



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

**Paul Jones**

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### **New Parking Bays – Astley Road, Seaton Delaval Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposals to introduce new disabled parking bays for Blue Badge Holders in association with the new parking bays scheme on the A192 Astley Road, Seaton Delaval.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed 'Blue Badge Holders Only' restrictions on Astley Road in association with the new junction improvement works are implemented in order to improve road safety in the area.

#### **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 regarding the volume of vehicles and manner in which they are parked on Astley Road. New road markings in the form of advisory parking bays and formalised disabled parking bays are proposed as a result.

The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor, has been funded by the 2020/21 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme and will be implemented in the 2021/22 financial year.

### Background

The A192 Astley Road in Seaton Delaval is a single carriageway which flows through the main centre of the town, with its section of road between Western Avenue and the roundabout linking with the A190 road a popular location for parking due to the close proximity of local businesses and residential properties with no off-street parking available. The layout is predominantly suited for parking, with marked bays on the north side and a hardstanding area on the south.



**Figure 1: Existing road layout and parking at Astley Road**

Without any formal arrangements on the south side, obstructive and indiscriminate parking has been observed by vehicles encroaching onto the footway when parking at an angle as seen in Figure 1, or taking up more space than necessary and subsequently reaching maximum capacity, leaving Blue Badge Holders with little to no space for access and having to park further away in order to reach their destination.



**Figure 2: Example of obstructive parking on footway**

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### **Proposals**

Following concerns raised by local residents and the County Councillor regarding the existing parking arrangements, it is considered that parking provision is required for Blue Badge Holders in the form of disabled parking bays. 6 new formalised disabled bays are proposed, where motorists are required to display a valid Blue Badge at all times if choosing to park there.

New designated parking bays are also to be marked out along the aforementioned stretch of road to improve road safety and encourage better use of the facilities. These are to be perpendicular to the pre-cast concrete kerbs between Western Avenue and Prospect Avenue, whereas echelon bays are to be marked from the bus stop furthest east on the south side to the junction with Prospect Avenue.

Details of the proposals for the new parking bays are shown on the plan in Appendix A. The parking restrictions associated with the works are intended to improve access for Blue Badge Holders, maintain the free flow of traffic where possible, to improve road safety and to protect the amenity of the area overall.

Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Orders.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies.
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will be financed through the LTP 2020/21 Programme
<b>Legal</b>	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO_012_36).
<b>Procurement</b>	Road markings and associated traffic signs to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders.
<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"/>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The parking proposals are designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Statutory consultees have been consulted
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Seghill with Seaton Delaval

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### **Background Papers:**

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\20\HE Minor Improvements\HE203423D TROs\HE203423D-08 Astley Road Seaton Delaval

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

### **Author and Contact Details**

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### DECISION TAKEN

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

**Subject:** New advisory parking bays and formalised disabled parking bays at Astley Road, Seaton Delaval.

**Consultation:** Not required on the grounds of road safety, although representatives and the Local County Councillor have been involved in the design process throughout.

**Decision Taken:** To introduce the new parking bays at Astley Road, Seaton Delaval.

Signature of Director



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**Date**

7 April 2021

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Appendix A - Scheme Plan

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