



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

Paul Jones

**Proposed Parking Restrictions,
Ramsey's Lane, Wooler**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of proposed parking restrictions on Ramsey's Lane, Wooler (between Oliver Road and Broomey Road).

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 have raised safety concerns for both pedestrians and motorists caused by parked cars on Ramsey's Lane, Wooler.
2. The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Murray, through his Members' Local Improvement Scheme allowance.
3. While the results of the consultation were close it has been agreed with Councillor Murray that the restrictions should be introduced in order to alleviate ongoing road safety concerns on the street.

Delegated decisions

Background

1. Residents contacted their local Ward member with concerns regarding safety issues for both pedestrians and motorists caused by parked cars on Ramsey's Lane, Wooler.
2. Indiscriminate parking on the road is making it difficult for residents and visitors to negotiate this road safely.
3. After meeting with Councillor Murray, officers proposed that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns.
4. A consultation letter was sent to 30 residents and 26 statutory consultees on the proposed parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A.
5. 13 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 7 in favour 5 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 Murray, who agreed that the restrictions should be introduced on safety grounds.
7. The scheme is supported by Councillor Murray and funded through his Members' Local Improvement Scheme allocation.
8. We will continue to monitor the situation once the double yellow lines have been installed.

Delegated decisions

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Members Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Murray
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	Wooler

Background papers:

File ref: 2018/128

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Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B - Consultation Responses

Delegated decisions

Report sign off.

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

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,
Ramsey's Lane, Wooler (between Oliver Road and Broomey Road)**

Road safety concerns have raised by residents of Ramsey's Lane, Wooler on numerous occasions. These issues have been discussed recently with Councillor Murray and Wooler Parish Council. While requests for road widening have been made by residents, such a scheme is unlikely to be considered for funding by the County Council at this time due to the significant costs involved. However it has been agreed that the introduction of No Waiting at any Time Parking Restrictions on the south side of Ramsey's Lane between Oliver Road and Broomey Road may assist in alleviating some of the continued 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 advise you on the proposed introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions on the south side of Ramsey's Lane, Wooler as shown on the attached plan.

If you have any comments or observations regarding this proposal please can you email or write to Highways Programme, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF before Friday 18th January 2019.

In addition it has been suggested that vehicles are driving at excessive speeds on Ramsey's Lane. A speed survey was undertaken in 2016 and this showed that there were no issues with speeding. It is likely that there is merely a perception of high speed bearing in mind the type of vehicles using this route to gain access to and from the quarry. However, bearing in mind the concerns raised a further survey will be undertaken.

Yours faithfully

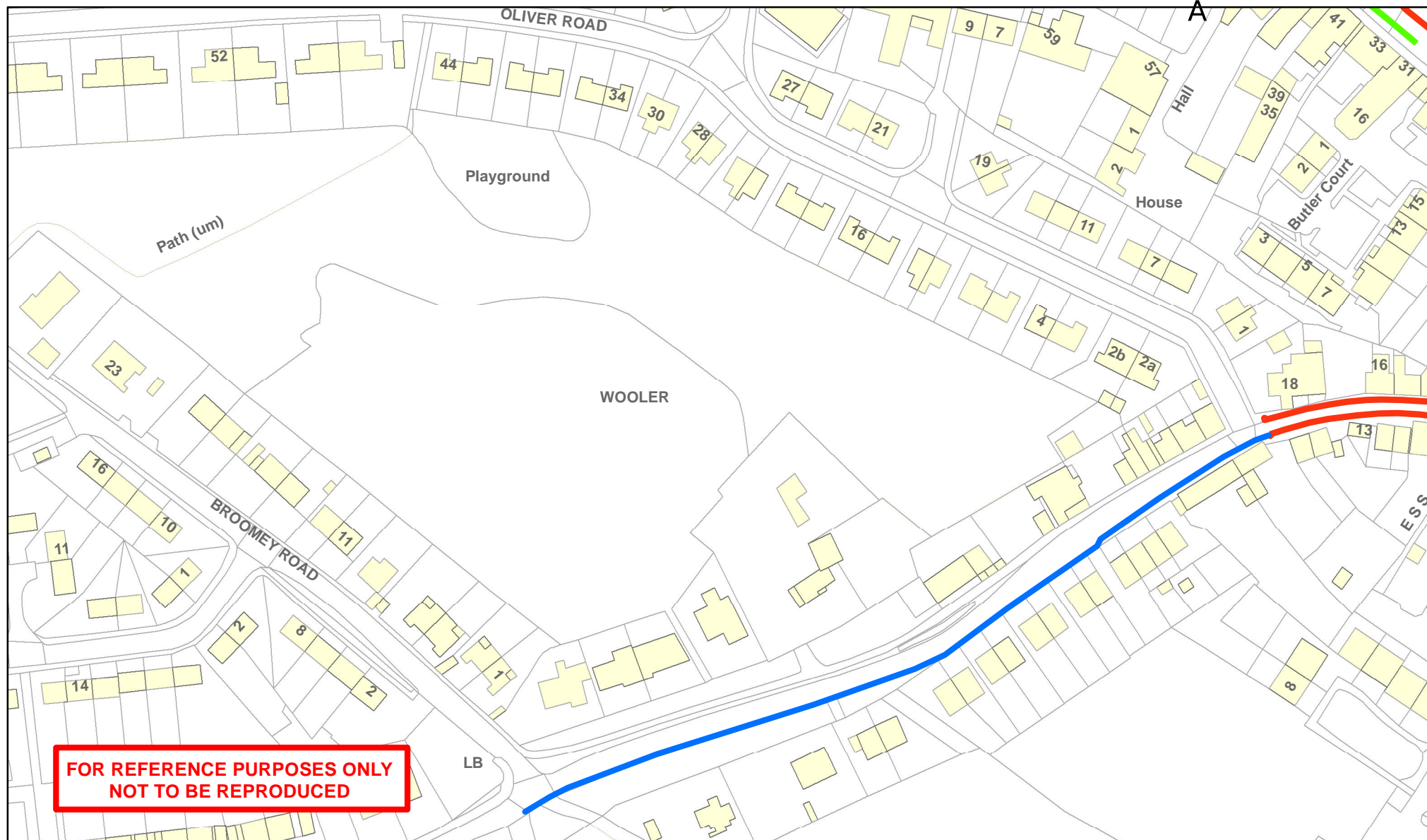
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Title: Proposed No Waiting at
Any Time Restrictions,
Ramsey's Lane, Wooler

