



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

**Paul Jones**

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**Proposed Amendment to the Existing Resident Parking Zone,  
Sea Road, Spittal**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson**

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**Purpose of Report**

To consider an amendment to the existing resident parking zone on Sea Road, Spittal.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the existing Resident Parking Zone is not amended.

**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. Concerns were raised about under utilisation of the parking available on Sea Road, Spittal during the day.
2. The scheme was to be funded by Councillor Hill, through her Members Local Improvement Scheme allowance.
3. Following the consultation it is recommended not to proceed with the proposed amendments.

## **Delegated decisions**

### **Background**

1. Members of the local bowling club contacted their local Ward member with concerns about a lack of parking at the bowling club since the introduction of the Residents PArking Zone at Sea Road, and the fact that the area is often under utilised during the day.
2. After meeting with Councillor Hill, officers proposed the introduction of parking bays and no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) restrictions. The bays were to be “dual use” parking bays, thereby maximising their use during the peak periods of the day.
3. A consultation letter was sent to 11 residents on the proposed amendments. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A.
4. 11 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 1 in favour 10 against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
5. The results of the consultation were discussed with Councillor Hill, who agreed to not proceed with the proposed amendments.

## Delegated decisions

### Implications Arising out of the Report

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| <b>Policy</b>   | None         |
| <b>Finance and value for money</b>  | None         |
| <b>Legal</b>  | None         |
| <b>Procurement</b>  |              |
| <b>Human Resources</b>  | None         |
| <b>Property</b>   | None         |
| <b>Equalities</b><br>(Impact Assessment attached)<br>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> | None         |
| <b>Risk Assessment</b>  |              |
| <b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>   | None         |
| <b>Customer Consideration</b>   | None         |
| <b>Carbon reduction</b>   |              |
| <b>Wards</b>  | Berwick East |

### **Background papers:**

File ref: 2018/170

### **Appendix Index**

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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# Northumberland County Council

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**Your ref:**

**Our ref:** 2018/170

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**Date:** Tuesday 26th March 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

## **Proposed Amendment to the Existing Resident Parking Zone Sea Road, Spittal**

Concerns have been raised about the under utilisation of the parking available on Sea Road, Spittal during the day.

Councillor Hill would like to support the continuation of "residents only" parking on the predominantly-residential left hand side with an amendment to the existing resident parking zone to allow non residents to park for a limited time, subject to residents views.

This will mean the introduction of parking bays and no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) restrictions. The bays will be "dual use" parking bays, thereby maximising their use during the peak periods of the day. The proposed restriction would be as follows:

1. Allow residents (with a permit) to park 24 hours / 7 days per week
2. Allow non-residents to park Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm for a maximum of 3 hours with no return within 4 hours

Resident Permit Parking will have the following limitations:

1. The current charge for Resident Parking Permits is £25 a year per permit.
2. A **maximum** of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking.
3. This scheme would be regarded as self-enforcing between 6pm and 8am.
4. Businesses will not be eligible for residential parking permits.
5. A permit does not guarantee a parking space.
6. A minimum of 75% of eligible residents must respond, and of those, 70% must be in favour of the scheme for this to proceed.

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1998 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the proposal to amend the existing resident parking zone and to introduce residents permit parking with time limited waiting and no waiting at any time restrictions on Sea Road, Spittal.

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.



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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 Executive Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Friday 12th 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

