



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

**Paul Jones**

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#### **ADDENDUM**

**Proposed Amendment to Existing Resident Permit Parking & Additional  
No Waiting At Any Time Parking Restrictions**

**Bullers Green, Morpeth**

**27 August 2020**

**Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services**

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#### **Original Decision Report**

To introduce an amendment to the current 'residents permit parking with limited waiting' to 'resident permit parking only' on Bullers Green, Morpeth.

Signed by the Director of Local Services and Housing on 21st January 2020

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that along with the amendment to 'resident permit parking only', new No Waiting At Any Time Restriction (Double Yellow Lines) on Bullers Green, Morpeth are also implemented. This has been requested by the Parking Services Team and the Senior Civil Enforcement Officer for the area.

#### **Link to Corporate Plan**

Living - "We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for"

Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"

Learning - "We want you to achieve and realise your potential"

#### **Key Issues**

1. To allow access and egress to all users
2. To enable delivery vehicles to gain access, refuse trucks having to wait on Newgate St as they can't access the area without fear of damaging

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inconsiderately parked vehicles. This causes obstruction to moving traffic on Newgate Street

3. Prevent further damage to the pavement which is maintainable by NCC
4. Allow resident permit users to park safely on the highway
5. When vehicles are accessing and egressing the triangle it is dangerous to pedestrians
6. The extension of the restrictions are supported by Councillor Bawn.

## **Background**

1. A 2nd consultation letter was sent to 51 residents and 17 statutory consultees on the proposed resident permit parking only. A copy of the consultation letter and plan is attached in Appendix A.
2. 5 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 1 in favour 3 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
3. The results of the consultation were discussed with Councillor Bawn, who agreed that the restrictions should be introduced on safety grounds.
4. The scheme is supported by Councillor Bawn and funded through his Members' Local Improvement Scheme allocation.

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### **Purpose of the Addendum**

The purpose of the Addendum is to include No Waiting Restrictions At Any Time (Double Yellow Lines) on Bullers Green, Morpeth.

This is a result of feedback from the Parking Services Team and the Senior Civil Enforcement Officer for the area following the Decision Report. This was noted and following discussions with the local County Councillor, it was agreed to include the additional restrictions.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	None
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Funded through the Members Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Bawn
<b>Legal</b>	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
<b>Procurement</b>	
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The scheme has been designed to minimise the road safety concerns that are caused by indiscriminate parking.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Traffic safety concerns i.e. Obstruction / congestion of the highway
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for residents and road users in the area
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	N/A
<b>Wards</b>	Morpeth North

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### **Background papers:**

File ref: 2019/066 & HO196632

### **Appendix Index**

Appendix A - 2nd Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B - 2nd Consultation Responses

### **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	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

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### **DECISION TAKEN**

**Title of Officer:** Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:** Proposed No Waiting At Any Time  
Restriction (Double Yellow Lines) on  
Bullers Green, Morpeth

**2nd Consultation:**

For:	1
Against:	3
Neutral:	1

**Decision Taken:** Introduction of No Waiting At Any Time  
Restriction (Double Yellow Lines) on  
Bullers Green, Morpeth to proceed.

Signature of Director



pp Paul Jones

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**Date**

28 August 2020

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**Your ref:**

**Our ref:** 2019/066

**Enquiries to:** Ms Sarah Hudson

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**Date:** Friday 15th May 2020

Dear Sir/ Madam

### **Proposed Amendment to Existing Resident Permit Parking, Bullers Green, Morpeth**

In August 2019, residents of Bullers Green, Morpeth were consulted on proposals to provide a form of 'Resident Permit Parking' to address the various parking issues they are experiencing. The consultation exercise ended on 27th September 2019, and responses were received from 9 consultees with 8 in favour, 0 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposed measures.

Therefore the following recommendation was agreed:-

*To approve the proposal to introduce the 'Resident Permit Parking' restrictions on Bullers Green, Morpeth.*

Following further discussions with the Parking Services Team and the Senior Civil Enforcement Officer for the area, it was recommended that 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines) be included as part of the scheme. See the attached plan showing the detail and location of the proposed restrictions.

The reasons for the amendment are manifold as set out below;

- To allow effective enforcement to take place (on all sections of adopted highway) where indiscriminate parking blocks footways which should be kept clear.
- To ensure the free flow of traffic is maintained at all times, especially for emergency vehicles which would otherwise find it difficult to negotiate the route.
- To formalise parking and allow parking where it is considered safe to do so.

