



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones
November 2020

ADDENDUM

Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Parking Restrictions - St Michaels Avenue Bristol Walk & Bristol Street, New Hartley

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council

Original Decision Report

To consider the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on St Michaels Avenue, Bristol Walk and Bristol Street in New Hartley due to road safety concerns.

Signed by Director of Local Services and Housing on 29th May 2019.

Recommendations

It is recommended to amend the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at Bristol Walk, as shown in Appendix A.

Key Issues

1. Concerns have been raised with the local councillor about inconsiderate parking occurring on St Michaels Avenue, Bristol Walk and Bristol Street in New Hartley, which is the main route through the village.
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.

Delegated Decision

4. The scheme is supported by Councillor Dungworth and will be paid for through Cllr Dungworth's Members Local Improvement Scheme funding.
5. At the intend notice stage for the TRO, objections were received from residents regarding Bristol Walk. Following further discussions it is intended to shorten the length of the restrictions at Bristol Walk.

Background

Following the Decision Report for 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on St Michaels Avenue Bristol Walk and Bristol Street in New Hartley being signed on the 29th May 2019, the intend notice stage followed for the TRO. At this stage objections were received from residents, as shown in Appendix B.

Further discussions were held with Councillor Dungworth and it was agreed that to shorten the length of the restrictions at Bristol Walk to allow residents to park without adversely impacting on road safety. As the other 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions are needed for road safety purposes, they should proceed as shown in Appendix C.

Background papers:

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions on St Michaels Avenue and Bristol Street, New Hartley.

Intend Notice: For:0
Against:5
Neutral: 0

Decision Taken: To amend the proposed Parking Restrictions at Bristol Walk.

Signature of Director



Date

13th November 2020

Appendix A - Amended plan showing shortening of the restriction on Bristol Walk



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Appendix B - Intend Notices Responses

Thoroughfare	Other Relevant Comments
Hester Gardens	<p>Further to the proposed parking restrictions in New Hartley I would like to raise an objection to a specific portion of the proposed double yellow lines. There is a plan to implement double yellow lines on the junction of Hester Gardens/St Michael's Avenue, this would mean there would be double yellow lines painted across the end of our driveway. If we have visitors or family staying over they would normally park across the front of our drive therefore not taking up other spaces within the street. I.e not blocking other neighbours' drives or areas they park. If a car is parked across the end of our driveway it does not obscure or hinder any view of entering or leaving the street.</p>
Bristol Street	<p>I have reviewed the proposed plans for double yellow lines (no waiting) in New Hartley and wish to state our objections to them as follows. 1. We live at Bristol Street and would lose the option of parking directly in front of the house. The same applies to No. 17. 2.This would mean more cars parked on Gloucester Street causing further congestion in what is a very narrow side road which many large vehicles such as bin wagons struggle to navigate. 3. Removing large stretches of parking on the north side of Bristol Street will also create further congestion inside roads potentially blocking access. 4. We feel that reducing the space for cars to park will just exacerbate parking issues in other parts of the village and allow for potentially more speeding on Bristol Street. 5. The current situation with Covid means there are more vehicles parked up in the village with many residents parked up at home during the day. 6. The current congestion on Bristol Street goes some way towards ensuring that vehicles adhere to the 20mph limit. Clearing this congestion will inevitably cause more speeding issues in the village. 7. A better solution would be to provide parking bays to the north side of Bristol Street in the areas which are currently grass verge together with additional traffic calming measures to help prevent speeding. I hope that you will consider these points further as we do not think that removing areas for people to park is going to solve the issue and may indeed create the potential for accidents in an area which is largely accident free.</p>
Bristol Street	<p>We are residents of Bristol Street living behind the bus stop, and have the following points to make regarding the difficulties these proposals highlight. Most importantly when considering the safety of school children who use the bus service I believe they will be at greater risk of harm as without the cars parked opposite the bus stop drivers are more likely to increase their speed as they are leaving or entering the village.Parked cars here actually are very effective in slowing the traffic down.I witness this everyday from my kitchen window. Alternative parking arrangements are vital for the residents.The bridal path at the rear of our property is not roadworthy for vehicles to use as it would undoubtedly cause damage to the cars and in particular ,the area at the back of No.1 is obstructed by the narrowness of the lane,the acute bend, and as there has been no maintenance to the location ie overgrown trees and shrubs causing poor vision for drivers getting on to Bristol Street. Aside from those problems egress from the bridal path is often obstructed by a number of parked cars. Personally we would have considered dropping the kerb at our front to provide off road parking but this is not possible due to the bus stop being located where it is. I raised these issues last January /February after we received a letter with the same proposals and to my knowledge I did not receive a reply or acknowledgement. I would very much hope this time these issues will be given serious consideration and that we are kept informed of the decisions made I actually believe a site visit to see the issues I have raised would be beneficial in resolving these issues for the residents on Bristol Street</p>

