



# Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones

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### DECISION REPORT Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Parking Restrictions, Dunlin Drive, Blyth

**Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council**

**22 March 2020**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at junctions on Dunlin Drive in Blyth due to road safety concerns.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines) parking restrictions are introduced at junctions on Dunlin Drive in Blyth.

#### **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 safety concerns for both pedestrians and motorists caused by parked cars on Dunlin Drive.
2. The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Reid, through his Members' Local Improvement Scheme allowance.

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### Background

Residents contacted their local Ward Member with concerns regarding safety issues for both pedestrians and motorists caused by congestion and indiscriminate parking on Dunlin Drive.

Indiscriminate parking on the road is making it difficult for residents, visitors and general road users to negotiate this road safely, causing visibility issues especially at junctions.

After meeting with Councillor Reid, council officers proposed that 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restrictions be introduced to alleviate these concerns.



**Dunlin Drive – Northbound to the junction with Plover Close**

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### **Consultation**

A consultation letter was sent to 60 residents and 25 statutory consultees inviting comments on the viability of introducing 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) on Dunlin Drive. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A.

22 responses were received with 19 in favour and 3 against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

The results of the consultation were discussed with Councillor Reid, who agreed that the restrictions should be introduced as proposed.

The scheme is supported by Councillor Reid and funded through his Members' Local Improvement Scheme allocation.

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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 Reid
<b>Legal</b>	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
<b>Procurement</b>	Road markings 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"/>	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>	Plessey

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### **Background papers:**

HO206840 & 2020/072

### **Appendix Index**

Appendix A – Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

### **Author and Contact Details**

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### DECISION TAKEN

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

**Subject:** Proposed "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions on Dunlin Drive in Blyth.

**Consultation**

For:	19
Against:	3
Neutral:	0

**Decision Taken:** To introduce the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions as proposed.

Signature of Director



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**Date**

14 April 2021

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# Northumberland County Council

The Occupier

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 Your Ref:  
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 Date: Monday 16th November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,  
Dunlin Drive, Blyth**

Concerns have been raised with County Councillor Reid, regarding vehicles being parked on the junctions of Dunlin Drive, causing potential traffic safety issues. It is reported that vehicles are having difficulty negotiating this area safely. Councillor Reid has therefore requested that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced on this road in order to alleviate these concerns.

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 advise you on the proposed introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions on Dunlin Drive, Blyth as shown on the attached plan.

The County Council is seeking your views on the proposals and a freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that comments received will be carefully considered.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Director for Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is **Friday 1st January 2021**. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