Councillor Bawn has therefore agreed to fund an amendment to the current from 'Residents Permit Parking with limited waiting' to 'Resident Permit Parking only' with 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions if there is a favourable consultation with residents.

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 proposals, to amend the existing 'Resident Permit Parking with Limited Waiting' to 'Residents Permit Parking' with 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at Bullers Green, Morpeth.

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A freepost response form is enclosed for you to return your views, or you can email them to [HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk). I would welcome a reply by **Friday 26th June 2020**. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to all individual comments. You may also wish to note that any comments received may be included in a Decision Report and may be available for public inspection.

**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

*S Hudson*

Sarah Hudson

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### Network Management Information System

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## Appendix B

	F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
NE61 1DF		1		The addition of double yellow lines at the proposed location will only make existing parking difficulties even worse for residents. In addition it will adversely affect delivery vehicles or people parking for work or maintenance reasons at any of the houses. The only cars which 'wait' on that stretch of road are usually people dropping off or collecting children who attend the middle schools on Mitford Road, this is a positive thing as it reduces congestion on Mitford Road and is safer for the children. Indiscriminate parking on footpaths should not be occurring in any event and can be managed without the introduction of additional yellow lines.
NE61 1DF		1		IT would be a complete waste of money and will not formalise parking or ensure free flow of traffic. This proposed amendment will cause problems for all Residents, visitors and Tradesmen. The proposed Yellow Lines are questionable and will not ensure free flow of traffic and would be a complete waste of money. "Yellow lines will not ensure free flow of traffic. Due to the position of the telegraph pole which is situated at the Pottery Antiques end, this prevents any large vehicles getting round also due to cars parked in the Parking Permit Area, Emergency, and Utilities vehicles would also not be able to access Yellow lines or no Yellow Lines and would do as the Refuse Wagon does and reverse from the opposite end therefore a complete mockery of the proposed amendment of Double Yellow Lines for free flow of traffic. Formalising Parking as far as I can see this will just make the situation for parking in this area even worse for all Ratepayers and Parking Permit Holders and as far I can see the Council is not offering any alternatives. This proposed amendment will cause parking problems for both older and younger residents, visitors and Tradesmen as there are no alternatives and Residents already work on a first come, first served basis. All Residents acknowledge the parking problems and try to endeavour to park in a manner which enables people to park without causing any disruption to each other. The Triangle Area which is known as the Green is Common Land so where the proposed Yellow Lines will be placed is questionable and ill thought out with little thought for ALL RESIDENTS in this area and a complete waste of Ratepayers money at a time when money could be better used."
NE61 1DF	1			If however this meant that we could not park on the central triangle area then I would be against. This would be the worst possible outcome for the residents of Bullers Green. As with considerate parking we can park up to 10 cars on this space. I agree with the point of blocking footways but this would be quickly resolved with a few visits by the enforcement officers.
NE61 1DF			1	I find this plan confusing, do the new proposed double yellow lines prevent parking on the island as you would not normally cross over double yellow lines! I pay for 2 x permits, my personnel one and a visitors permit for family, unfortunately being a shift worker working early, late and nightshift I never get the opportunity to park there, and family visiting rarely get a space, there are obviously more permits issued than spaces available so I pay £50 a year for a handful of times I get a space. For the residents with a permit like myself and for those on the main street I would prefer you created a small number of spaces opposite Bolland Nursery and controlled traffic using a chicane which would slow traffic down allowing you to exit your space safely and would get the double benefit of slowing down traffic up and down the bank who take absolutely no notice of the flashing speed sign, as a resident on the main road I hoping the next road traffic accident will not hit my home.

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				<b>Other Relevant Comments</b>
		1		<p>The plan shows the intention of installing double yellow lines around the piece of land at the centre of Bullers Green. This land is essential to allow residents extra parking as there is insufficient marked parking areas for the number of cars needing to use them. I am concerned that the proposed double yellow lines will prevent resident parking on this area, and the footpaths thereon, once these double yellow lines are installed. The parking in this area, and Newgate Street, is so limited that every inch of land is needed to enable residents, who have paid for parking permits, to do so. Can you assure me that there will be no restrictions to parking on this land? A site meeting would be appreciated.</p>
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