

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES

PAUL JONES

REVISED PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON REGENT STREET IN BLYTH

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

A number of minor anomalies exist within the Traffic Regulation Orders across the county due to road layouts being revised without existing Traffic Regulation Orders being updated.

This Report addresses an issue at Regent Street in Blyth and considers the introduction of a revised Traffic Regulation Order to accommodate the new road layout following the construction of the Morrisons Supermarket.

Recommendations

It is recommended that revised "No Waiting At Any Time" parking restrictions are introduced on Regent Street in Blyth.

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

 As part of the development of the Morrisions Supermarket on Regent Street, the road layout was revised and a roundabout was introduced. Also, two streets were also removed as part of the redevelopment of the area.

- 2. The parking restrictions were revised on site, but the Traffic Regulation Order was never changed.
- 3. The introduction of the Traffic Regulation Order is supported by Cllr Nesbitt.

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Background

- In 2012 the existing Morrisons store in Blyth was demolished and a new larger store was introduced on the site. In addition to the old store site, two additional streets were also demolished to make way for the new development.
- 2. When the works were complete the road layout on Regent Street had changed following the removal of two streets and the introduction of a vehicular entrance into the newly constructed Morrisons car park.
- 3. Double yellow lines were reintroduced to Regent Street, but as the road layout had changed, the Traffic Regulation Order description no longer matched the restrictions shown on the ground.

Consultation

4. The revised Traffic Regulation Order on Regent Street will be introduced without consultation as it has been in place on the ground for a number of years without any issue, and it is necessary to prevent inconsiderate parking and maintain road safety. 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

- 5. 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 length of time the parking restrictions have been in place and the fact that the restriction should have been revised in 2012, along with support from County Councillor Cath Nesbitt, it is recommended that No Waiting At Any Time parking restrictions are introduced on Regent Street in Blyth.
- 6. 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.

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	None
(Impact Assessment attached)	
Yes □ No □ N/A □	
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Vehicles parking on the double yellow lines on Regent Street will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice to prevent inconsiderate parking.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Blyth

Background papers:

None

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)	28

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer:	Paul Jones - Service Director -Local Services
Subject:	Proposed No Waiting At Any Time parking restrictions on Regent Street in Blyth.
Consultation:	No Consultation undertaken. Existing double yellow lines in place on site without Traffic Regulation Order in Place.
Decision Taken:	To introduce a No Waiting At Any Time Parking Restrictions on Regent Street in Blyth.
Signature of Director	AM.
Date	19/8/19



