



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

**Paul Jones**  
**14/09/2020**

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**Proposed Resident Permit Parking Zone between 9.30am - 3pm and  
3.30pm - 8.30am - Sycamore Street, Ashington**  
**Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the introduction of resident permit parking on Sycamore Street, Ashington.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the following parking restrictions are introduced  
Resident Permit Parking Zone (RPZ) between 9.30am - 3pm and 3.30pm -  
8.30am Everyday on Sycamore Street, Ashington.

#### **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 concerns about indiscriminate parking by non-residents, causing parking problems on Sycamore Street.
2. This introduction of a resident parking scheme will be funded by Councillor Wilson, using his Members' Local Improvement Scheme allowance.
3. The proposed scheme is supported by Councillor Wilson and NCC's Parking Services Team.

### Background

Indiscriminate parking by non-residents is making it difficult for residents to park. After meeting with Councillor Wilson, officers proposed that resident permit parking restrictions may assist in alleviating these concerns. Resident Permit Parking is generally implemented to control parking and to discourage commuter parking so that they make better use of more appropriate off-street facilities.



### Entrance to Sycamore Street northbound from Third Avenue

#### Consultation

A consultation letter was sent to 29 residents and 18 statutory consultees inviting comments on the viability of introducing 'Resident Permit Parking to Sycamore Street. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A.

12 responses were received with 10 in favour 2 against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

A detailed consultation letter was sent to 29 residents and 18 statutory consultees inviting comments on introducing Resident Permit Parking Zone (RPZ) between 9.30am - 3pm and 3.30pm - 8.30am on Sycamore Street. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix C.

9 responses were received with 6 in favour and 3 against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix D.

### **Assessment and Recommendations**

The results of the consultation and proposed scheme were discussed with Councillor Wilson, who agreed that the restrictions should be introduced.

Councillor Wilson is funding the scheme through his Members' Local Improvement Scheme allocation.

It is anticipated this flexibility will allow a drop -off facility for non-residents in the area, but maintain the integrity of the scheme for Permit Holders. This dual use approach to Resident Permits Schemes throughout the County have proved successful for all types of road user.

Enforcement will be coordinated and carried out by NCC Parking Services.

## 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 Wilson
<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>	Ashington Central



## **Delegated Decision**

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### **Background papers:**

File ref: 2019/114 & HO206727

#### **Appendix Index**

Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B - Consultation Responses

Appendix C - Detailed Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix D - Detailed Consultation Responses

### **Author and Contact Details**

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Report Author     ***Sarah Hudson Technical Assistant (M.S.S)***

**DECISION TAKEN**

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

**Subject:** Proposed Resident Permit Parking  
Zone between 9.30am - 3pm and  
3.30pm - 8.30am to be introduced  
on Sycamore Street, Ashington

**Consultation:** For: 10  
Against: 2  
Neutral: 0

**Detailed Consultation:** For: 6  
Against: 3  
Neutral: 0

**Decision Taken:** To introduce the resident permit parking  
zone between 9.30am - 3pm and  
3.30pm - 8.30am on Sycamore Street,  
Ashington.

Signature of Director



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**Date**

21 October 2020

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**Your ref:**

**Our ref:** 2019/114

**Enquiries to:** Ms Sarah Hudson

**Email:** [HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk)

**Tel:** 0345 600 6400

**Date:** Wednesday 27th November 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Proposed Resident Permit Parking Zone Sycamore Street, Ashington**

Concerns have been raised by residents of Sycamore Street in Ashington about indiscriminate parking by non-residents, causing obstruction issues and parking problems.

Councillor Wilson has therefore agreed to fund the introduction of a residents permit parking zone only if there is a favourable consultation with residents.

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 ask for your comments on the proposals, to introduce a 'Residents Parking Zone' at Sycamore Street, Ashington.

Signs would be erected as necessary indicating where Resident Permit Parking is in operation. Bays would not be provided within the zone as they are not required for this type of restriction. To cover administrative costs, residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits. (Currently £25 a year per permit, equivalent to £2.08 per month). A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking.

A freepost response form is enclosed for you to return your views, or you can email them to [HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk). I would welcome a reply by **Friday 10th January 2020**. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to all individual comments. You may also wish to note that any comments received may be included in a Decision Report and may be available for public inspection.

