



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

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Proposed Parking Restrictions – U2012 The Wynding, Bamburgh

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council

04 May 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 Wynding in Bamburgh.

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

1. The County Council has received concerns via the local County Councillor and Bamburgh Parish Council regarding obstructive and indiscriminate parking by visitors to the area on the U2012 The Wynding road in Bamburgh.
2. Previous consultations have been undertaken with a view to address the situation but have so far either lacked support or received objections.
3. 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions have been proposed on both sides of The Wynding where residential properties are situated and a third consultation relating to this was carried out in March-April 2021.
4. The scheme will be funded from the 2021/22 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

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Background

The Wynding is a long and narrow stretch of rural road which leads to two coastal car parks and the golf club just north of Bamburgh's village centre. Its southern section is primarily residential and located near the B1342 road which runs through the village itself and is covered by 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions to prohibit any parking here.

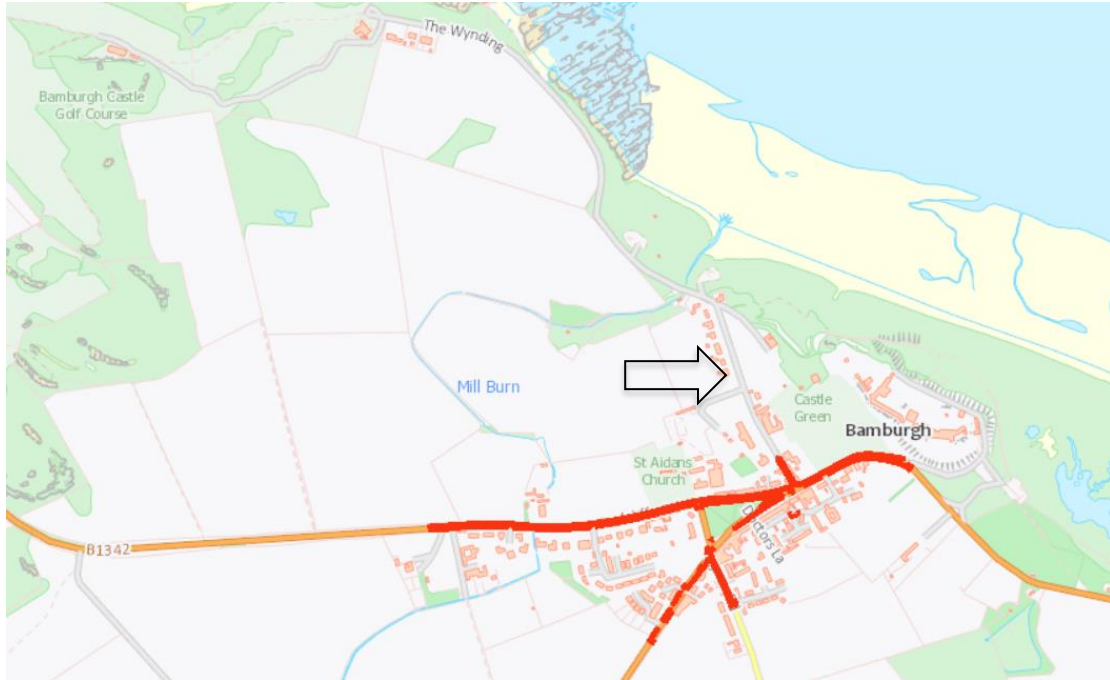


Fig 1: Double yellow lines in Bamburgh indicated in red. Arrow denotes location of The Wynding

At its junction with The Wynding, the same restrictions apply for 65 metres in a northerly direction but the single carriageway remains derestricted on both sides thereafter, leading to congestion issues and residents often being unable to access their own driveways during busy periods due to the popularity of the area itself.

Proposals to extend waiting restrictions on one side of the road only to assist in maintaining the free flow of traffic did not receive enough support and further proposals to introduce them on both sides of the road on a seasonal basis i.e. during the summer months from April until October, were objected to and the County Council has noted that the parking problems exist throughout the year as opposed to during the tourist seasons only. Responses to both consultations can be found in the previous Delegated Decision Report of April 2020.

