



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed 'Loading Only' Restrictions - Church Street, Haydon Bridge
Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to provide a 'Loading Only' restriction which applies at all times by introducing a loading bay on Church Street in Haydon Bridge.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 'Loading Only' restriction is implemented on Church Street in Haydon Bridge in order to improve loading facilities and road safety in 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. The proposal has been developed as part of a range of improvements proposed on Radcliffe Road.
2. Concerns have been raised by businesses on Church Street that kerbside space for deliveries is often unavailable and affects their ability to load/unload.
3. The scheme is supported by Councillor Sharp and Haydon Parish Council.
4. The scheme will be funded from the 2019/20 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Background

Church Street lies in the centre of Haydon Bridge and parking is mainly unrestricted. Properties at the southern section of the street consist of local businesses, a public house, B&B, terraced houses and a church.

Off-street parking is unavailable here, so kerbside space is regularly at full capacity and vehicles subsequently struggle to find parking spaces. An advisory residential disabled parking bay has been implemented on the west side of the road as a result of the high demand for parking.

As part of the consultation process for highway improvement works at Ratcliffe Road including its junction with Church Street, local businesses raised concerns that it was difficult for delivery vehicles to find nearby space in order to load or unload. In situations where parking is at full capacity and it is not practical or safe to stop in a location further away from the commercial premises, 'double parking' can often occur and in turn creates a road safety problem by obstructing traffic.

Therefore, a loading bay measuring 10 metres in length is proposed as part of the improvement measures and, if implemented, will be located directly outside the newsagents at number 11 as seen in Figure 1.



Fig. 1: Proposed location of loading bay on Church Street, Haydon Bridge

The restriction will be enforced by Northumberland County Council's Civil Enforcement Officers and is to apply at all times. Motorists will only be permitted to use the facility if they are observed to be loading/unloading.

Details of the proposals are shown on the plan at Appendix A. They are intended to maintain the free flow of traffic where possible by improving

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allocated space for vehicles to load/unload, thereby improving road safety and protecting the amenity of the area overall.

Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of this new restriction as part of the process for making the permanent Orders.

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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_71).
Procurement	Road markings and associated traffic signs 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	Haydon and Hadrian

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Background Papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\HF Local Safety Schemes\HFD19501 Ratcliffe Road area, Haydon Bridge

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

Author and Contact Details

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed loading only restriction in the form of a loading bay to apply at all times on Church Street, Haydon Bridge.

Consultation: Undertaken as part of the highway improvement works on Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge.

Decision Taken: To introduce a loading only restriction in the form of a loading bay on Church Street, Haydon Bridge.

Signature of Director



Date

27th July 2020
