



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

PROPOSED SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS, U2012 THE WYNDING, BAMBURGH

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to provide seasonal 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions (double yellow lines) at The Wynding, Bamburgh.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed Seasonal No Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions are implemented.

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

The County Council has received concerns via the local ward member and Parish Council about indiscriminate parking in The Wynding.

Visitors are parking in this narrow road to avoid parking charges, making it difficult for residents to access their properties, and causing congestion.

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Background

1. The County Council has received concerns via the local ward member and Parish Council about indiscriminate parking in The Wynding.
2. The Wynding is a narrow unclassified road leading to two coastal car parks just north of the village. The southern section of the road is residential in nature. Double yellow lines are in place from the junction with Front Street for a distance of 65 metres. The location is shown below.



3. Bamburgh is a popular visitor destination and at busy times parking takes place in The Wynding, regardless of the availability of spaces in the village car park.
4. When this happens, parked cars cause congestion by restricting the available room on the already narrow road, and making it difficult for residents to access and egress their properties.
5. Residents and Statutory consultees were initially consulted on a proposal to extend the existing double yellow lines on one side of the road only to help keep the road clear while still allowing some parking to benefit residents.
6. The results of this consultation did not produce a majority either for or against the proposal, (the results were 7 for, 8 against, 4 neither). However, the majority of responses stated that double yellow lines

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should be provided on both sides of the road. Many responses also stated that the problem is seasonal in nature, i.e. during the tourist season. A summary of the responses is shown in Appendix A.

7. A second consultation was therefore carried out on a revised proposal to provide seasonal double yellow lines on both sides of the road, to be effective from 1st April to 31st October annually. A copy of the consultation plan is shown in Appendix B.
8. The results of the consultation were:
 - For: 11 (85%)
 - Against: 1 (7.5%)
 - Neither: 1 (7.5%)

A summary of the consultation responses is shown in Appendix C.

9. The proposal is supported by the local ward Member, Bamburgh Parish Council and the Senior Civil Enforcement Officer.
10. It is therefore recommended that the proposed seasonal parking restrictions (No Waiting at Any Time, 1st Apr to 31st Oct) should be implemented.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	None.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order.
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes No N/A	None
Risk Assessment	None

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Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Bamburgh

Background papers:

File ref: HED19323

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Appendix A - Original Consultation Responses

F O R	A G S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
1			I think the introduction of this restriction is necessary to prevent congestion, especially during the summer months when the village can become very congested and to prevent visitors avoiding the car park provided and disrupting residents going about their daily business
1			I have just one comment regarding the proposed double yellow lines along The Wynding, Bamburgh. I note the proposed only address one side of the road. If cars park on the pavement side to avoid the proposed, the problem is not alleviated. Bamburgh's residents are concerned due to the single-file traffic and lack of passing places if a line of cars are parked along the stretch between No.15 to No.29. Unless I have misinterpreted the plan, cars will still park on the pavement side of the stretch, constricting traffic flow, increasing congestion and blocking pedestrians with prams etc. To truly make this safe and alleviate the problem entirely, DYs must be on both sides to allow emergency vehicles up The Wynding should it ever be required during peak visiting times. A long-term parking solution must be thought of as if the cars don't park along this stretch, they will no doubt cause hassle elsewhere in the village.
1			Thank you for your notice with regard to double yellow lines in The Wynding, Bamburgh. My comments to your proposal are that by painting at one side of the road, you will be moving the problem to the other side, which will mean that the vehicles will park on the east side thus making the traffic flow a lot worse. I would suggest that summer restrictions are applied to both sides of the Highway, which will ensure the visitors use the car parks provided
1			No comments
1			Hi I am part owner of 5 The Wynding and finding the access to and from the house difficult due to parking. This year I have had difficulty getting my lawn mower in the front, getting bins out and loading anything into the house. I find parking down one side will not actually help with my problems and my big worry is large vehicles parking and in a narrow road emergency services would struggle to pass. I also have a concern for residents that some do not have parking or could need temporary parking - so could this please be considered.
1			We've been asked to send you our comments on the Bamburgh proposals by Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson. There is no point having any double yellow lines anywhere in Bamburgh if NCC are not prepared to support with sufficient enforcement. I recently won a long standing battle to get double yellows on the junction of Castle Wynd - which residents had been asking for for years - but selfish visitors still park there, safe in the knowledge that there are rarely any traffic wardens to do anything about it. I have been sending time-and-date-stamped photos of illegal parking on these double yellows through the NCC - but you can't use them because I am not a traffic warden. I offered to become a 'special warden' in the same way that police have special constables - on a commission basis of course, with proceeds going to the parish council for local projects - it would be a win-win situation in solving this ongoing problem - but I received no response. Another solution is to make all residential parts of Bamburgh 'residents parking only', have no 'visitor' parking at all in the village, and provide adequate car parking just outside the village, as is the case in Craster and Low Newton. Because this problem is just going to get worse and worse. In the summer months Bamburgh Village is not a nice place to see or to live in - it's just one great big car park - it spoils it for everyone and many resident's lives are made a misery.

