



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

PROPOSED RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING, THE CROFT & SOUTH FARM, NEDDERTON

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to provide residents permit parking at The Croft and South Farm in Nedderton.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed residents permit parking is 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 about indiscriminate parking in Burdon Terrace.

The consultation resulted in a majority in favour of residents permit parking.

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Background

1. The County Council has received concerns via the local ward member about indiscriminate parking in The Croft and South Farm in Nedderton.
2. These two streets form a cul-de-sac which is accessed from the B1331 through the village. The location is shown in Figure 1.



Fig.1. Location Plan

3. Although all the properties in the area have private driveways, there have been significant complaints about indiscriminate parking, culminating in residents attending a meeting at County Hall to discuss the issues with the local ward Member and Officers.
4. One of the residents of South Farm owns a significant number of cars which are stored within the cul-de-sac. It is alleged that these cars are for sale, though there are no 'for sale' signs on the vehicles themselves, which means that action cannot be taken under the relevant legislation (Section 3 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005).
5. Residents and statutory consultees were therefore consulted on a proposal to provide a residents permit parking scheme. A copy of the consultation plan is shown in Appendix A.
6. The consultation results were:

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- For: 17 (85%)
- Against: 3 (15%)
- Neutral: 0

20 out of a total of 24 properties responded, a response rate of 83%. A copy of the consultation responses is shown in Appendix B.

7. The local ward member supports the proposal.
8. It is therefore recommended that the proposed residents permit parking is 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
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Bedlington West

Background papers:

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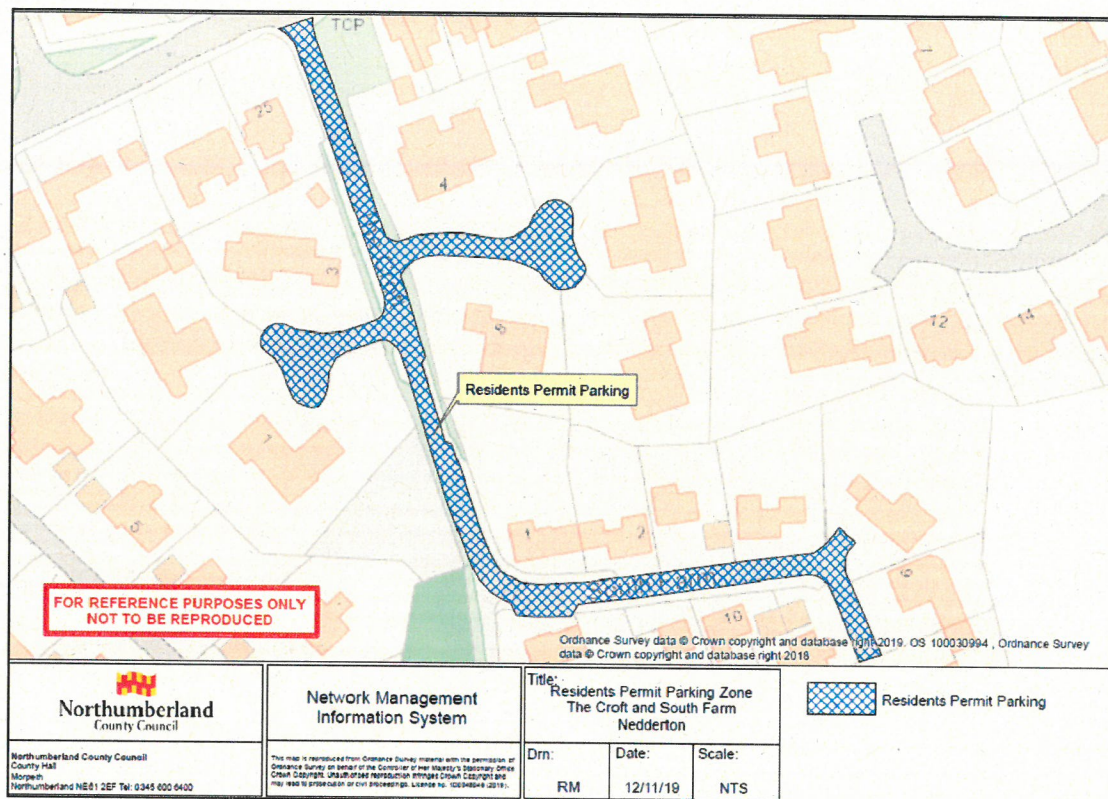
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Author and Contact Details

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Appendix A - Consultation Plan



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Appendix B - Consultation Responses