**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

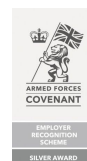
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### Network Management Information System

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Proposed Resident Permit Parking  
Sycamore Street, Ashington

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Post Code	F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
NE63 0HL	1			residents first
NE63 0HL	1			
NE63 0HL		1		I am deeply concerned that no account has been taken of the needs of those of us dependent on carers. I am 93 and my wife is 91. Our carers who attend 4/5 times a day need to park and cannot be expected to pay these charges. We have never had any issue with parking even at peak activity times caused by school collections/drop offs, Please consider our dependent needs.
	1			I would tentatively support the introduction of this scheme but my main concern is that the major congestion is only at school times. If an officer is present then their priority is SKC's and DYL's so how would we be able to patrol the added permit zone? Also the permit zones already in the area surrounding Central Primary have a half hour amnesty to allow parents to collect children from school. Will this be the case here?
NE15 8NY				None
NE63 0HL	1			Cars coming all times. Leaving engines running, music playing too loud leaving residents having to turn television or radio up high which is not right. Driver opening her door with two fingers up as I pulled my net back thinking it could be a nurse as I had just come out of hospital after operation, which I reported to Police who went to see her. Parking outside our homes when visitors have to walk from the bottom of the street. Parking on the pavement when told her she asked if I had a problem I said yes but told her I would see about it - tried to get number plate, came into house when she got out of car and knocked on my door but did not answer it. This should have been seen before nursery was built, but we are nobody, just residents whose voices do not count. After all we had to put up with all the noise, dust wagons and even my kitchen smelt like a sewer but who cares as long as it does not Disturb those who had it built
NE63 0HL	1			I agree with a proposed resident parking zone but only if it is in force at all times. I do not agree to set times to accommodate children attending the 3 schools close by. At pickup and drop of times for the schools i have grave concerns for the safety of the children and adults because of the careless and inconsiderate driving I have witnessed many times in this cul-de-sac. There is also considerable nuisance caused by drivers who sit with the engine running and, or playing music loudly with open windows. Residents who have complained to these drivers are often met with verbal abuse and bad language.

NE63 0HL	1		<p>We live at xx, right in the corner. Could do with more lights in the corner as our car has been hit twice from people picking kids up from school. They park outside my house have a good look through the windows. Restricting my own car to be parked at my door. I have private parking signs up which people ignore. We are fed up with it all I think having permits would be great it will stop people from doing what they wish. We could also do with a big barrier to stop people from flying down the lane and going through the cut which they can't get through. Someone's child is going to get seriously hurt if somethings not done. My son bike was half on path half on road outside my door for a car to reverse back and go over his wheel and they just drove off. Something needs done ASAP.</p>
NE63 0HL	1		<p>I am not a car owner myself but I have family who visit. I am willing to pay for a permit but I hope it will be 'No Parking' 24/7 as so much traffic flows up and down the street for school drop off. I am worried about little children running out and a car hitting them. Is Holly Street included in this parking ban! ON the gable end of No xx Holly Street a man mends cars. Sometimes he has 2 or 3 cars parked in the street for 2 or 3 days. When the parents are not there people park to go to the dentist or go up to the shops on the Main Street. The parents are up and down 4 times a day.</p>
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NE63 0HL	1		<p>Not being the owner or driver of a car myself I'm all in favour to pay for a visitors permit as I do have family visiting. I would like to know if it would be 'no parking' 24/7 without parking as there is steady flow of dropping off at school most of the day.. Will Holly Street be included in the permit arrangement as the gable end of No.xx repairs to cars and always has cars parked in street. After all the hassle over the last year, with school been built why couldn't it be free for at least one year and visitors permit at a reduced price after that. There's a car park adjoining school not been used. Why can't parents drive in and drop children there.</p>
NE63 0HQ	1		<p>The Street is often full of cars of non residents, either at the School (not only picking up and dropping off, but also of the staff, who instead of using the staff car park, park on the street taking up residents parking spaces) or at the salvation army or to go to the shops at the Piv. There is also more recently the garage at xx-xx Holly street which has begun operating as a business, working on cars all hours of the day and often up to 10pm at night not only through the week but also at weekends, disturbing residents who need to sleep as they work shifts. The garage also often has several cars parked outside on the street, sometimes as many as six, including recently a car with no licence plate, no wheels and no doors or back end which was parked on the street covered with a tarp for 2 weeks. Meaning that I often can't get parked not only outside my house but in the lane at all and have to park at the end of the lane on the Main Road.</p>
NE63 0AH	1		<p>Not Necessary. Restricted time parking only - which will help restrict long stayers eg staff. Only other parkers therefore must be residents. Drop off inevitable and should not be restricted, so time limited, as in other nearby streets, may well suffice. Happy to discuss, as ever.</p>

