



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed Parking Restrictions – The Elms, Ellington

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

26 August 2021

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to provide 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions at The Elms in Ellington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions are implemented in order to improve road safety in this 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 obstructive and indiscriminate parking at the junction of The Elms and Lynemouth Road in Ellington.

The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Dunn through her Members' Local Improvement Scheme Allowance.

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Background

The Elms is a cul-de-sac road adjoining the C110 Lynemouth Road which runs through Ellington and is situated just east of local shops. It is primarily residential in nature and is currently derestricted in terms of parking restrictions.

Concerns have been raised with the local County Councillor regarding vehicles parking at this junction, which presents road safety issues for those navigating through the route, such as limited visibility and obstructing the movement of traffic.



Fig 1: Vehicles parking along Lynemouth Road west of The Elms at local shops

As a result, 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are proposed to be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns. The majority of residents indicated support for the proposals in the consultation that was undertaken (see Appendix A for more detail) and the plan can be observed further in Appendix B.

The proposals are intended to increase road safety, maintain the free flow of traffic where possible 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

Policy	Consistent with existing policies.
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the Members' Local Improvement Scheme Allowance.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO_005_56).
Procurement	Road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders.
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Risk Assessment	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees and directly affected residents have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Lynemouth

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Background Papers:

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\21\HO Members Schemes\HO210014 The Elms Ellington\TRO & Notices

Appendix A – Consultation Responses

Appendix B – Scheme Plan

Author and Contact Details

Report Author **William Binks, Programme Officer**

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at The Elms, Ellington

Consultation: For: 12 (92%)
Against: 1 (8%)
Neither: 0 (0%)

Decision Taken: To introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at The Elms, Ellington

Signature of Director



Date

1st September 2021

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Appendix A – Consultation Responses

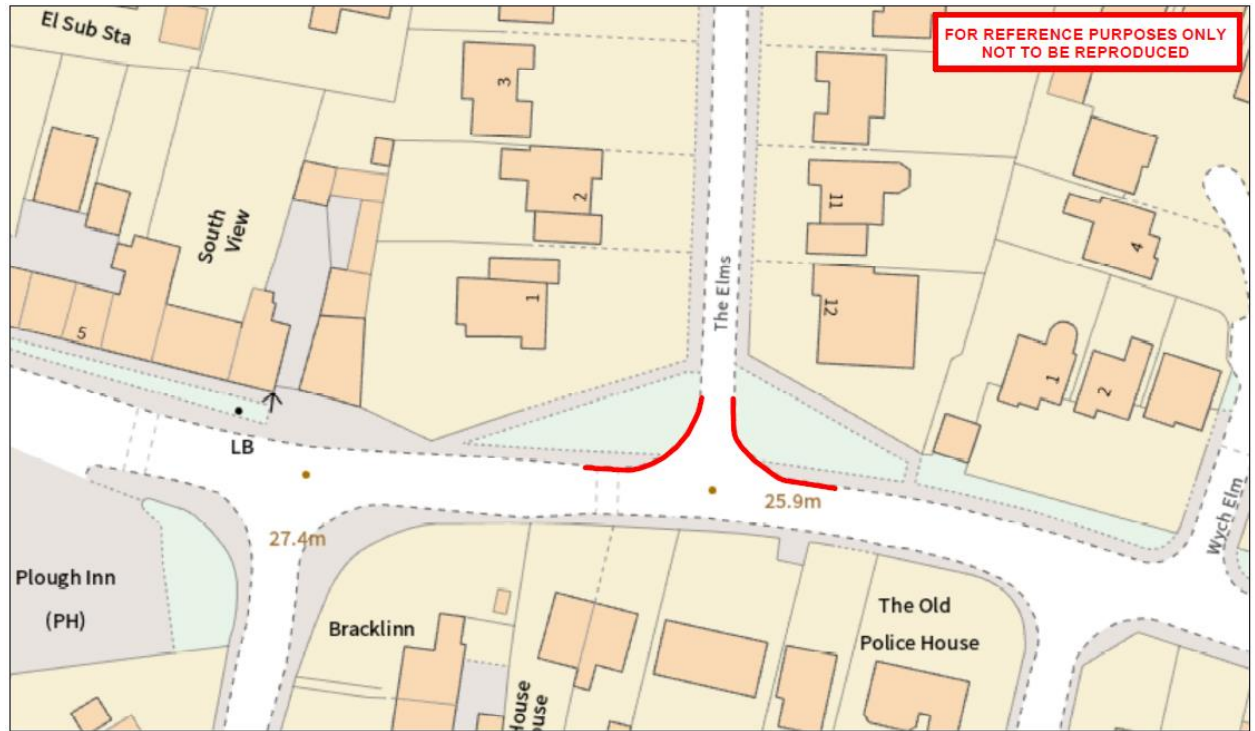
Key:

- F = For
- A = Against

RESPONSE	F	A
Fully support. Visibility at the junction is poor due to parked vehicles and personally I was nearly side swiped recently.	✓	
I feel the restrictions are essential in making the area safer and easier to navigate. I feel the restrictions could be extended slightly to an additional 2 or 3 metres towards Bank Top Stores. The traffic issue is exacerbated by the issue of speeding drivers coming off the roundabout & accelerating through the village. Speed restrictions also need to be looked at with ideally a 20mph zone and speed deterrents. Without them it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs.	✓	
The restrictions should be extended further towards the village shop. The current proposed 10 metres from The Elms junction is not sufficient to provide good sight lines for vehicles exiting The Elms junction. This is particularly so when larger vehicles such as delivery wagons etc. are parked in this area.	✓	
Please extend the 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions a further distance nearer to the shop.	✓	
Everyone living in The Elms is in agreement regarding the yellow lines. However the main point is the fact the yellow lines need to be extended nearer the shop.	✓	
I fully support this proposal. The traffic coming through Ellington is driving so fast and it's impossible to see at the junction. Once you think it's clear, and pull out, cars are on you in seconds. This is definitely an accident waiting to happen. The proposed length of double yellows on the main road is too short, we still won't be able to see. Please extend to at least the end of the grass triangle, suggest an ADDITIONAL 10m on the side where the shop is.	✓	
Yes I would strongly propose the 'No Waiting At Any Time' suggestion is an excellent idea. It is at times extremely difficult to see, when leaving The Elms the oncoming traffic due to parked vehicles, this is a safety issue, as traffic coming from the roundabout past The Knoll etc. does not often seem to adhere to 30 mile speed limit, again a safety issue. I strongly agree with this proposal.	✓	
The Parish Council supports these proposals.	✓	
Safety would be improved if, on the west side of The Elms, the restrictions were extended along the straight of the path along toward the shop. I do realise that this would have disadvantages for the shop.	✓	
I hope this proposal is carried as it can be a lottery trying to leave the cul de sac, my only concern is that this may impact on parking in the street blocking the view when accessing and egressing our driveways which can be just as dangerous.	✓	
We are writing to oppose the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions' at The Elms in Ellington. We have happily served the Ellington community for over 23 years. Clearly the introduction of double yellow lines which limit the ability of customers to park for a short period of time will have a huge impact on us. Our entire business is built on rapid parking availability and such an introduction would be detrimental. Small businesses such as ours have struggled hugely with the pandemic with vast numbers shutting down completely which makes the timing of this consultation very disappointing. We are not aware of any previous concerns with parking in the area and it is unclear why these have been raised now. Clearly traffic safety is important, therefore has a formal survey been carried out to assess these concerns? Have alternative traffic management systems been considered aside from the no waiting restrictions? Why does there need to be a 10m extension of these restrictions onto Lynemouth Road? We would be grateful if the Council will consider the aforementioned concerns as the current plans will have a substantial impact on local businesses. We suggest a formal traffic survey be carried out and then, if required, alternative traffic management plans considered.		✓
We support the proposal to introduce double yellow lines at the junction of The Elms, Ellington but suggest that 10 metres is not long enough. The problem with parked cars is in itself a hazard when trying to exit The Elms but there is an additional problem with high-sided vehicles. We would suggest that the speed limit through the village should be reduced to 20mph rather than 30mph to improve safety.	✓	
I feel this will also move the problem parking into The Elms cul de sac: where people are parking to take pets to pet parlour or shops already. Perhaps permit parking could help.	✓	

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Appendix B - Scheme Plan





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**Network Management
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Title: The Elms, Ellington		
Dm: JEB	Date: Aug 2021	Scale: NTS

Key:

 Proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' Restriction (Double Yellow Lines)