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
			Other Relevant Comments
	1		Hi I really don't see the need for this scheme. The properties in question have so much land around them they must be able to park on their own drives. Regards
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1			With reference to the proposed scheme in South Farm Nedderton. I can confirm that Mr & Mrs X on No.X fully support the proposal.
1			We refer to your letter of 20th November 2019 outlining the above proposal. We wish to confirm that we support the proposals and look forward to hearing from you in due course.
1			We wish to advise you that we support the proposed residents permit parking scheme
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1			With reference to the above we are emailing our support for this proposal.
1			<p>We fully support the proposals.</p> <p>Other comments: There have been parking issues in South Farm for about 10 years as one resident, who runs a second-hand car sales business from his house, regular parks ten or more of his cars in this small close.</p> <p>This creates serious road safety issues as well as inconveniencing all of the other residents. Previous approaches to the Council and the police over a very long period of time have proved unsuccessful. It would seem that this scheme will provide a solution but it must be effectively policed.</p> <p>When put in place it will be helpful if we are provided with a contact number at the council so that we can report breaches of the system.</p>
1			We support the proposals for residents permit parking for The Croft and South Farm, Nedderton
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1			We agree to the permit parking for South Farm. We do not require permit, we have a large drive.
1			Limited free parking time allowance should be implemented.
1			We completely support the request for residents permit parking as proposed above. We hope this will help out with the excessive indiscriminate parking which continues on a daily basis, along with the blatant selling of cars on the public highway. We would like to purchase two parking permits should the proposal be successful.

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1		<p>I am a resident of South Farm and have been for in excess of 10 years. Compared to other streets I have lived in I find parking to be fine. However I have abs pretty much always have people visiting either to help with childcare or to help look after my dogs. My mum visits, she is 74, has leukaemia and currently has a big sore on her shin. As such if she couldn't park in the street it would cause her great pain and discomfort to try to walk from the other side of the Village. My Dad is 74 and suffers a bad back and recently suffered a minor stroke, as such his mobility is limited and he needs to park close to my house otherwise he can't actually manage to come to visit. There are times I have to assist him out of the car. I am disabled and have a right ankle replacement joint. When I first got up I have restricted mobility and struggle to walk. If I have to exert myself I limp badly the next day and often struggle to walk. As such I need access to my cars. I own in excess of 10 cars. I have different cars for different purposes and being a car enthusiast I have always had more cars than I have drive space. This has been the norm for many years. I have recently had issues with disgruntled neighbours damaging my cars. This has involved broken wing mirrors, let down tyres and most recently a tyre was slashed! These matters have all been reported to the Police. I object to the parking permit scheme as it will adversely effect my family. My parents will no longer be able to visit and I will have issues getting to and from my cars. I feel that this whole 'scheme' is targeting me and has been brought about by disgruntled neighbours with no direct dialogue, no discussions, no attempt to explore alternative actions and I feel my rights are being infringed. As the police are also involved I feel it would be inappropriate to issue a parking permit scheme whilst investigations are ongoing regards these mitigating circumstances. Should the council chose to ignore my situation and not fully and properly consider me in this matter I'll seek legal advice and pursue a formal complains procedure.</p>
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1		<p>With reference to your letter ref HED19323, we would like to make the following comments. Whilst we do not object to paying for parking permits, it seems the whole area you refer to would be penalised because of the actions of one resident in South Farm. If the Council curtailed his activities we would not have this situation, He is running a business selling vehicles from his residence and using South Farm, the lane and The Croft as a garage forecourt. His vehicles have been parked in South Farm, the lane and The Croft cul-de-sac for up to four weeks at a time on numerous occasions which we do object to. Surely the Council can do something about this? There are no other residents in this area who abuse the parking. Actions by the Council could surely resolve this situation without resorting to permit parking.</p>
1		No Comments
1		I totally support these proposals, I believe the current congestion caused will compromise emergency and essential vehicle access.
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1		<p>Apologies about the delay in getting back to you. I have had a few planning enforcement cases over the last few years for this estate in terms of vehicles being sold/repaired./parked at a property. The owner is a car dealer but is not repairing/selling the cars from within the curtilage of the property but from the highway and various different locations around Bedlington, so we have been unable to take any further action in terms of a change of use/planning enforcement point of view. In terms of parking as far as I am aware there are no parking restrictions in place on this estate so there would be no way of preventing the cars being parked. If they were causing an obstruction then it would be the police who handle this.</p> <p>MY suggestion would maybe to put in place a residents parking scheme that way parking enforcement could manage the problem but from a planning enforcement point of view there is no action we can take.</p>
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DECISION TAKEN

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

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Signature of Director/
~~officer/Portfolio Holder~~ (where
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Date



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