



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

**Paul Jones**

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

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson**

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**Purpose of Report**

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

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the following parking restrictions are introduced:  
Resident Permit Parking only.

**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 concerns about indiscriminate parking by non-residents, causing parking problems on Bullers Green.
2. The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Bawn, through his Members' Local Improvement Scheme allowance.

## **Delegated decisions**

### **Background**

1. Residents contacted their local Ward member with concerns regarding parking on Bullers Green, Morpeth.
2. Indiscriminate parking on the road is making it difficult for residents to park.
3. After meeting with Councillor Bawn, officers proposed that an amendment to the existing resident permit parking with limited waiting restrictions be changed to resident permit parking only in order to alleviate these concerns.
4. A consultation letter was sent to 51 residents and 17 statutory consultees on the proposed resident permit parking only. A copy of the consultation letter is attached in Appendix A.
5. 9 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 8 in favour 0 against and 1 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 Bawn, who agreed that the restrictions should be introduced.
7. The scheme is supported by Councillor Bawn and funded through his Members' Local Improvement Scheme allocation.
8. We will continue to monitor the situation once the resident permit parking has been installed.

## Delegated decisions

### Implications Arising out of the Report

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| <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><br>(Impact Assessment attached)<br>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>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  |

### **Background papers:**

File ref: 2019/066

### **Appendix Index**

Appendix A - Consultation Letter

Appendix B - Consultation Responses

## Delegated decisions

### 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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# Northumberland County Council

**Your ref:**

**Our ref:** 2019/066

**Enquiries to:** Ms Sarah Hudson

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**Date:** Wednesday 14th August 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Concerns have been raised by residents of Bullers Green in Morpeth about indiscriminate parking by non-residents, causing parking problems.

Councillor Bawn has therefore agreed to fund an amendment to the current 'residents permit parking with limited waiting' to 'resident permit parking only' 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' at Bullers Green, Morpeth.

Signs would be erected as necessary indicating where Resident Permit Parking is in operation. To cover administrative costs, residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits. (Currently £25 a year per permit, equivalent to £2.08 per month). A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking.

A freepost response form is enclosed for you to return your views, or you can email them to HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk. I would welcome a reply by **Friday 27th September 2019**. 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*

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| NE61 1BF  | 1           |                                 |                                 | All residents of Newminster Place have 1 parking space at the back of our development which are private for years we are experiencing great trouble with non residents of Newminster Place illegally parking in our spaces even Bullers Green visitors and people having work done all come & park here!! Kingston property our management co, are at the moment considering what to do about this problem. I have never bought or needed to obtain a residents permit even though I am entitled to this should I wish.   |
|           | 1           |                                 |                                 | Parking is at a premium here - not enough spaces for all the cars. Continual stream of cars dropping off children between 8.30am. Road not particularly suitable to all this traffic. People parking to meet children in the afternoon sometimes parking in the middle of a lane and indignant if challenged to move. If the shoe was on the other foot.  |
| NE61 1DQ  | 1           |                                 |                                 | Most of the properties in the affected area are old and within the conservation area. Consequently, from time to time, tradespeople need to park within the permit - allowances should be made for them to receive temporary passes when required.  |
| NE61 1DG  | 1           |                                 |                                 |   |
| NE61 1DF  | 1           |                                 |                                 | The proposal does not solve the problem of free parking on the green which anyone can do - due to being unrestricted and therefore not belonging to anyone - not even the council!! How can you charge for something you don't own. Why should then residents on the street have to pay an increased payment of £25 - increased from £15.   |
| NE61 1DF  | 1           |                                 |                                 | Congestion problems Mon-Fri 3pm-3:45pm as parents use Bullers Green as a pick up point for school children. Could we not have parking bays marked out as in Dacre Street, Manchester Street etc. This would help! If the area between the bus stop and the post box was permit only, this would help the residents.<br>I also feel that the M5 permit area is too large i.e. from the junction of Manchester Street / Newgate Street right up to the top of Bullers Green. When the residents of Newgate Street and the extra parking required from the B&Bs can't get parked, they park on Bullers Green, forcing the residents of Bullers Green down onto Mitford Road. If demarcation line was say at the dogger bank junction, this would help us on Bullers Green. Hope these comments are helpful.  |
|           |             |                                 | 1                               | I would inform you that as an Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, nvey patients to hospital for out-patient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.   |
| NE61 1DF  | 1           |                                 |                                 | This is a residential area and cars indiscriminately park and double park especially at school dropping off and collection times. The antique shop closed several years ago so there is no need for anybody, other than residents to park. This should be a resident's only parking area.   |
| NE61 1DG  | 1           |                                 |                                 | This is a proposal I fully support. The parking situation for residents within the Bullers Green vicinity, including myself is chaotic. There have been numerous times where I have had to wait for a parking space, ranging from 5 to 40 minutes. At times, I have also had to block the entrance of my neighbours properties just so I could return home from work; either speaking with or writing a letter to my neighbours with my contact details so I can move my car for them if needed. In addition to this the use of the parking area within Bullers Green by parents during the school terms also makes it difficult to access or leave my property. I understand that children need to be dropped off for school but I also would like to easily access the area in which I live. I appreciate being provided with the opportunity to express my thoughts and feelings regarding the parking situation I am happy for the existing resident permit parking with limited waiting to be changed to residents permit parking. |
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## DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer:**

Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:**

Proposed Resident Permit  
Parking only be introduced  
on Bullers Green, Morpeth

**Consultation**

For: 8  
Against: 0  
Neutral: 1

**Decision Taken:**

To introduce the resident permit  
parking only as proposed.

Signature of Director



Date