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	1	As the owner of 8 The Wynding, I received your consultation letter dated 6th November. I have responded indicating that I support the proposal. I had thought that it is proposed to extend the double yellow lines on both sides of the road. However, having looked again at the map, I now think it is proposed to restrict parking on one side only - the left side travelling northwards. I would be grateful if you could confirm this please. Should it be that this is indeed the case, I believe that a parking restriction on one side only is unlikely to improve the chaotic situation that occurred on numerous occasions this year. The narrowness of the road restricts the potential for parking to one side only and, in effect, there would be no reduction in the number of vehicles likely to park - they would simply use the side opposite the yellow lines. The prospect of parking close to land on the same side as the access lane for numbers 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 would make an already difficult egress even more of a problem. In my opinion, this would be an unwarranted threat to public safety. I also think that cars parked on the opposite side of the road to numbers 15-29 would be likely to reduce the ease of access and egress to and from these houses. No doubt the owners of these properties will express their own views on the situation. All-in-all, although the loss of parking provision on both sides along The Wynding to numbers 29 and 30 might cause some inconvenience to residents, I consider that, on balance, "No Waiting at Anytime" restrictions are necessary and justified.
	1	Need to be on both sides of the road not just the one as proposed. Cars can be parked solid from the existing yellow lines to the second car park past the Mill Burn except at the Boat House (no.30) where the road is too narrow. Even yellow lines all the way on one side and interspersed on the other may help, but on one side only would be a waste of money and time and effort.
1		The proposed would have a beneficial visual and environmental impact/
	1	double yellow lines on both sides of the road.
	1	The double yellow lines need to be on both sides of the road. The chaos is caused by there only being room for one vehicle at a time to move if parking is allowed on one side of the road. As there is what amounts to a blind bend at house numbers 20-22 it is not easy to see if any vehicles are already passing parked cars. I witnessed on several occasions this last summer, and not just on bank holidays, virtually total gridlock, and on one occasion an off duty police officer having to get cars at one end of the blockage to reverse to clear the road. Double yellow lines on one side only will not provide a solution.
1		I would ask if the yellow lines could be extended further as this summer cars were parked opposite my house (no.29) entrance and if I was driving back from the golf club it was impossible to turn into my driveway, thus necessitating me driving into the village to turn round and come back down The Wynding. Also just past my gateway on the other side of the road is an entrance for emergency vehicles to access the beach - the coast guard have the key to raise this barrier if required. This summer on several occasions cars have been parked alongside this access so it would not have been possible to use it. Is there any way a field on the left on the road to the golf club could be utilised as a car park in the future as there is not sufficient spaces in the present car park for the many visitors we now have in Bamburgh.
1		I would like to ask if you would consider making both sides of the The Wynding a no parking area. Residents have their own parking available to them. So impact for them would be minimal. This road from Spring through to September is a complete nightmare, you have a golf club at the top of the road which has its own problems. Lots of traffic coming and going from that place alone. You have visitors with children using The Wynding to access the beach, frustrated drivers having to duck in and out of the road so the traffic can pass each other. Surely it would be a better idea for double yellows on both sides on the stretch being proposed? Further up the road along passed the beach car parks, people are still parking on the sides of the road where small wooden fences were put up to stop this, people just don't care where they park. Bamburgh has plenty of car parking available. I hope you can consider this point of view. Many thanks.
	1	Dear Sir/Madam The trouble with parking in Bamburgh started when the main road from the church all the way down and to including the village was subject to yellow lining. This was totally unnecessary. This has forced parking down The Windings which is narrower ! Remove the yellow lines on the main road and allocate some parking spaces on The Windings where it is wider in parts. Thanks you, best wishes
1		My response is that double yellow lines should be on both sides of the road, but only Seasonal, March to September.

