



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

**Paul Jones**  
**21/10/2020**

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**Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Parking Restrictions,  
Plessey Road, Blyth**  
**Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of the Council**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

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

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that a "No Waiting at Any Time" (Double Yellow Line) parking restrictions are introduced 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. Residents have raised safety concerns for both pedestrians and motorists caused by parked cars on Plessey Road.
2. The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Cartie, through her Members' Local Improvement Scheme allowance.

### **Background**

Residents contacted their local Ward Member with concerns regarding safety issues for both pedestrians and motorists caused by congestion and indiscriminate parking on Plessey Road.

Indiscriminate parking on the road is making it difficult for residents, visitors and general road users to negotiate this road safely.

After meeting with Councillor Cartie, council officers proposed that 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restrictions be introduced to alleviate these concerns.

### **Consultation**

A consultation letter was sent to 18 residents and 26 statutory consultees inviting comments on the viability of introducing 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Plessey Road. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A.

5 responses were received with 5 in favour and 0 against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

The results of the consultation were discussed with Councillor Cartie, who agreed that the restrictions should be introduced, along with the additional 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions that residents requested. A copy of the revised plan is attached in Appendix C.

The scheme is supported by Councillor Cartie and funded through her Members' Local Improvement Scheme allocation.

## Delegated Decision

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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 Cartie
<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>	Wensleydale

## **Delegated Decision**

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### **Background papers:**

File ref: 2018/066 & HO186444

### **Appendix Index**

Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B - Consultation Responses

Appendix C – Revised Plan

### **Author and Contact Details**

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**DECISION TAKEN**

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

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

**Consultation:** For: 5  
Against: 0  
Neutral: 0

**Decision Taken:** To introduce the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions as proposed in the revised plan.

Signature of Director



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**Date**

17 November 2020

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# Northumberland County Council

The Occupier

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Your Ref:

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Date: Tuesday 1st September 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,  
Plessey Road, Blyth**

Concerns have been raised with County Councillor Cartie, regarding vehicles being parked on Plessey Road, causing potential traffic safety issues. It is reported that vehicles are having difficulty negotiating this area safely. Councillor Cartie has therefore requested that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced on this road in order to alleviate these concerns.

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 advise you on the proposed introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions on Plessey Road, Blyth as shown on the attached plan.

The County Council is seeking your views on the proposals and a freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that comments received will be carefully considered.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Director for Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is **Friday 2nd October 2020**. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