Drn:

Date:
Sept 18

Scale:
1:1,500

KEY:-

— PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME
RESTRICTIONS (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES)

— EXISTING NO WAITING AT ANY TIME
RESTRICTIONS (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES)

Appendix B

Post Code	F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
NE71 6NY	1			In addition: Traffic lights would alleviate potential accidents as vehicles would have to slow down approaching local residents parked cars on the north side of the lane.
			1	I would inform you that as an Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for out-patient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
NE71 6NY		1		I attended the onsite meeting with the councillors and a lot of the ideas were put forward about safety and parking on Ramseys Lane The proposal on this letter was not discussed at the meeting and would actually make the parking situation worse and very dangerous. I live at no xx which is the narrowest part of the road, and I have a drive which I do try to park my car in but as I work from 6am to 4pm I am usually blocked in (as I cannot get out of my drive if anyone parks opposite) or I can't get anywhere near my own property due to parking . I often have to park away from my own house which is very unfair as I only use one car and most people have 2 or 3. Today and last night I was actually blocked in by a non residents car so I had to get a lift to work - Surely this parking should be for the people in houses here! Widening of the road at this point would help also double yellow lines at the narrow point and parking at the south side would be better as discussed at the meeting. New houses are supposed to be built so this will make it even worse - we most certainly need another onsite meeting before anything is put in place. I have written about this before but have had no reply.
	1			I think this will be a welcome addition to the area as we frequently receive verbal complaints from the residents when patrolling this area, however less vehicles on the street may increase the speed of other vehicles..
NE71 6NY	1			I wonder how this will be monitored / policed. Any chance of double yellows across the bottom of the steps outside no. xx? These are used by my 87 year old mother to get to a taxi or lift. There is often a car or van parked right across the steps - making access to the road at that point impossible.
NE71 6NY		1		I feel that the introduction of "No waiting at any time" parking restriction is not a satisfactory solution as the problem is not only road safety but also, and probably more so, a lack of space for residents to park their vehicles. These streets were built at a time when there were far fewer vehicles on the roads and cars themselves were much smaller in size. Perhaps a suggestion may be to build a car park area and given that there are often very large vehicles travelling up and down Ramsey's Lane, a reduction of the speed limit to 20mph. Only this afternoon there has been a road traffic collision which resulted in one vehicle mounting the steep grassy bank and ending up on the pavement at that time, a mother with a pram for instance, and no-one was seriously injured. Perhaps it is time to think about safety and risk lito life rather than the cost of the measures that could be undertaken to make the street safe.
NE71 6NY	1			Anything which begins to regulate the parking in our road is good. There is more & more traffic on this residential road. However these proposals don't go far enough. There are too many cars and business vehicles. A system of residents parking permits would limit the number of cars parking here. Some households are parking 3 vehicles while those with only one can find it hard to get a place. So please can we have the no waiting system proposed (with bollards to prevent anyone parking on the south side of the road). Residents parking permits with a cap of 2 vehicles per household. Visitors permits to be purchased by residents.
NE71 6NY	1			How about double yellow lines both sides at the narrowest point? People could then park on their drive on the south side. Where do people at the top of the south side park, they are on a bank?
NE71 6NY		1		This plan does not solve the problem on this lane. 1. Drivers exiting from Broomey Rd will find it extremely difficult if cars are parked right up to that road. They already find driving down difficult because of the slight bend in the lane. 2. People with drives on the south side find it difficult to exit their drives because of cars parked opposite. If many more are there the problem will be worse. Delivery men & our visitors? - Parking where? As for the excessive speeds, - not the heavy vehicles but certainly other drivers.
	1			I agree with no waiting; I also think that yellow lines would be the answer from curly court to brumywood. Yellow lines a must at the corner where the accident was last week. Other place planters from curlew court all the way up "left side" just like they have at Jedburgh and it looks very good to me. Three cars to a house is a bit much most houses have a garage or a space side of house for a car but won't use them.