Bristol Walk	<p>In the main I am very supportive of this happening in order to help at the junctions. I however live on Bristol Walk where there is a row of only 8 houses and have noted the restriction there is going to be extensive and covers the full length of the 8 houses. My problem with this is that all of our front doors face on to where the proposed yellow lines will be. This means that nobody can park at their property to use their front entrance. Driveways are positioned at the rear of our property in Bradbury Place. The extent of the proposed restriction for Bristol Walk will mean at least another 4 cars having to find parking in Bradbury Place. This street is already overloaded and we have great problems using our driveway because of people constantly parking opposite. This problem will only get worse. As I say I understand this in the main however I don't understand why the full stretch of Bristol Walk is included when all other restrictions in the village are to be limited to junction corners. It will also impact access to our own property. If the restrictions remain as are, then we will also need restrictions opposite our driveways in Bradbury Place to stop people blocking us in. I believe residents have previously asked for the grassed area to be paved for parking but this has been refused. The other option is simply to reduce the length of the restriction at Bristol Walk. I've attached a photo to show there is a grassed area on the junction and just restricting that area will sufficiently cover the junction. I've also attached a photo to show a regular vehicle that parks over our driveways, usually there can be another 2-3 parked behind them. I'd appreciate any help you can offer in hopefully reaching a more balanced conclusion to suit all. As an additional consideration you could look at narrowing this restriction to just the grass area which covers the sweeping corner as per the attached rather than the whole length of our 8 houses. Sorry to also add, that restriction would also mean we wouldn't be able to have delivery companies, taxis, or even visitors being able to drop off/ pick up at our own property. I write with regards to the proposed no waiting restrictions for New Hartley. Whilst in the main I agree with these restrictions especially at the junctions I would like to object to the restriction directly in front of Bristol Walk as per the attached. I live at 4 Bristol Walk and the restriction is being proposed right across the front of our property and all 8 houses on this stretch. This restriction means we are unable to park in front of our own property, where our front door is? How can you restrict access to people's property in this way? The result of this will also be cars then having nowhere to park and Going into the streets behind and blocking driveways. Our drive is at the back in Bradbury Place and we are already unable to use this because of people parking over the driveways (see attached). This restriction will result in more people parking in this way. The only way the restrictions can go ahead as they are, is for you to also add restrictions in the streets behind opposite driveways and also to add parking areas to the currently grassed areas.</p>
Hester Gardens	<p>We wish to register a strong objection to the above proposals. The letter we received on this subject dated June 2019 cites inconsiderate parking on St Michaels Avenue and Bristol Street as the reason for this, however the scale of the problem is insufficient to justify this sledgehammer to crack a nut attitude by the council, and it certainly does not justify blitzing every side street with yellow lines, thereby preventing some people from parking outside their own homes. The side streets, which have nothing to do with parking issues on Bristol Street or St Michaels Avenue, should undoubtedly be omitted from this scheme, as their inclusion will only create new parking problems where none currently exist. The money this scheme will cost would be far better spent being put towards repairing the thousands upon thousands of potholes blighting the roads. We have only just finished renewing broken springs on our car (again) thanks to your shoddy road maintenance. It is about time you lot got your priorities right, but we strongly suspect the main motivation for this scheme, and disgraceful council attitude towards the residents, will be revenue raising via infringements. We do not want your yellow lines in New Hartley.</p>

