



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed Parking Restrictions, U114 Highcliffe, Spittal

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of proposed parking restrictions on Highcliffe, Spittal.

Recommendations

While a number of concerns were raised about the impact of the scheme, the proposed parking restrictions are necessary to improve road safety in the vicinity of the turning circle. It is therefore 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 Highcliffe, Spittal.
2. The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Hill, through her Members Local Improvement Allowance.

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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 Highcliffe, Spittal.
2. Indiscriminate parking on the road is making it difficult for residents and buses to negotiate this road safely.
3. After meeting with Councillor Hill, officers proposed that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns.
4. A consultation letter was sent to 52 residents and 27 statutory consultees on the proposed parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A.
5. 16 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 14 in favour 2 against and 0 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 Hill, who agreed that the restrictions should be introduced on safety grounds and be revised as shown on the attached plan Appendix C to take account of the consultation feedback.
7. The scheme is supported by Councillor Hill and funded through her Members' Local Improvement Allocation.

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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	
Monitoring Officer/Legal	
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Procurement	
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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Members Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Hill
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	Berwick East

Background papers:

File ref: 2018/115

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Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B - Consultation Responses

Appendix C - Scheme Plan



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The Occupier

Your ref:
Our ref: 2017/072_04
Enquiries to: Ms Sarah Hudson
Email: HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk
Tel: 0345 600 6400
Date: Tuesday 13th November 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposed Parking Restrictions,
Highcliffe, Spittal**

Concerns have been raised with County Councillor Hill, regarding vehicles being parked in the vicinity of the turning circle of Highcliffe, Spittal, causing potential traffic safety issues. It is reported that buses have difficulty negotiating this area safely. Councillor Hill has therefore requested that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced on this turning circle 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 turning circle of Highcliffe, Spittal 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 7th December 2018. 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

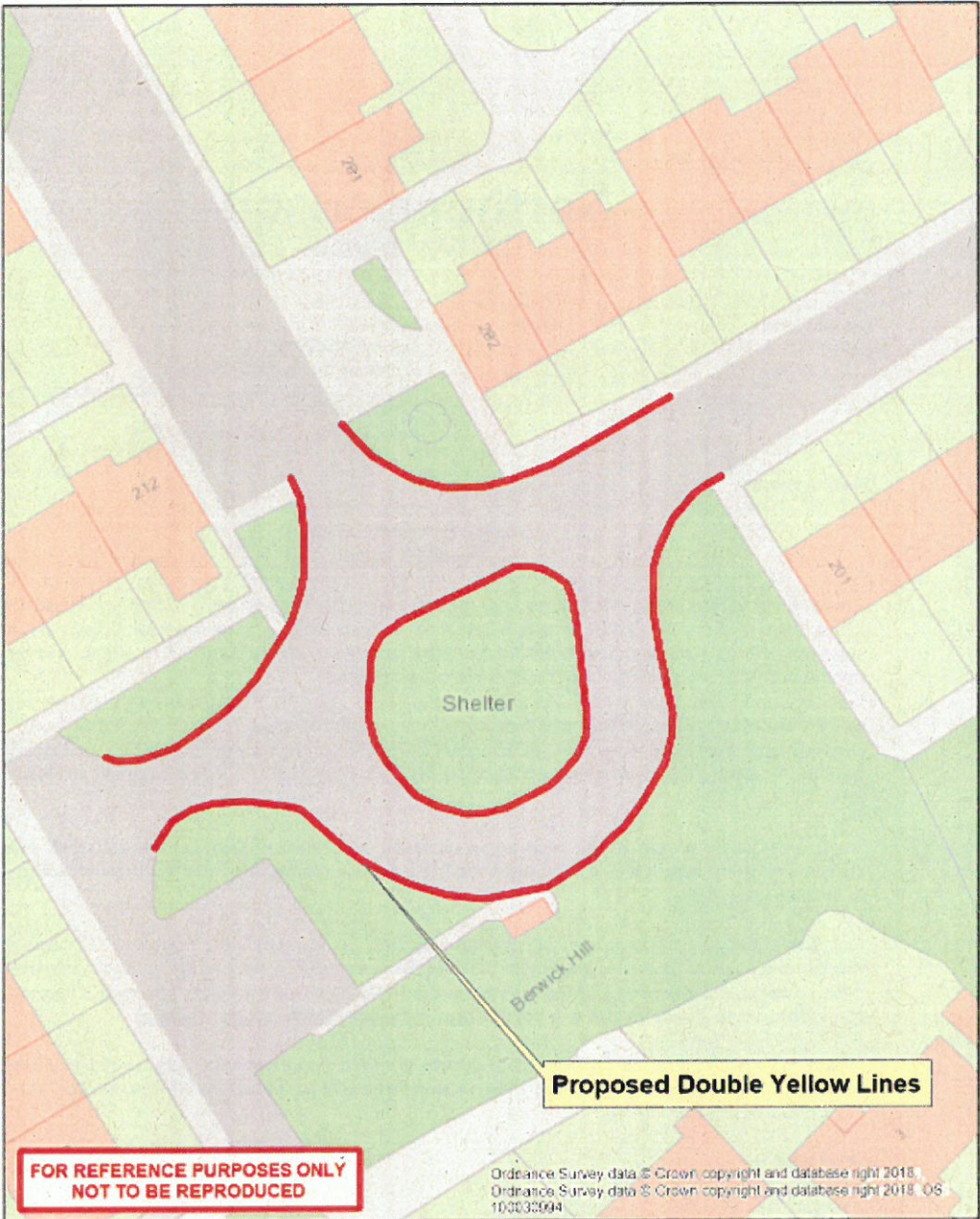
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Appendix B