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	1	<p>I have co-ordinated a response regarding the above issue by asking for email responses and holding a meeting on Friday 22nd Nov from both from the residents of The Wynding and other interested parties in the village. We had good representation from the shop keepers, residents of "The Wynding", villagers, businesses and the parish council. We discussed the fact that the issue was one of safety and not comfort. Emergency vehicles could not access either the beach or the golf club at frequent periods this summer. We acknowledged that any sort of double lines will just have a balloon effect and push the parking issue elsewhere in the village which none of us wanted. We discussed other parking options at length, To further progress the generic parking issue, it is now on the agenda for the next parish council meeting. In conclusion, it was decided that the only option to recommend to NCC, is to add double yellow lines on both sides of "The Wynding" from the village to the golf club. This was not something anyone wanted to do particularly, but with the evidence of the congestion this year, we all felt it was the only option. Ideally these double yellow lines would only come into enforceable function seasonally e.g. between May and Sept, but we are not sure about how this would be done without the addition of signage, which we know is very restricted.</p>
	1	<p>With reference to your consultation document concerning Parking on the Wynding in Bamburgh. First thank you for listening to residents and taking action regarding the problems caused by inconsiderate parking on the Wynding in the Peak summer season. This caused such a severe congestion problem that on several days traffic was unable to move. With the obvious safety implications that emergency vehicles would be unable to access the beach, golf club and houses at the end of the Wynding. As well as inconvenience to residents who couldn't get to their houses and golfers who get to the golf club. There were certainly a lot of frayed tempers and angry exchanges between people caught up in the melee.</p> <p>Unfortunately the proposal put forward by Northumbria County Council to extend the double yellow lines from where they currently end by Castle Garth (No 2 the Wynding) to the bottom of the hill by the first of beach (Dune) car parks on the left side (If travelling down the Wynding toward the Golf Club) of the road, will not work and may exacerbate the problem. The only solution that will work in my opinion and that of all the other Wynding residents I have spoken to is to extend the double yellow lines from Castle Garth (No 2 the Wynding) to the bottom of the hill by the first of beach (Dune) car parks on both sides of the road.</p> <p>It is not ideal to look at the parking problems in Bamburgh one street at a time. Indeed in this consultation we are only looking at the problems of part of the Wynding and to ensure access to the golf club, houses further down the Wynding near to the golf club and all of the beach car parks off the Wynding the double yellow lines should probably extend all the way to the golf club. This is a seasonal problem and the parking restrictions only need to apply in the peak summer months.</p> <p>I hope that the residents proposal is adopted by the Council and included in a comprehensive parking strategy for the village which includes additional car parks for tourists and an improvement in parking for residents.</p>
	1	<p>As an owner for the last 27yrs of 22 The Wynding I was unable to get out of my property for 1/2 hour one Summer Saturday due to the traffic being at a standstill in The Wynding. Its dangerous, and will lead to an accident either the road or on the pavement. I would like to see yellow lines on both sides of the road all yr round.</p>
	1	<p>Thank you for the letter and map regarding The Wynding in Bamburgh and the possible introduction of double yellow lines. My husband and I own 21 The Wynding. We have experienced no problem, obstructions nor felt there was any safety concerns on The Wynding. We are NOT in support of the introduction of double yellow lines. In fact we think double yellow lines would be an ugly addition to what is a very natural and peaceful part of the village. We also think it is a waste of council resources to implement the plan.</p>
		<p>I am the owner of 20 The Wynding, This summer has seen an increase in traffic to the point at one stage the emergency services would not have been able to proceed to the beach at the bottom & beyond for any emergency. This I feel is a dangerous situation. I feel if yellow lines are only on one side, cars will be parked on the other side which I am sure will result in part of the pathway being used.</p>
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Appendix B - Consultation Plan