Appendix C - Showing revised proposals in their entirety



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(Double Yellow Lines)** —



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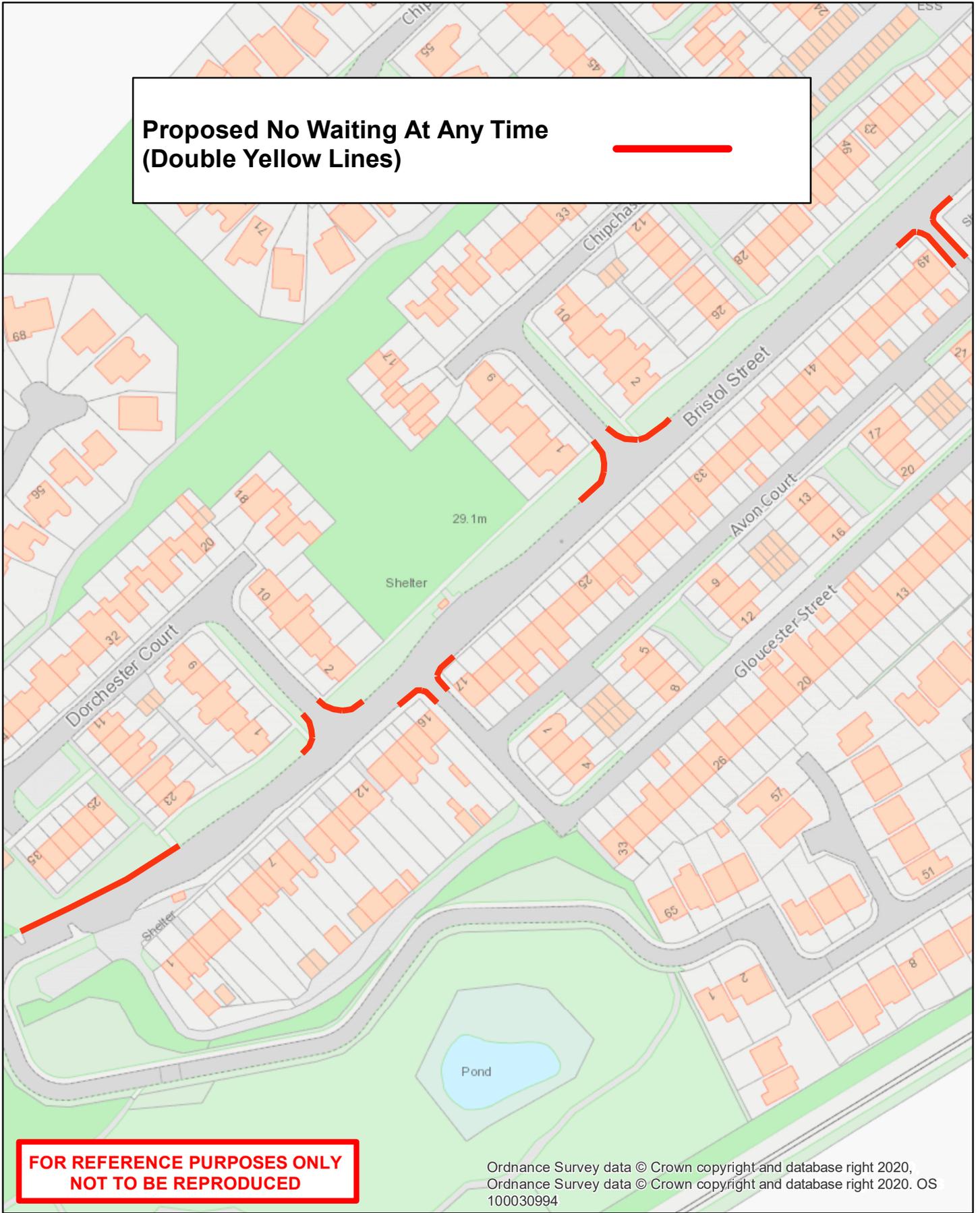
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