Proposals

The most recent consultation sought views on proposals to introduce double yellow lines on both sides of The Wynding where residential properties are situated. Whilst the majority of responses indicated that the restrictions should apply to the entirety of The Wynding up to the golf course at the road end, the current proposal aims to address the immediate concerns for residential

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properties only as anything more extensive would require further investigation and consideration of parking in Bamburgh as a whole and also require more widespread consultation. However, it is noted that several responses also raised concerns about the immediate road bend north of the proposed restrictions which would remain derestricted and open to displaced parking on both sides, thereby impeding on visibility for oncoming traffic and leading to potential collisions. The intention is therefore to extend the double yellow lines and cover this section up to the point where the 30 MPH speed restriction signs are in place to highlight the speed limit, as shown in Figure 2.

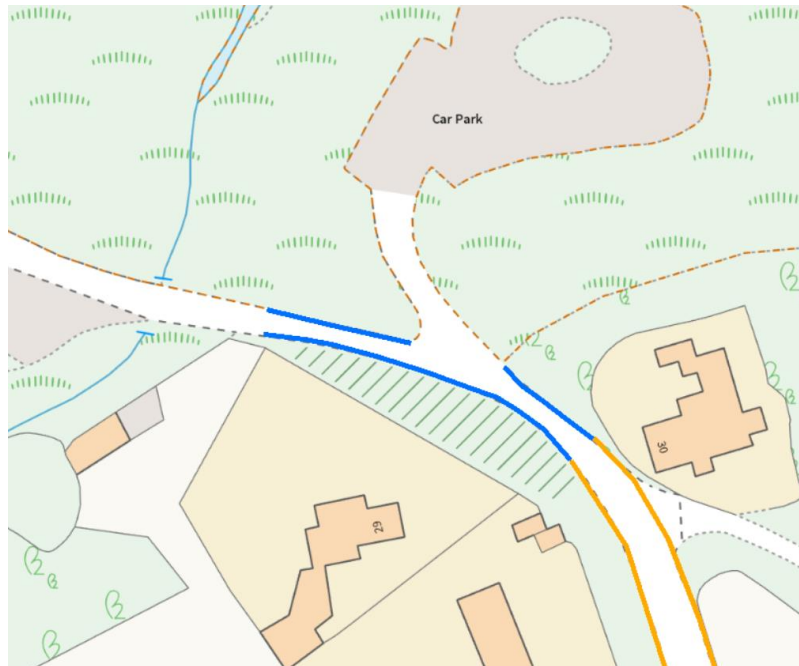


Fig 2: Proposed extended double yellow lines indicated in blue, lines from original consultation in orange

A summary of the consultation responses is shown in Appendix A. Those who have requested an extension to the proposed double yellow lines on The Wynding are classed as still being in favour of the original consultation plan, which is outlined in Appendix B. Once the proposed restrictions are in place the situation on the remainder of The Wynding can continue to be monitored.

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 LTP 2021/22 Programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO_005_54).
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	Bamburgh

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Background Papers:

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Appendix A – Consultation Responses

Appendix B – Scheme Plan

Author and Contact Details

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at The Wynding, Bamburgh

Consultation: For: 17 (89%)
Against: 2 (11%)
Neither: 0 (0%)

Decision Taken: To introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at The Wynding, Bamburgh

Signature of Director



Date

5th May 2021

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Appendix A – Consultation Responses

Key:

