



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

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Proposed Experimental No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions - Allendale Road, Hexham

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to provide additional 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions in Allendale Road, Hexham, on an experimental basis.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions are implemented on an experimental basis for 18 months and its effectiveness reviewed after 12 months.

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

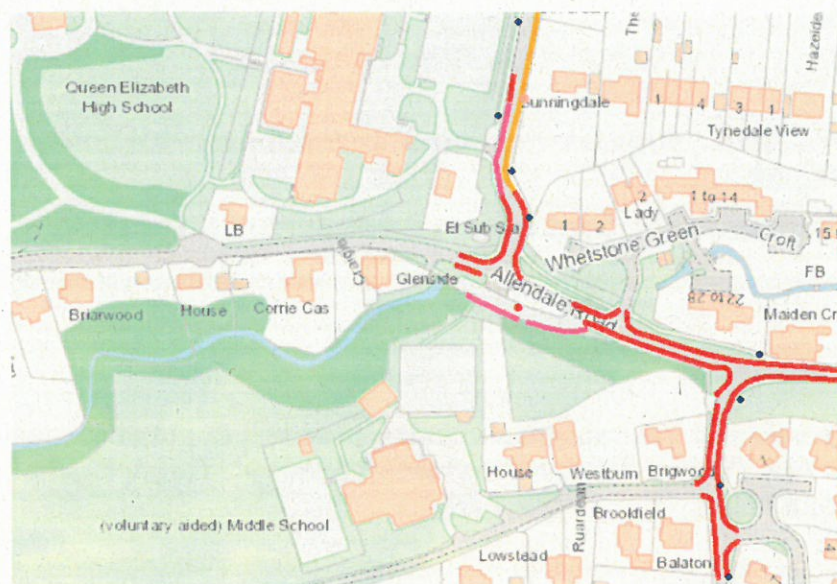
The County Council has received concerns regarding obstructive and inconsiderate parking taking place within the vicinity of Queen Elizabeth High School and St. Joseph's RC Middle School, which are both located in the area.

The scheme will be funded from the 2019/20 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Background

There are two schools adjacent to Allendale Road at its junction with Whetstone Bridge Road. On the north side is Queen Elizabeth High School and St Joseph's RC Middle School is to the south. Therefore, the location is busy with school pupils and parents using the area to park throughout the day, along with private accesses to residential properties. Figure 1 shows the location of Allendale Road in relation to both schools. The existing parking restrictions are also shown.

Figure 1: Location plan and existing parking restrictions



Red: double yellow lines, pink: school keep clear markings, orange: single yellow lines

The existing restrictions highlighted above have been installed to prevent vehicles parking too close to school entrances and causing road safety issues directly outside them. In turn, this has pushed the problem further west along Allendale Road with displaced parking now creating obstructions and restricting visibility.

Proposals

Following concerns raised by school officers and users of the schools, it is considered that further restrictions are needed due to the indiscriminate parking that is taking place on both sides of the narrow carriageway across private junctions and accesses.

It is proposed that these additional restrictions will initially be provided on an experimental basis, so that their effectiveness can be measured before a decision is taken on whether to make them permanent or consider an alternative. The experimental order would be implemented for a period of 18 months, to allow it to be reviewed after 12 months via consultations and

surveys.

Parking Restrictions - 'No Waiting at Any Time'

'No waiting at any time' restrictions (double yellow lines) are proposed from the point where the existing double yellow lines end on both sides of the carriageway in the westerly direction from the Allendale Road junction with Whetstone Bridge Road. By doing this, the restrictions can be extended in a continuous movement and apply at all times, rather than at school start and end times which currently apply to some restrictions in this vicinity.

Details of the proposals are shown on the plan at Appendix A. They are intended to maintain the free flow of traffic where possible, to improve road safety around the schools and to protect the amenity of the area overall.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies.
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the LTP 2019/20 Programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO_007_64).
Procurement	Road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders.
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Risk Assessment	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Hexham West

Background Papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\HE Minor Improvements
\HED19323-34 Allendale Road Hexham

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer:

Service Director, Local Services

Subject:

Proposed experimental parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines along Allendale Road, Hexham

Consultation:


Not required on the grounds of road safety, although representatives from the school and the Local Council Councillor have been involved in the design process throughout.

Decision Taken:

To introduce and extend parking restrictions (double yellow lines) on Allendale Road, Hexham on an experimental basis for 18 months.

Signature of Director

Date


4/2/20

Appendix A - Scheme Plan