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Appendix C - Second Consultation Responses

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
1			We strongly support the proposed seasonal no waiting at any time parking restrictions (double yellow lines) on both sides of the wynding all the way down to the golf club. We are happy that the restrictions apply from 1st April to 31st October.
	1		Thank you for your letter regarding the proposal for double yellow lines along The Wynding. At the parish council meeting our consensus was that we need seasonal double yellow lines on both sides of the road all the way along to the golf club enforced between 1st April and 31st Oct. As far as I am aware the majority of residents on The Wynding are in agreement with this. We are concerned that this is going to create a parking issue elsewhere in Bamburgh and feel that parking on The Wynding cannot be taken in isolation without addressing the overall parking issue. There have been lots of "green" suggestions from the community such as providing a "drop off" area and supplying more parking outside of the village with an electric park and ride system.
	1		Thank you for the consultation document through our door (21 The Wynding, Bamburgh, NE69 7DD) and the further suggestions for seasonal double yellow lines on both sides of the road. My husband and myself are still both against double yellow lines being introduced onto The Wynding at all. We really don't think that parking on The Wynding is a problem at all at any time of the year and no hazards are created. We do however think that introducing double yellow lines will be unsightly and unattractive. They would be another manmade visual to what is a beautiful and natural area which should be conserved.
1			no comment
1			no comment
1			no comment
1			I consider the period of no parking should run all the way to the Golf Club and be in force from 1st March to 30th November. - Reason : the letting season is getting longer each year.
1			We support the proposals as the traffic chaos last summer was dreadful. Our only comments are : 1) what about delivery vehicles - particularly from supermarkets which are frequent. 2) the only variant I could suggest is double yellow lines on pavement side only on the wider part of road - i.e. along the stone retaining wall.
1			These proposals were those which we put forward originally & we feel this is the best option.
1			no comments
1			I would like this proposal maintaining in the summer. To make sure it is obeyed ! and perhaps review after 12 months to see if it should remain a permanent fixture. Will a warden be protroling the lines, what happens if workmen with need for equipment ie window cleaning company with water in the tank in a vehicle the lines to be able to carry out their work ! This happens every month, they can't go and park in the village car park! So presume they will have a dispute

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1			no comments
			<p>I refer to your letter of 23 January 2020 (your ref: HE196323).</p> <p>Unfortunately I did not receive the letter until after the closing date for comments. However, had I been able to respond, I would have supported seasonal double yellow lines on both sides of the road. I would also have suggested the annual starting date should be 1 March in order to include Easter, a time when parking problems are regularly experienced.</p> <p>If you can add these comments to any others received, I would be grateful but, if not, I appreciate that deadlines are to be met.</p>
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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio Holder (where appropriate):

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

Subject:

PROPOSED SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS, U2012 THE WYNDING, BAMBURGH

Consultation

- For: 11 (85%)
- Against: 1 (7.5%)
- Neither: 1 (7.5%)

Decision Taken:

The proposed seasonal parking restrictions (No Waiting at Any Time, 1st Apr to 31st Oct) should be implemented.

Signature of Director/
~~officer/Portfolio Holder~~ (where appropriate)*



Date

21st April 2020

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