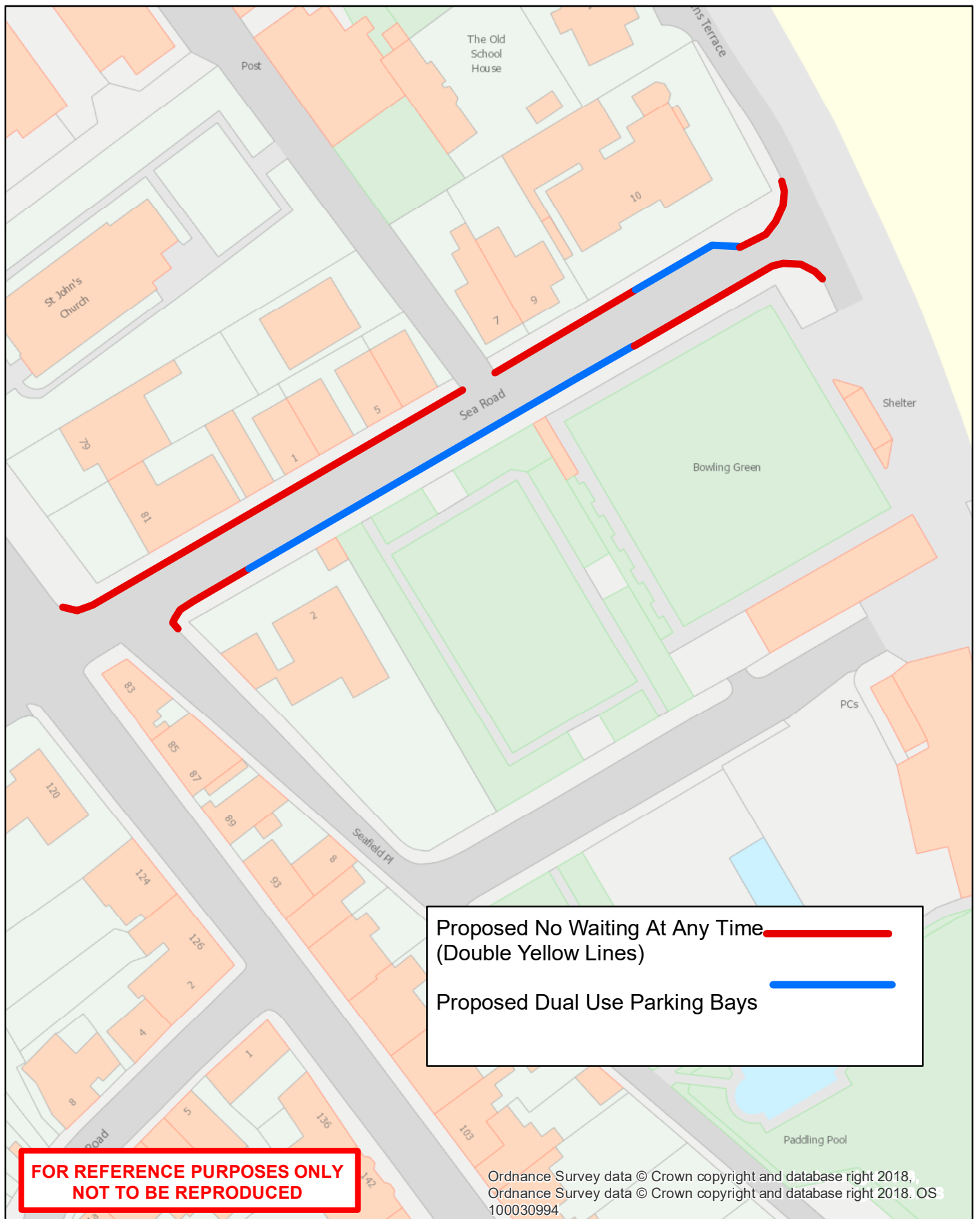
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| <p><b>Northumberland</b><br/>Northumberland County Council</p>  | <p><b>Network Management<br/>Information System</b></p>   |  | <p><b>Title:</b> Proposed Parking Restrictions<br/>Sea Road, Spittal</p> |                                |                              |
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| TD15 1RN  |             | 1                               |                                 | The parking restrictions currently have been much better. As a family of 6 with 2 small children, non residents would regularly block my driveway and across pavements making access restricted for prams. In the summer months the roads are very busy and dangerous so I do not support these proposals in any way.  |
| TD15 1RN  |             | 1                               |                                 | For reasons too many to mention!! However we moved to Sea Road in October last year & one of the deciding factors was the resident parking only - why should we have to pay for a permit to park opposite our home but then NOT be guaranteed a parking space because of people parking for free!! I am certain that during the summer, this proposal - if passed - would cause resident permit holders a lot of inconvenience as they will not be able to park at or even near their homes especially during school holidays given the proximity to the beach!! IT'S A BIG NO FROM US. I trust that this counts as 2 votes as there are 2 residents at this address.  |
| TD15 1RN  |             | 1                               |                                 | If what you are proposing goes ahead, you may as well do away with the residents parking completely and revert to as was (I would save £50).   |
| TD15 1RJ  |             | 1                               |                                 | We totally disagree with this proposal. We daily have vehicles entering our access road which serves only no's 16 & 17 St. Helens Terrace adjoining the promenade, we have cars reversing back into our driveways to turn around & return back to Sea Road. In fact we need better signage at the bottom of Sea Road - saying "No Entry" Access Only! Throughout the summer holiday period the proposal as it stands will only make the above problem even worse.  |
| TD15 1RJ  | 1           |                                 |                                 | Arrangements for visitors at weekends is also desirable - people with jobs want to come to the beach too. I opposed the introduction of the original scheme mainly because all the houses on Sea Road / St. H Terrace have off street parking anyway. I do not think St Helens Terrace needs double yellow lines - nobody ever parks there unless builders are working on the houses.  |
| TD15 1RN  |             | 1                               |                                 | There is clearly a shortage of summer parking in Spittal, but this proposal would cause confusion & anger and would not increase the amount of parking. Placing Double Yellows on the residential side makes no sense. Residents with permits would have to park on the non residential side, using six or seven bays on weekends and festival times, visitors would simply take a chance and park on the 'double yellows'. There are six garages on the residential side, Five of which are in regular use. Two for mobility vehicles. Even with the current restrictions, garages can deliberately be blocked by visitors. Five of the houses on Sea Road have two vehicles, hence the chaos if double yellows were introduced. The present system is not perfect but is the least imperfect. Visitor parking on the non-residential side might work, but a dual system is not acceptable to NCC. Anyway it might just cause more confusion. |
| TD15 1RD  |             | 1                               |                                 | Having nurses and podiatrist visit us on three occasions during the week, we are not in favour of any changes being made to the existing residents parking, as it is important that they can park at the door.   |
| TD15 1RN  |             | 1                               |                                 |  |
| TD15 1RN  |             | 1                               |                                 | Three reasons: proximity to the school; increased non-resident parking during summer = risk of inadequate availability for residents with permits; and alternative parking for visitors is available close by.   |
| TD15 1RN  |             | 1                               |                                 | I rely on the three permits to give to guests to use during their stay as well as the one I need for my own car. Without them it would affect my business and bringing tourism into Spittal / Berwick. I would support non-resident parking on the other side of the road, if that were an option. If not then I'd rather keep things as they are.   |
| TD15 1RN  |             | 1                               |                                 | Why should residents have to pay to park? The whole permit scheme is overkill and unnecessary  |
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## Delegated decisions

### DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer:**

Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:**

Proposed Amendment to the  
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on Sea Road, Spittal.

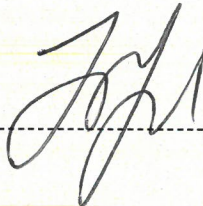
**Consultation**

For: 1  
Against: 10  
Neutral: 0

**Decision Taken:**

To not amend the existing resident  
parking zone.

Signature of Director



Date

8/5/19