



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

12/06/2020

**Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Parking Restrictions,
Plessey Road, Blyth
Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services**

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at junctions on Plessey Road in Blyth due to road safety concerns.

Recommendations

It is recommended that a 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restriction is introduced at junctions on Plessey Road in Blyth.

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. Concerns have been raised via the local councillor about inconsiderate parking occurring on Plessey Road in Blyth.
2. Vehicles are parking on junctions causing sightline problems.
3. Restrictions are to be introduced without any formal consultation in order to address road safety concerns raised by local residents.

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4. The scheme is supported by Councillor Cartie and will be paid for through Cllr Cartie's Members Local Improvement Scheme funding.

Background

1. Vehicles are parking in the evening, as they are currently permitted to do so, and are blocking the sight lines of vehicles exiting roads which join the main road. This inconsiderate parking has raised road safety concerns that have been reported to the local county councillor.
2. The Highway Code states:

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DO NOT stop or park

- near a school entrance
 - anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
 - at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
 - on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
 - opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
 - near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
 - opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
 - where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
 - where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
 - in front of an entrance to a property
 - on a bend
 - where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities **except** when forced to do so by stationary traffic.
3. 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.

Consultation

The introduction of additional 'No Waiting At any Time' parking restrictions will be introduced without consultation due to significant road safety concerns in the area. The 30 statutory consultees including the emergency services and various disabled and transport organisations/associations will be informed of

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the decision as well as the Chief Officer of Police. Plans showing the proposals are attached as Appendix A.

Recommendations

1. From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concerns raised in this area and it is inevitable that some individuals in the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. The introduction of parking restrictions without consultation can be a contentious matter, but due to the road safety concerns in the area and support from the Local County Councillor, it is recommended that the "No Waiting At Any Time" (double yellow lines) are introduced on Plessey Road, Blyth.

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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 Cartie
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	The scheme has been designed to minimise the road safety concerns that are caused by indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. Obstruction / congestion of the highway
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for residents and road users in the area
Carbon reduction	N/A
Wards	Wensleydale

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Background papers:

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Appendix A - Plan

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at junctions on Plessey Road, Blyth.

Consultation: No Consultation undertaken. Restriction introduced on safety grounds

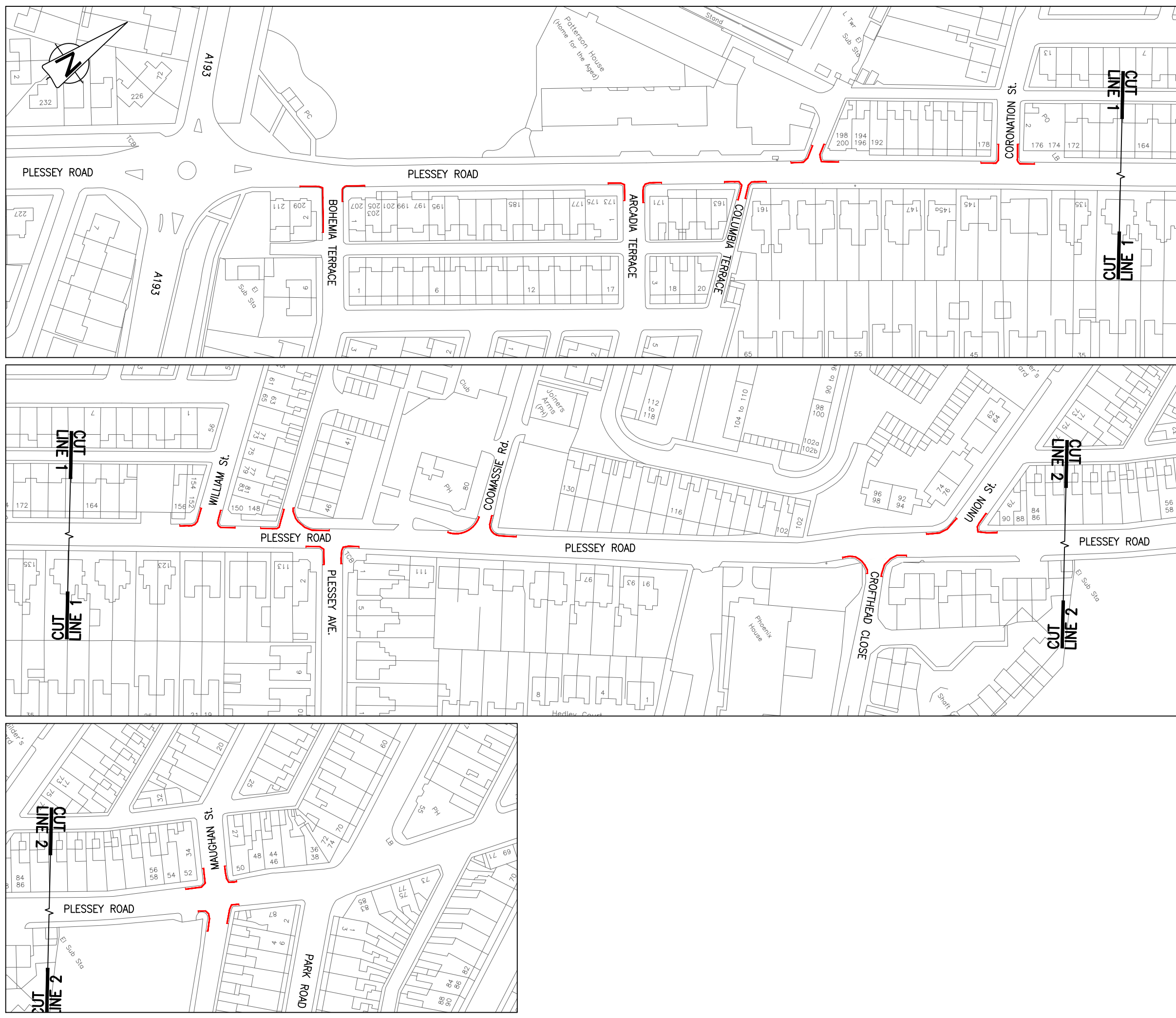
Decision Taken: To introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at junctions on Plessey Road, Blyth.

Signature of Director



Date

14 August 2020



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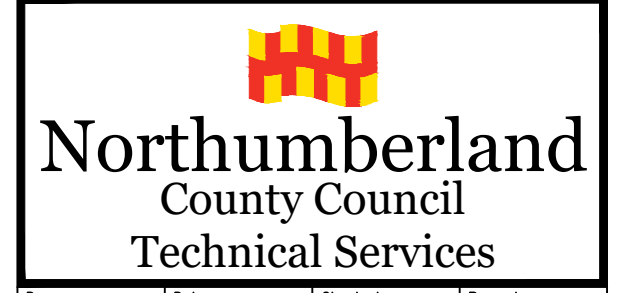
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