- F = For
- A = Against

RESPONSE	F	A
Comments on the proposed parking restrictions on The Wynding. 1) I don't think the current extent of yellow lines is enough. 2) Roadside parking at any point on The Wynding causes obstruction. The property "Wynding End" is circled in blue on my diagram. The drive is shown as a green line. The current extent of yellow lines will not ensure access is protected for this property. To ensure access is not obstructed to Wynding End, the yellow lines should be extended beyond the Mill Burn stream. This is the minimum the council should consider. However, to ensure the road is clear for essential traffic and emergency vehicles the yellow lines need to cover the whole length of The Wynding right up to the Golf Club. Finally, The Wynding has many potholes and areas where the edges of the tarmac is breaking up so I guess some repairs will be needed before any paint goes down. We are really looking forward to having the restrictions put in place and hope the work can be completed as soon as possible.	✓	
I refer to your letter of 15 March 2021 explaining the current situation in respect of parking restriction proposals in The Wynding and seeking views on the possibility of introducing "no waiting at any time" restrictions on both sides of the road. I believe this is the optimum solution to a significant and growing problem caused by parked cars along The Wynding. The situation has deteriorated significantly in recent years and the prospect of more "staycations" nationally is likely to further increase the problem. On this basis, I support the current proposal and hope for implementation as soon as possible.	✓	
In our view, the lines should be extended beyond the burn at north of the map provided with your letter. I would consider extending the lines to the golf club. In peak weeks, cars park on the hill/dip of the first screenshot. They also park in a passing place. Emergency vehicles cannot get to the golf club if one of its elderly members were to have a bad day!	✓	
I am a resident of Bamburgh and drive to the golf club at the end of The Wynding at the weekend. In light of the significant issues we experienced last year with respect to anti-social parking down The Wynding from the first car park to the golf club, I would strongly urge the NCC to extend the double yellow lines down The Wynding to the Golf Club and make sure that visitors cannot dump their care in the limited number of passing spaces on the road. In particular, the road is required by emergency services to get to the Golf Club. It is from this point that emergency services not only deal with emergencies in respect of the golf club members but also the many walkers and beach visitors on the footpaths starting from that point.	✓	
Double yellow lines should be implemented down The Wynding all year round. In winter months, especially weekends, there are increasing numbers of tourists, and it has been noticeable how the volume of vehicles, parking often on both sides of the road, has increased making it nearly impossible to get through. A major concern is that should vehicular access be required by emergency services they would be unable to proceed. All properties in The Wynding have their own parking facilities so permanent residents and holiday homes would be unaffected.	✓	
As an owner of property in The Wynding we support the intention to install double yellow lines down the length on both sides of the road to apply throughout the year. However we note you intend to install only so far as the first car park on the right just past Boatmans Cottage. We urge you to install further down The Wynding. REASON. After that point cars park on both sides of the verge at horrendously dangerous angles whereby cars may literally tip over. They have parked so badly in the past so as to deny access for emergency vehicles travelling along The Wynding. With parking allowed on both sides it means the carriageway is reduced to one way traffic with sometimes vehicles having to reverse up to 300 meters to pull in to allow a car to get through. This is simply too dangerous to be allowed.	✓	
The Wynding is a narrow and often quite busy road which provides access to a number of seafront car parks and Bamburgh Castle Golf course. In sections it is barely wide enough for 2 way traffic. The only safe solution is double yellow lines on both sides of the road, in the first instance as far as the first beach car park. Although ultimately I think restrictions will be needed all the way to the golf club.	✓	
I think the double yellow lines are a good idea but need to go all the way to the golf club as last summer they parked on every verge up there. Additionally the parking was atrocious in the village they parked on pavements blocking the view coming out of T junction i.e. on The Wynding/Church Street junction. They parked on the grass triangle and even in our private parking area. I truly believe the only option is to be like Newton by the Sea and Craster and have another public car park and be residents/holiday lets only parking in village. We may only be about half the village with permanent residents but it's the same issue for those using holiday lets, congested and no parking outside houses. Daily visitors and hotels etc. should be in a car park. I do believe it would make visiting Bamburgh a more enjoyable experience and less frustrating for everyone.	✓	
With reference to the proposed implementation of double yellow lines along The Wynding Bamburgh, I see from correspondence and map sent to the Parish Council you are only proposing to put double yellow lines to the first car park – this is NOT going to solve problem – these lines need to be on both sides of the road ALL THE WAY to the Golf Club – for the past 2 summers the problem has not just been down the first car park but the whole way to the Golf Club with cars being parked randomly on both sides of the road causing severe access problems to the Golf Club – is it going to take a major incident at the Golf Club when access for the emergency services is hindered by this random parking for double yellow lines to be implemented the whole way – I sincerely hope that does not become the case.	✓	
I refer to your letter of the 15 th March 2021. In this you asked for comments on your proposal to implement double yellow lines with no waiting at any time restrictions on both sides of the road. Given that the problem exists between April and September, and only really in late June to early September, the Proposal is excessive and unnecessary. In any event, providing no waiting at any time ignores the very real problems of deliveries to our house number X The Wynding. For example, there is a daily delivery of post and this would mean that the postman would either have to break the law on a daily basis, or park in the village and walk all the way down The Wynding and all the way back. Further, virtually all of the properties have heating which is oil based. This means large lorries have to come and deliver the oil and have to wait whilst they do so. Again, either the lorries will break the law or they will either refuse to deliver or demand we pay their parking fine if they get a ticket. Most of these deliveries take place in the winter. I would urge you strongly therefore to reconsider your proposal. I'll be interested to know when you say in paragraph 3 of your letter, that further concerns have since been raised, by whom, how many and on what scientific basis i.e. exactly how many vehicles park between October and March to warrant this somewhat excessive proposal. Given that this statement in your letter appears to be the validation for this additional proposal, would it not have been prudent to have provided this information in your letter. Especially given the fact that this is a final consultation? I would		✓

