issue just move the problem to the remainder of Langdale Drive and/or Lindsey Close. Preferred solution would be to create more park at the community centre or open up the council owned land adjacent to the community centre that used to be used by the now demolished council offices.
NE23 8EL	1			I would also like to see the white "H bars" painted across the dropped kerbs at the driveways to prevent cars displaced by the no waiting restriction from blocking our driveways.
NE23 8EJ	1			<p>Don't want to discourage people from using the community centre but random parking causes difficulty in getting in / out of Lindsey Close junction particularly when they park on both sides of the road. It's our only way out!</p> <p>Could consideration be given to turning part of the space where the children's home used to be into a temporary parking area?</p> <p>Or the grassy area to the right of the school gates could be used for parking. Particularly for the school coaches and larger vehicles like blood donor vans.</p>
NE23 8EJ			1	I feel that the sign "No Waiting At Any Time" will create a big problem for the people who live and own the property in Lindsey Close. The street, equally the properties on the odd side numbers, most of the people have cars that are too large for the garages that belong to each property - hence they park outside the properties they own. I myself have had bother with people parking in front of my garage. I use my garage all the time which led to me being unable to get either in or out with my car. I don't know how you will resolve the problem but with so many new properties being built at Cramlington the problem of parking a car at Cramlington gets progressively worse. At other sections in different places and villages they use a time factor like "Between the times of ????" - perhaps that might be a better solution? At the top of this form you ask "Yes" or "No" to support your proposal - I feel therefore I cannot give an answer.
NE23 8ES	1			I have had concern over this situation for quite a while. Being xx Lindsey Close it can get quite busy with the parked cars on Langley Drive. I wonder why the "field" which had railings fitted and never used (it would be a car park) The last little concern I have is the yellow lines which come around the corner of Lindsey Close. My neighbours opposite have 2 or 3 cars and one is always parked outside my flat. Because of this my son has to park on the corner when he comes to collect me or visit me, I would not like him to get "tickets" while visiting me. I notice the yellow lines come around the corner. I can't walk very far. I am 85, and sometimes he has to take me in my wheelchair

NE23 8EJ	1			However! Whilst supporting the proposals, I feel the restricted parking in the specified area will invariably lead to further problems in Lindsey Close and Langdale Drive, Surely visitors to the community centre will use these streets to park their cars when the existing car park is full, baring in mind it is also used for visitors to Beacon Hill Primary School and becomes congested at school starting and finishing times. The parking around this area will spread to the above streets and result in more complaints from residents. Why can't the fenced off land adjacent to the community centre be utilised as a car park? It has stood empty for a long time now when it could be a solution to the problem? More consideration and thought needs to be employed to come to a satisfactory conclusion to the parking problem
NE23 8EJ	1			At long last!!! Emergency services will be pleased. However, those attending events at the centre will park somewhere. Why not reopen the area next to the centre but give the key to the caretaker. (The map still shows the chicane?!)
NE23 8EH	1			Can some of the land that used to be social services building be used for extra car parking as it's just an accident waiting to happen. There is no parking available for both community centre and school.
NE23 8EJ	1			I broadly support the proposals, I live in Lindsey Close and it can be very difficult to drive out of the street at times, not to say dangerous. People using the community Centre (and sometimes the school), park on alternate sides of the road and opposite the junction. Driving down Langdale Drive is like running a gauntlet at times - you have to weave from one side of the road to the other, and when cars are parked, you can't actually see very far down the road so you don't know if anything's coming the other way. You just have to take a chance. My living room looks out across Langdale Drive and I often see people parking on the road even when there are empty spaces in the car park - which shows a total lack of consideration for anyone but themselves. I do though, have some reservations. Firstly, for this to be effective, it will need to be patrolled by police or traffic wardens - will this happen? Secondly, if the yellow lines are introduced, this will just move the problem elsewhere - probably into Lindsey Close, where there's barely enough parking for residents. Are there any plans to create additional parking by the school / community centre? I'd also like to question why the issue of parking wasn't considered when the community centre was built or the school expanded.
NE23 8EH		1		The proposed changes would be incredibly disruptive to the day to day running of my nursery. The car park at Beaconhill community centre is not big enough to accommodate the parking of the school, the busy community centre and our very busy nursery. My nursery is situated within the Cramlington West Children's Centre building, which is located within the Beaconhill primary school grounds, neither my staff or parents are able to park near the centre so are forced to park in the community centre car park and the surrounding areas. I have never witnessed any unsafe or irresponsible parking and the roads are wide enough to accommodate this. The community centre boasts very busy baby and toddler groups, weight management classes and frequent blood donation groups the proposed changes will have a huge effect on those, where are those people going to park? The school holds over 200 pupils majority of which travel in a car, where are they going to park? If the proposed changes do go ahead I urge you to propose a larger car park to accommodate the busy facilities and businesses that are in Beaconhill and which contribute to a better overall lifestyle for the residents.
	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	

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**DECISION TAKEN**

**Title of Officer:**

Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:**

Proposed No Waiting at Any Time  
Restrictions (Double yellow Lines)  
be introduced on Langdale Drive, Cramlington.

**Consultation**

For: 14  
Against: 2  
Neutral: 1

**Decision Taken:**

To introduce the parking restrictions  
as proposed

Signature of Director

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**Date**

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