**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

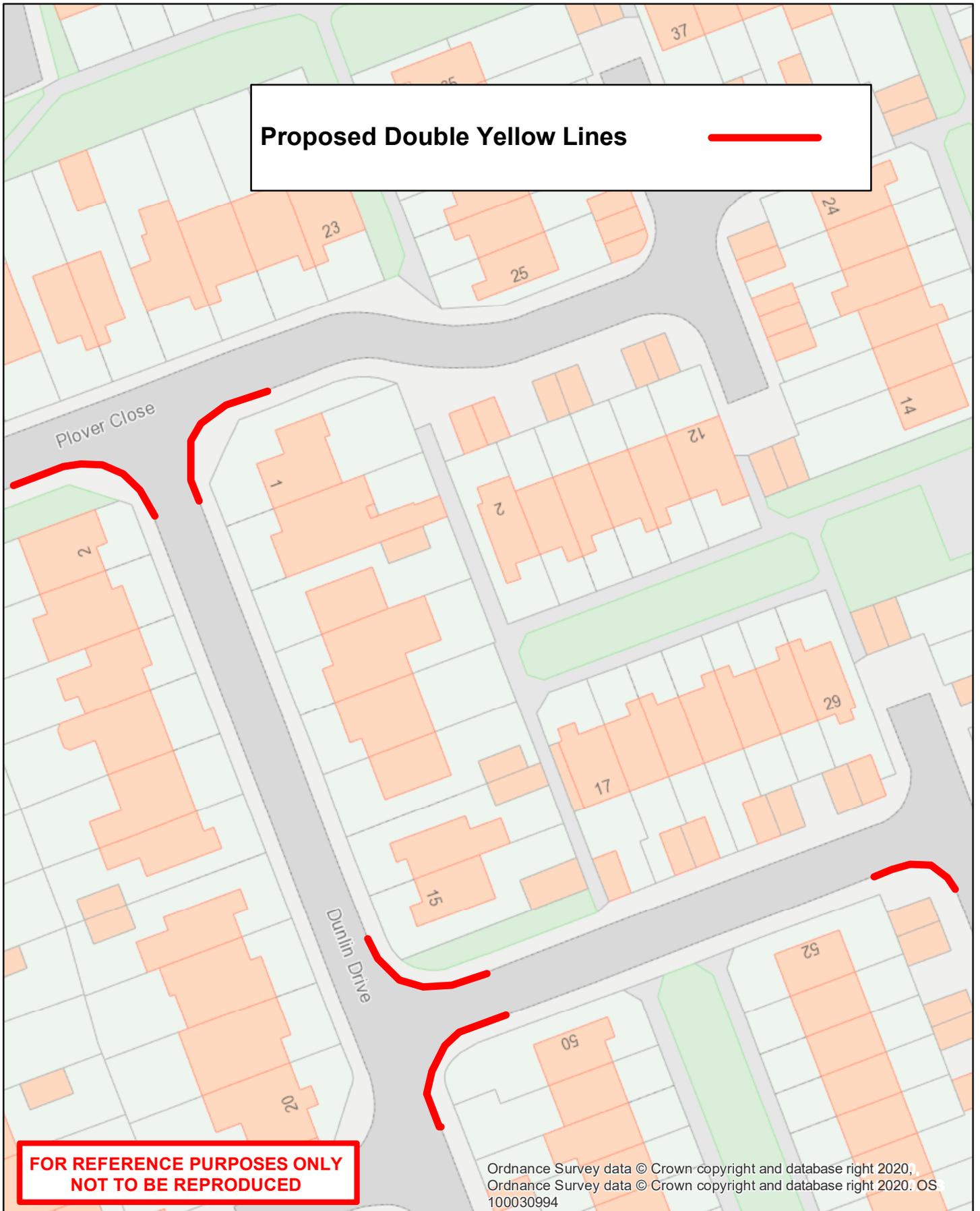
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# Appendix B

Post Code	F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
	1			Phone message
NE24 3SQ	1			During the school runs the traffic congestion is terrible. Move should be done to limit the traffic coming into the Estate and promote responsible parking as parents/careers etc. park all over the place. Stricter enforcement of parking restrictions needs to be implemented and maintained.
NE24 3SQ	1			Double yellow lines should also be put on bends on 1st section of Curlew Way as it is an accident waiting to happen with vans parked on bend.
NE24 3SQ	1			I do think yellow lines are necessary on the corners shown. When cars, vans or wagons are parked on these corners, they create blind spots and it is very dangerous. I believe the yellow lines should have been introduced at the time they were inserted in Curlew Way.
NE24 3SQ	1			no comments
			1	I'm not in favor of these parking restrictions as in my opinion we would struggle to enforce them due to their location. The issue is purely at school times when our priority would be directly outside of the school and the car parks alongside it which become heavily congested for a small amount of time. The ability for enforcement officers to meet the expectations of the residents would be near impossible.
			1	Phone call. Worried it will move vehicles Infront of the garages which is already a problem for residents.
			1	This will be most welcome as delivery vehicles such as furniture wagons, large goods, building supplies have great difficulty negotiating parked cars etc. The wheelie bin emptying is also a challenge as I am sure your employees must have reported. The School run adds to the congestion around our street.
NE24 3SQ	1			no comments
NE24 3SQ	1			My only concern is that the residents who currently park vehicles at the junctions will simply move them to somewhere along the street. A note from the Council advising Homeowners that will one park their vehicles Infront of their own homes would help,
NE24 3SN	1			We have lived at this address since 1976 and have watched the traffic increase over the years, mostly in the later ten to fifteen years. It's not just private cars, as some homes now have two or three vehicles, but business vehicles, vans small lorries and pickups. Are to be found especially in the evening and mornings. On top of this as we live on one of the corner's in Dunlin drive we have to contend with the "Bede Academy" school run twice per day with vehicles parking over the access to our residence. We therefore would be agreeable to double yellows and parking restrictions before a serious accident occurs. Also we would like double yellows placed on the road right across the entrance to or property at the rear. There is also the kerbs being broken with parking (two wheels) on pavement and narrowing for pedestrians using the pavement!
	1			no comments