**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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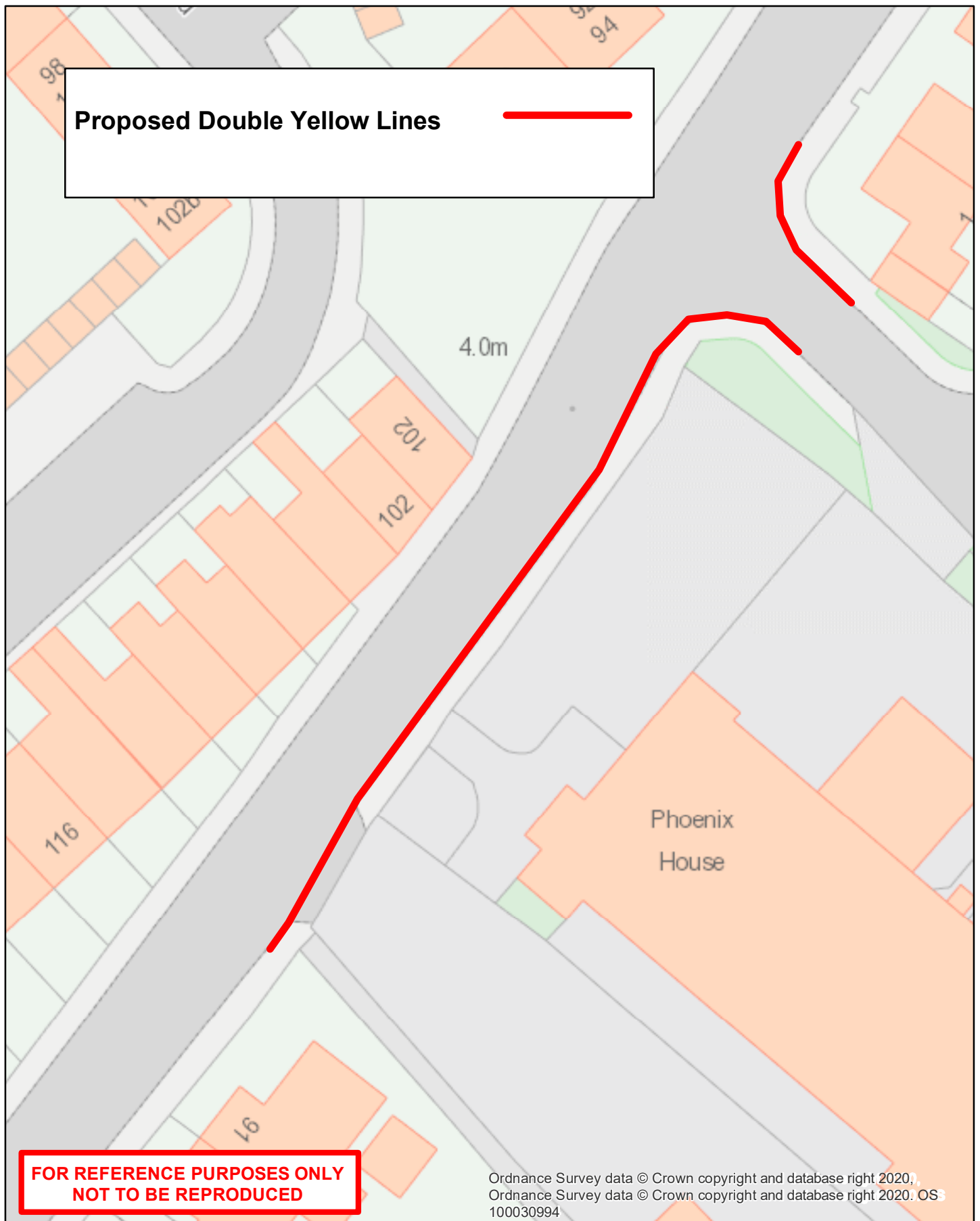
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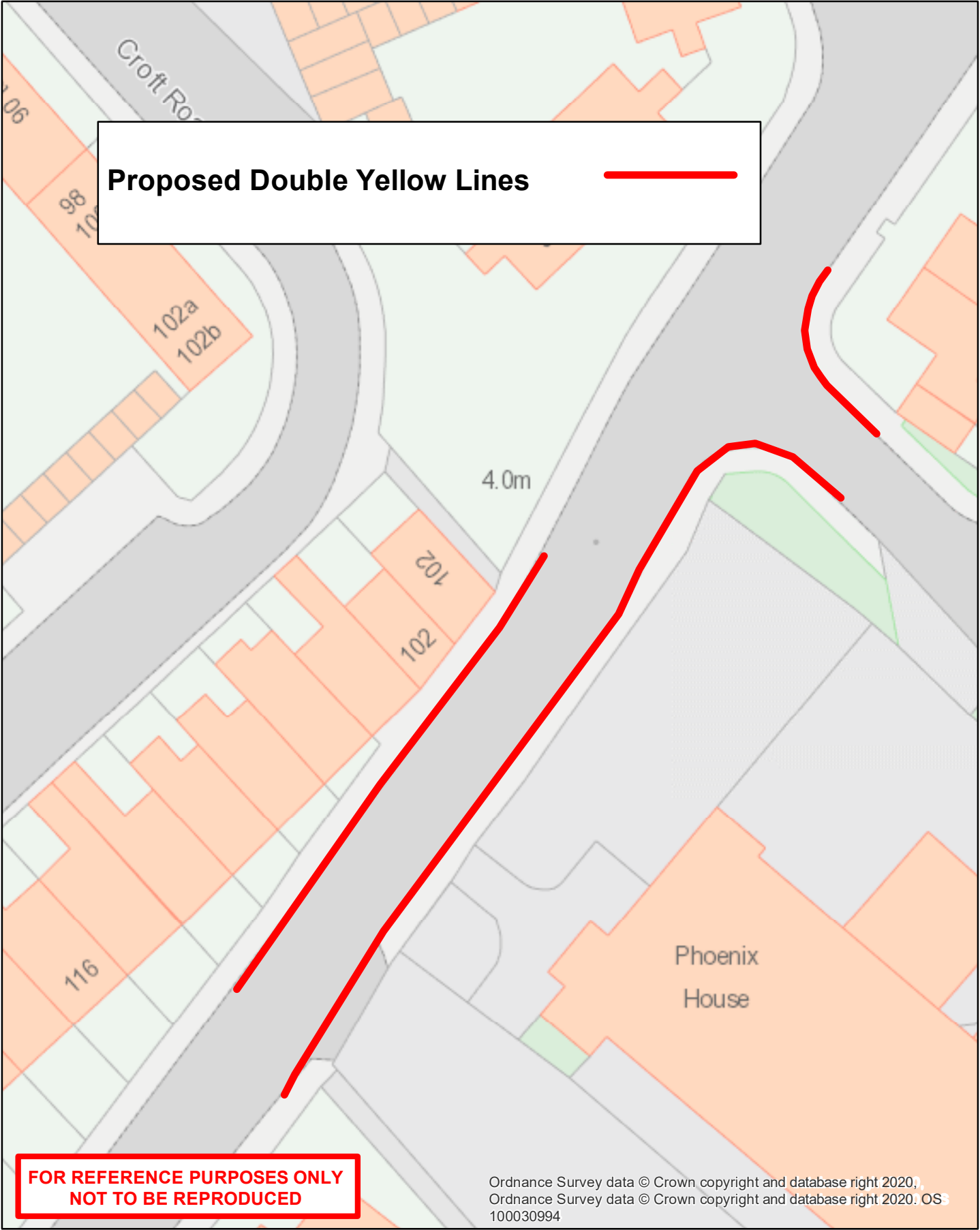