NE71 6NY	1			Thought should be given to a 20mph speed limit on Ramseys lane to take into account the large volume of very heavy vehicles coming to / from the xxxx / crusher plant. By reciting the crusher plant to the xxxxxxxxxx site with direct access to main xxxxxx roads would be a tad safer and cause less damage to the road and conceited services. Bearling in mind the proposed new housing development at the back of Highfair the traffic movement can only get worse. The heavy traffic involving togging and waker tarkers is only a short lived problem. Although access to public transport is a blessing to older people the choice of xxxxxx. seized lorries for narrow Wooler streets seems a bit short sighted. I am against cutting out parking bays below No 34 as not only is this area "common land" but would alsodeviact from the appearance of a green xxxx / width within this xxxxx area.
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NE71 6NY		1		<p>In response to your letter regarding NCC's plans for No Waiting to the south side of the street and the marked-up street plan enclosed.</p> <p>I think your solution show a misinterpretation of the issues which have been worsening, but only in the last three years or so when residents have started parking inconsiderately and now dangerously.</p> <p>I have lived adjacent to where the parking has recently become an issue for 38 years. My two sons both live on Common Road & High Fair therefore are using Ramsey's Lane daily as access.</p> <p>I have highlighted in yellow on the NCC street plan the only area where parking has caused recent complaints to my knowledge. Highlighted in green shows where vehicles have parked for decades and not caused any issues - (although they are now parking much further up the hill causing issues with the Broomley Road junction and creating a blind approach on to Common Road).</p> <p>Please find also enclosed a marked-up satellite plan to try to explain the main issue with parking on Ramsey's Lane. The area highlighted in yellow on your plan and red on my mark-up is where vehicles are parking every day. When heading east downhill this road drops over a slight crest and veers left. It is a blind corner - until vehicles are parked on the north side, then it is completely blind. Several times a day travelling vehicles are meeting head on in this location and having to reverse back in either direction to allow passing - surely if this is the case then the cause is obstructive parking? Having No Waiting marked on the south side will have no impact whatsoever on the dangerous parking currently have. It will in fact worsen the issue as these people already have complete disregard to the dangers they are causing by parking where they are and marking the south side only will let them think they have the right to park even further around the corner and exacerbate the whole issue.</p> <p>Purely due to several near misses in this very location, one of my sons has purchased a dashcam to log these incidents. Please type these website addresses into your internet browser if you wish to watch what is happening daily. These are not isolated to a certain time of day, it is happening to everyone who needs to use this road all day.</p> <p>1. https://youtu.be/N4mAQ3LchgM</p> <p>2. https://youtu.be/FiAmuFnUgB0</p> <p>I understand there was an RTA in this location not long ago. I'm not sure if it was due to the parking but the police report may help you din that out.</p> <p>I am very surprised that NCC's solution to the issue is marking the southside with No Waiting / double yellow lines. I urge you to consider what I have explained above, as I can assure you the result of going ahead with the current proposal will inevitably result in accidents happening in the exact location mentioned above.</p> <p>The current parking is causing a danger in this location and your proposals do not address this in any way.</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 Ramsey's Lane, Wooler (between Oliver Road and Broomey Road).

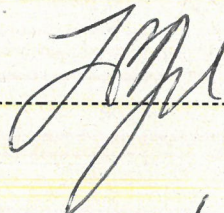
Consultation

For: 7
Against: 5
Neutral: 1

Decision Taken:

To introduce the parking restrictions as proposed

Signature of Director



Date

29/5/19