NE	1			The lack of parking in the triple cul de sac area of Dunlin Drive behind numbers X,X has been problematic for a number of years. While we feel that the introduction of the double yellow lines may exacerbate this problem, we feel that is the right thing to do for people's safety. We might also support adding an extra set of double yellow lines to the adjacent corner surrounding number X Dunlin. This a rented property where the tenants owns approx. 4 vehicles and appears to be running a mechanics workshop form his garage - this regularly leads to a buildup of cars on this corner and sometimes in the middle of the road, blocking access completely.
NE24 3SH	1			Could I suggest that owing to the amount of traffic using Curlew, it would be beneficial to have the same applied on the First corner on the right & left after leaving Amersham Road, as there's an accident waiting to happen
NE24 3SQ	1			no comments
NE24 3SQ	1			no comments
NE24 3SH	1			I would like to think that if this proposal goes ahead it would be enforced. I make this comment because to access Dunlin Drive you must turn into Plover Close, when you entre Plover Close there is a No Entry Except for Access to Off- Street Premises sign which I assume does not mean you can park here to go and pick your kids up from school. When I get home from work on a Friday afternoon about 3.30pm it is sometimes chaotic with cars parked anywhere including the double yellow lines on the corners of Plover Close and Curlew Way so unless it is enforced I feel nobody will take any notice. In the last couple of years entering or leaving the estate on Curlew Way has become harder at School times as you have a lot of cars coming in and out and the drivers at times will not stop to let you past and when they queue to get in or out they quite often just pull up alongside a parked car so no can move.
NE24 3SQ	1			The restrictions should also be on the corner off Amersham Road to Curlew Way. Cars and vans parked on the corner make it impossible to see traffic coming from direction of the school
NE24 3SQ	1			Good idea, really bad here most days, twice I have not been able to get on my own drive and once was unable to get down my own street
NE24 3SQ	1			As my property is two doors from one of the proposed "No Waiting at any time" corners, I repeatedly get cars parking in front of my house, sometimes blocking comfortable access to my drive, whilst they rush out to pick up children from school. This has affected my daughters not been able to park nearby and also for delivery drivers. I wouldn't mind the occasional time, but its every school day. I don't think any random person should be allowed to park in this street as there are enough residents cars there already
NE24 3SH		1		As I live at number X Dunlin Drive you are surrounding my house with lines and preventing me from parking outside my home. This will create a security risk if I have to park some distance away. Alternative parking should be made available in either of the positions marked on the attached drawings

NE24 3SH	1		<p>With regard to the above, your letter dated 16 November 2020 and further to my subsequent telephone conversation with your office, I write to document my concerns over the proposed changes to Dunlin Drive. I write to confirm my agreement with this new welcome proposal. It is needed to elevate the disruption caused at certain times of the day. However, having spoken to a representative at your office, who confirmed to me that my specific corner is not included in the new proposals. Why is this so? The corner at the back of my houses causes problems with congestion etc., so why not include it? Can you highlight to me other areas that are similar to mine that also have these restrictions and exclude other corners please. Thank you.</p>
	19	3	0