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### **Proposed Resident Permit Parking Zone Sycamore Street, Ashington**

In November 2019, all residents of the above area were consulted on the above proposals. The consultation exercise ended on 10th January 2020, and responses were received from 12 consultees with 10 in favour, 2 against and 0 neither for nor against the proposed measures.

Following this consultation, this matter has been investigated further by way of site meetings and in house meetings with representatives of the Highways Programme, Parking Services and Design Teams.

We are now in a position to reconsult on proposals to help alleviate indiscriminate parking by non residents which causes obstruction issues and parking problems.

To maximise parking availability and to ensure a consistent approach is taken throughout the area, the following measures are proposed, and detailed on the attached plan.

1. Introduce 'Resident Permit Parking only Zone F9 - 9.30am - 3pm then 3.30pm - 8.30am' on Sycamore Street.
2. This will allow for pick up and drop off at the school but stop all day parking by non residents.

Councillor Wilson has agreed to fund the introduction of a residents permit parking zone subject to favourable consultation with residents.

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## Appendix D

Post Code	F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
NE63 0HL		1		I am replying on behalf of my Mother, who is a widow of 91 years and resides alone. My Mother suffers with severe dementia and requires constant attention by care workers. There are normally 2 care workers in attendance on a daily basis covering the hours from early morning to late evening. As each care worker may be required to attend other needy people they have their on transport and as such have the need of a car. There is also the need for a district nurse to attend to treat a number injuries. Under the circumstances my Mother doesn't agree with the proposals.
NE63 0AH		1		I own the nursery that has been situated and running on the proposed street for 16 years. In that 16 years there has never been an issue with parking apart from the parents parking to drop off and pick up their children from the neighbouring school. Including myself and my business partner there are 14 staff who work at the setting. Out of the 14 staff 10 of them are drivers and we also have 2 company cars that are parked in the lane throughout the day for school runs and put away at night. The problem we have with the proposal is that the staff and myself will have nowhere to park our cars whilst at work. We would not have an issue with the permits if we were able to have permits for all of the staff and the company cars. Staff need their cars to get to and from work and as I have said our parking has never caused an issue with the residents in the past. If we can't park in the lane there is nowhere else for us to park which would cause massive complications to us. Staff work different days and different hours so all cars are not parked outside all day every day except for a couple. I do hope that this issue can be looked at and hopefully a solution can be reached.
NE63 0HL		1		As much as we support the idea, especially now as the Gala bingo hall is now a Play area which will cause parking issues. We do not own a car and do not think it is fair that we should pay £25 for a visitor permit especially when we only get visitors once a month. Though we are glad that it will stop the nuisance traffic to the nursery and the school
NE63 0HL	1			I'm all in favour of the proposal for permits. My only concerns is still the amount of traffic parking between 8.15 and 9.00. The old bingo hall is going to open as a Fun Jungle. We will possibly have parking from there as the exit is at the rear of the building for safety of children
NE63 0HL	1			I'm all in favour of proposal for permits. My only concern is still the amount of traffic parking between 8.15 -9.00. and now the bingo hall is going to open as Fun Jungle we will possibly have excess parking from there as the exit is at the rear of the building. I hope Holly Street residents are included
NE23 0HL	1			To stop the speeding as there are children who live in the street. Also throwing their rubbish out of cars of which the tenants pick up as we keep the street clean (which is the way we were brought up) as anyone can see. Also cars coming in the street to go up the nursery as they have notices and yellow lines. Motorbikes are still using this street some of those are off road
NE63 0HL	1			Where will residents park between 8.30am - 9.30am also between 3.pm- 3.30pm? concerned about the volume of traffic when school and nursery open, also the soft play? Is parking allowed outside there own door? Also what happens as regard Holly Street? There are several elderly residents who have carer's who need all day access
NE63 0HL	1			no comments
NE63 0HQ	1			no comments
	6	3	0	