Post Code	FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
TD15 2JR	1			finally this parking hazard is being addressed I personally negotiate this corner on route to and from my home and have had near collisions on a regular basis due to parked traffic
TD15 2JR	1			This problem is at last being address, it's been accident area black spot for years, but would like to add that the household of xxx, Highcliffe which have several cars at their address have in the past move vehicle into the cul-de-sac opposite this address which has only 4 parking bays and this problem will have to be looked at under the same heading.
TD15 2RS	1			Restrictions on cars parked on near turning circle badly needed. Narrow road plus vehicles parked on the actual junctions make visibility poor and has led to several near misses and accidents. Entry to Benwick Hill and nearby houses restricted by cars parked in access road, causing problems esp for emergency service vehicle access.
	1			There is a strong need for the introduction of this restriction. The team of CEO's at Benwick are all concerned about the cars parking in this location. It needs to be free of as many parked cars as possible.
TD15 2RS	1			Only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.Cars driving on wrong side of road due to cars parked around all corners on circle. Difficult to get into my drive at times. Nightmare for buses & courier vans to navigate.
TD15 3JS	1			We have had no problem with this before the people in xxx highcliffe have 4/5 cars and they are the ones parking that is cause the problem for the buses to get round the roundabout. Will nothing be said about him because he works for the council. I have made some suggestions regarding the parking because I feel it's unfair that our street is the only street with no parking. from 290 to 290 you could Lower the kerb at either side of the street like they have in Newcastle and then everyone can park. If you use the suggestion that I have said about lowering kerb at roundabout for 292 and 293 but put there numbers on the bays so that they are for them only. Because no one wants to park their car away from their house to be damaged by kids etc. Please can you give this your attention I am speaking for most of the residence in that area.
TD15 2JS	1			I fully support the proposals for parking restrictions at Highcliffe as the current parking is causing a definite bottleneck for the through passage of vehicles especially the buses. I am surprised there hasn't been an accident up to now!! There is ample space between premises 291 & 292 to create more parking for these vehicles.
	1			This needs to be done. Buses and vans have a real problem at times. Also a lot of cars park on the corners.
TD15 2JR	1			I am in full agreement with your proposals but feel the double yellow lines should go further down the hill from 290. Cars parked on the pavement from 290 pose a danger to pedestrians. I live at xxx and one day last week went round the corner and had to brake to miss a girl pushing a pram up the road because she couldn't get on the pavement. I finish by saying I had one wheel on a pavement in Benwick and received a fine.
TD15 2JS	1			I strongly agree. It is an accident waiting to happen. This part of the road is narrow as it is without cars parking where and when they want. I myself had many scares as the corner is very blind when come up from my road as there are always cars parked on the corners.
TD15 2RS	1			
TD15 2JR	1			We also need yellow lines on the bend at the Jubilee entrance. People park on the bend and cars have to drive on the wrong side of the road going around a blind bend.
TD15 2JS	1			We feel that there should also be double yellow lines put at the bend next to the Jubilee as cars have to come round on the opposite side of the road coming up to the bus terminal. However, where are all these cars going to park? It's going to have a knock on effect to those who do have parking areas outside their houses.

