



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

**Paul Jones**

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**Proposed Parking Restrictions,  
Milburn Road, Ashington**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson**

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**Purpose of Report**

To consider the introduction of proposed parking restrictions on Milburn Road, Ashington which runs along the boundary between College and Haydon wards.

**Recommendations**

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

**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 have raised safety concerns with Cllr Purvis for both pedestrians and motorists caused by parked cars on Milburn Road, Ashington.

At the point where these concerns have been raised, Milburn Road is the boundary between College and Haydon wards.

2. While the results of the consultation were against the introduction of the restrictions, it has been agreed with Councillor Purvis and

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Councillor Gallacher that the restrictions should be introduced in order to alleviate ongoing road safety concerns on the street.

3. The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Purvis, through his Members' Local Improvement Scheme allowance.

## **Background**

1. Residents contacted their local Ward member with concerns regarding safety issues for both pedestrians and motorists caused by parked cars on Milburn Road, Ashington in the vicinity of the junction with Seventh Avenue. At this point Milburn Road forms the boundary between College ward and Haydon ward.
2. Indiscriminate parking on the road is making it difficult for residents and visitors to negotiate this road safely.
3. After meeting with Councillor Purvis, officers proposed that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions could be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns.
4. A consultation letter was sent to 38 residents and 26 statutory consultees on the proposed parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A.
5. 11 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 2 in favour and 9 against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
6. Concerns were raised in the feedback about lack of parking for residents and one or two felt that the inconsiderate parking acted as a traffic calming measure. Several respondents wanted a commitment to enforcement of the restrictions.
7. The results of the consultation were discussed with Councillor Purvis and Councillor Gallacher, who both agreed that the restrictions should be introduced on safety grounds.
8. The scheme is supported by both councillors and it is proposed that it will be funded through Councillor Purvis' Members' Local Improvement Scheme allocation.
9. We will continue to monitor the situation once the double yellow lines have been installed.

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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 Purvis.
<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 introduction of double yellow line parking restrictions is designed to improve road safety.
<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>	
<b>Wards</b>	College and Haydon

### **Background papers:**

File ref: 2018/092

### **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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Finance Officer	N/A
Monitoring Officer/Legal	N/A
Human Resources	N/A
Procurement	N/A
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Director	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

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# Northumberland County Council

**Your ref:**

**Our ref:** 2018/092

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**Date:** Thursday 17th January 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Proposed Parking Restrictions, Milburn Road, Ashington**

Concerns have been raised regarding vehicles being parked too close to the junction of Milburn Road and Rowlington Terrace, Ashington, causing traffic safety issues. It is therefore proposed 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 C401 Milburn Road, Ashington 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 1st March 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

*S Hudson*

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<b>Existing Double Yellow Lines</b>	
<b>Proposed Double Yellow Lines</b>	

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**Title:**  
Proposed Parking Restrictions  
C401 Milburn Road & U6513  
Rowlington Terrace, Ashington

<b>Drn:</b> SH	<b>Date:</b> Jan 2019	<b>Scale:</b> NTS
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Post Code	F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
		1		I live at xxx Milburn Road and my fear is that cars will park down the back street and block myself and other residents from getting our cars out of our garages, and stopping us from parking at our back doors. Would it be possible to have resident parking permits only down the back street.
NE63 0LX		1		The cars parked on Milburn Road slow the traffic down which is like traffic calming. You could take some of the path away on each side of the road to make the road wider.
NE63 0PJ		1		At present there is already a shortage of parking availability between 7th and 8th Avenues of Milburn Road due to the close proximity to shops to the North of the 7th Avenue junction. Residents at present struggle to park near to their houses and the back lanes of the East side of Milburn Road are too narrow to be used to park in. If you are to introduce the extension of double yellow lines, are you also going to put some form of resident parking scheme in place to allow residents to securely leave their vehicles within a reasonable distance to their property?
NE63 0PJ	1			Although I support your proposals are unless you back this up with wardens or Police officers people will just ignore it. They park on existing double yellows and double park at both sets of lights causing major restrictions as the lights cannot operate properly once the Co op Delivery truck parks up in its loading bay.
NE63 0NB	1			Support conditional upon proper provision to prevent moving the problem from Seventh Avenue into Rowlington Terrace, where difficulties already exist blocking access to properties. Without this protection I strongly oppose the proposal.
		1		I would have thought a time limited restriction would be better as the problem only seems to arise at school time. There are many residential properties with more than 1 car in the area and the introduction of a double yellow line would impact upon residents immensely
NE63 0PJ		1		There are no problems with parking on Milburn Rd where the proposed yellow lines are indicated. The parking problem are in the avenue either side of the traffic lights.
NE63 0ND		1		Parking xxx Milburn Road. I oppose the proposal, although I do agree that some drivers do park on yellow lines at junction which can cause problems at junction. My property is xxx and the flat above xxx I think should be given parking permits. There is plenty of safe parking for two vehicles and I do not think it is unreasonable to park outside your own property. The street behind does not have enough space for one vehicle never mind two. If you set a precedent on one street in Northumberland to stop parking near junctions, do you then when other residents in certain streets especially all the colliery rows in Ashington complain, put yellow lines on all streets?
NE63 0PJ		1		I am strongly against the proposed double yellow lines as it will affect my parking outside my home where the lines will end. I have a young child to get in and out of the car as well as any shopping I have to carry. This will also affect my car insurance as I will have to park my car further down the street away from my home which will affect the parking of the residents further down the street losing their parking spaces. Thank you for taking the time to look at my response.
NE63 0ND		1		I oppose the proposal, although I do agree that some drivers do park on the yellow lines at the junction and can make it dangerous. I do believe there is ample room for 2 cars to park on the side next to the traffic lights and feel that rather than enforcing yellow lines, parking permits would be better for myself and the shop owner to ensure we are able to park outside of the properties we own/live. It is often hard enough to park in the area as people who frequent the gym / local amenities park here without thought. Making this all a no parking zone will make it even harder to park at my address. Parking in the back lane is also not an option as the street is very narrow and most people have garages where they store their cars already because of the lack of parking, and there are often complaints about people being blocked into their yards because of this.

NE63 0ND		1	<p>Object to proposal. Issue with parking adjacent to lights - currently not enforced. Lack of parking already, and crime issues with parking to rear of properties. Main issue is parking adjacent to lights (end of Rowlington Tce), not Milburn Rd. Zig Zag lines already to 221 Milburn Rd. Adding additional lines will no doubt cause a) further speeding - clearer road! Already an issue, demonstrated by speed awareness display. b) more parking issues further south on road - adjacent local businesses i.e Bettys - where numerous accidents already occur on a regular basis. Council should be supporting local businesses - better provision for parking not less! Potentially widen roads in key areas?</p>
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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 Milburn Road, Ashington.

**Consultation**

For: 2  
Against: 9  
Neutral: 0

**Decision Taken:**

To introduce the parking restrictions as proposed and for these restrictions to be funded by Cllr Purvis from his Members Local Improvement Scheme funds.

Signature of Director

Date



9/7/19