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## Appendix B

Post Code	F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Appendix B
				Other Relevant Comments
	1			<p>This would be a very welcome introduction which I fully support. This area is heavily congested with vehicles which are at times parked with little or no consideration for other road users. At times buses and other large vehicles are unable to travel freely due to the difficulties caused by these indiscriminately parked vehicles. Pedestrians are also sometimes made to walk on the road as the pavement is obstructed</p>
NE24 3JD	1			<p>I am writing on behalf of the residents of numbers 102, 104, 106, 108 and 110 Plessey Road. We wish to object to the proposal to put double yellow lines as per your map. This proposal will continue to have a detrimental impact on our lives. AS we do not park our vehicles at the front of our premises, we would prefer that the double yellow lines but with load and unload accesses be in front of our houses as none of the houses are commercial properties the load and unload would be negligible, this will stop the inconsiderate parking by the clients of slimming world and the vehicles from the businesses located at 86 Plessey Road blocking our gateways and making a wall of vehicles so far onto the footpath that onlue a single person can walk through the gap making any one with a pushchair or in a wheelchair have to walk up the main road as they are denied use of the footpath. I have taken photographs of vehicles causing this problem. The no parking will also enable any of the residents accesses with a pushchair or wheelchair to enter or exit from their houses without having to find the vehicle owner or who has key for any vehicle blocking there entrance, some of these vehicles are left on the main road for hours or days until they are moved for MOT test or repairs. Before covid 19 closed all the day center's, when the ambulance from age UK called to collect my wife we often had to walk her up to Commasie Road. Or down to Union Street because the ambulance was unable to get close to our house. As she has dementia and will eventually have to use a wheelchair the front door of our house will be the only access that I can use on my own as the rear access has steps. The main benefits for us the residents having double yellow lines in front of our houses are no wall of vehicles blocking our gateways or windows. The road in front of our homes can be cleaned by the council road sweeping vehicle and the drains kept clean, this will reduce the risk of flooding. As on a number of occasions we have had to stand in the flood water trying to clear the drain before our houses where flooded before the drain cleaning vehicle could arrive, this is caused bt the rubbish in the gutter blocking the drain because the inconsiderately parked vehicles have prevented the road sweeping vehicle to clean the gutters when they are cleaning that part of Plessey Road. Also the businesses causing the problem will have to ensure the management of their vehicle parking more responsibly. Due to the present restriction and government guide lines for covid 19, slimming world have had to organize there times and the numbers of people attending and not the free for all, that was happening before covid 19. But our concern is when these restriction are lifted and the numbers of cars will again be blocking us in instead of using the car park provided. We also feel sure that the people using the premises at 86 Plessey Road will have no regard for anyone but themselves as they constantly leave vehicles on the road in front of our houses, two in particular one for 52 days the other 48 days on opposite sides of the road reducing the road to single traffic and causing traffic to sometimes be head to head with a double decker bus. These vehicles where only moved onto their premises after I called the police and made a complaint that I was sick of the arguments outside our house. If the plan is put into being it will further impeding the view of the traffic travelling down past our houses by having vehicles parking in front of our houses and the possibility people having to use the road because there is not enough room on the footpath for them.</p>
NE24 3JD	1			<p>I am particularly concerned about the parking outside the front of my property. Putting double yellow lines on the opposite side of the street to me, as you have proposed will force people to park outside the front of my house. As it is, it's a very rare occasion when I do not have vans and cars, lorries etc. blocking any view from my front window. Putting the double yellow lines on my side of the street would be much more beneficial to me. It would also force the businesses opposite, causing the dangerous parking situation, to find alterative, legal and safe parking.</p>
NE24 3JD	1			<p>I am in full agreement with the comments, safety issues and also the very high risk of possible flooding to 102, 104 and 106 raised by neighbours if the street cannot be swept to keep the drain clear. I think that the firms doing the inconsiderate parking should be made to make proper arrangements for their customers.</p>
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