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			<p>I live at xxx Highcliffe, Spittal. I am 1 of the homes that you want to put double yellow lines outside of. The plan makes no sense. You want to take away the parking for 2 houses, 2 families who have 3 car each yet the family at xxx Highcliffe (opposite me) had 5 cars parked outside their home when the bus drivers put their complaints in. They had a rental van parked on the curve. They usually have 4 (2 of the cars have not moved for months). xxx is on a curve, parks 1 of the cars on the grass, 2 outside of the property, 1 of which is on a curve. They block the public path to the field by their furthest parked car that is on the road. There is no access for buggys or wheelchairs as the parked cars block the entrance and you can't get onto the grass (as there is another one of their cars there) or between the cars as there is no space. Pedestrians have to walk on the grass between the cars or walk down to the next home to get on the path. Buggies and wheelchairs have to walk 20 feet down the hill, on the road to get to the path and walk back up.</p> <p>There is never a problem when 1 of the cars are away during the work day. As the other 1, after the school run, parks further down the hill. You can ask the bus drivers who never have a problem when just 1 of their cars are gone.</p> <p>No one ever parks in the roundabout or curves. xxx is the sole problem.</p> <p>Mine (xxx) and xxx park each of our cars straight and outside of our homes, which is a straight road. The bus does not turn into our side, it is towards 201.</p> <p>There has been no complaints for years here yet the problems started when they got another car (fourth) and a rental van.</p> <p>It seems they can do what they want as he works for the council. It is ridiculous and unfair to my family and next door. Not 1 of the residents who I have spoke to agree with these plans. I believe a few residents are going to be contesting these plans.</p> <p>If you believe yellow lines is the best route then I propose taking them from 201 (leaving them enough space to park 1 car outside their home, same as everyone else) and leaving the public path clear of parked cars and having the yellow lines on the roundabout and corners until you get to 202 (leaving them enough space for 1 car also). I have attached a mock up idea of what I believe would be best and fair to each household. (See printed email with photos and plan in Consultation Lever Arch File)</p>
TD15 2JS		1	
	1		Good idea at the moment it is to dangerous as it is inconvenient
TD15 2JR		1	Also the corner by the jubilee centre is a major hazard with cars parking on the corner causing traffic and the bus to have to go on the wrong side of the road. This is another area that is in need of double yellow lines.
	14	2	0



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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
Highcliffe, Spittal.

Consultation

For:	14
Against:	2
Neutral:	0

Decision Taken:

To introduce the parking restrictions as proposed

Signature of Director

Date



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PAUL JONES

ADDENDUM

Proposed No Waiting At Any Time, Highcliffe, Spittal

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson

Original Decision Report

To introduce the No Waiting At Any Time in Highcliffe, Spittal
Signed by Director of Local Services and Housing on 19th March 2019.

Recommendations

It is recommended that in addition, No Waiting At Any Time restrictions are also introduced on all main junctions on Highcliffe and Spittal Hall Road when the Traffic Regulation Order is made.

Key Issues:

1. Concerns have been raised about the congestion caused by parked cars on the main junctions of Highcliffe, Spittal.
2. The proposed scheme is supported by Councillor Hill, who is funding this scheme through her Members' Local Improvement Allowance.
3. Vehicles are parking on junctions causing sightline problems.
4. Restrictions are to be introduced without any formal consultation in order to address road safety concerns raised by local residents.

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Purpose of Addendum

The purpose of the Addendum is to add additional No Waiting At Any Time restrictions to ensure that the restrictions are beneficial for residents.

Background

Following the Delegated Decision Report for No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions in Highcliffe, Spittal being signed on the 19th March 2019, the legal notices were prepared.

At this stage Councillor Hill mentioned that she had received concerns from other residents living in other locations of the estate about inconsiderately parked vehicles. Additional restrictions were therefore requested which would provide junction protection at all other roads off Highcliffe and Spittal Hall Road.

Vehicles are parking in the evening, as they are currently permitted to do so, they are blocking the sight lines of vehicles exiting roads which join the main route through the village. This inconsiderate parking has raised road safety concerns that have been reported to the local county councillor.

The Highway Code states "DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space". This is to allow sight lines to be kept clear.

After discussing the complaints with the Local County Councillor it was agreed that double yellow lines should be introduced without any formal consultation due to the restrictions being necessary on road safety grounds. See Appendix A.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Members Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Hill
Legal	None
Procurement	None
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	The proposal will improve safety for road users including residents and visitors.
Crime & Disorder	Inconsiderate parking
Customer Consideration	The proposal will improve safety for road users including residents and visitors
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Berwick East

Background papers:

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Appendix A - Plans



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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer:

Paul Jones - Service Director -Local Services

Subject:

Proposed No Waiting at Any Time
Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines)
on Highcliffe, Spittal.

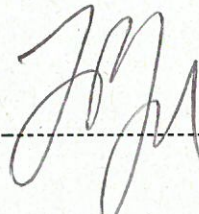
Consultation:

Not Required

Decision Taken:

To add additional No Waiting at Any
Time Restrictions as purposed.

Signature of Director


26/9/19

Date