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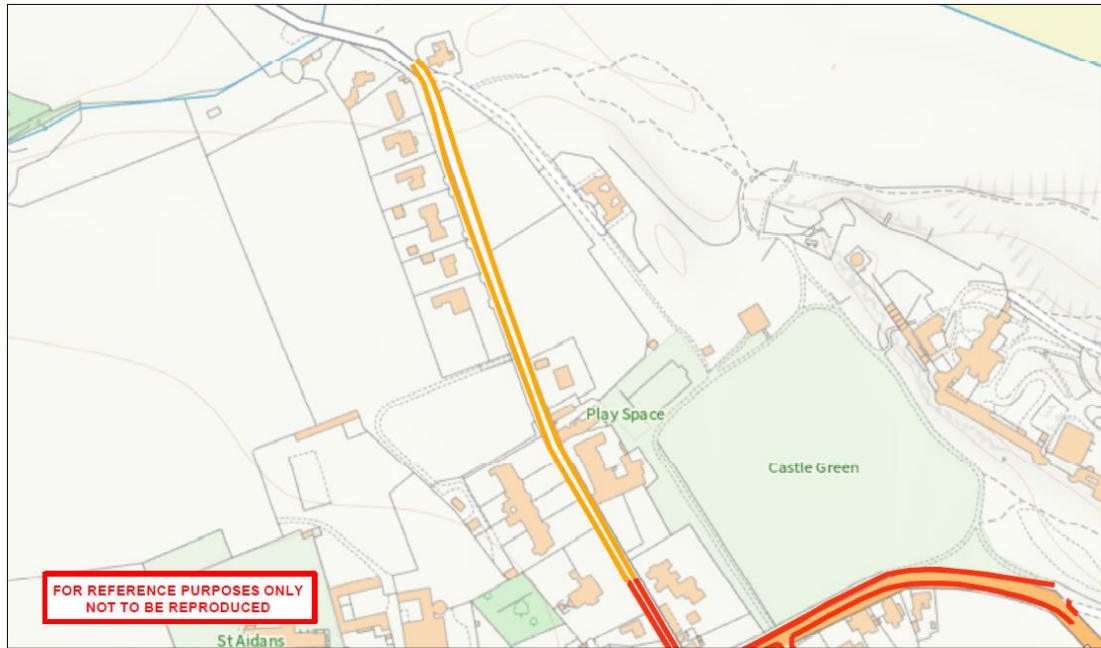
<p>therefore be grateful, if this is a genuine consultation, if you would reply to this point in detail, and also let me have your view about the parking and delivery issues. It is extraordinary, to ask for comments on the final consultation but to say you are unable to reply to individual comments. This would suggest that it is not a consultation because you are not responding to legitimate concerns.</p>	
<p>I wish to protest in the strongest possible terms to the proposal that double yellow lines along the Wynding should only be taken as far as the first car park. They should unquestionably be taken all the way to the golf club. In recent years more and more visitors have come to Bamburgh and, as you are well aware, the available parking has been inadequate for a considerable time. In the last few years this has resulted in more and more cars being parked on the roadside along the whole length of The Wynding. Visitors now park their vehicles in places which cause acute congestion between the first car park and the golf club. Worse than that there have been many occasions in the recent past when the prevailing conditions would have severely restricted the passage of emergency vehicles such as Ambulances or Fire Engines and that is a situation which should never be tolerated. Last year cars were parked for lengthy periods of time on the grass verge on the double bend adjacent to the first car park. This created a serious hazard for anyone driving towards the village when faced with cars traveling round the first bend towards the golf club. Additionally visitors have been parking cars partially on the steep banks on the left hand side approaching the golf club. You have only to examine the bare patches on the banked areas to see where "de facto" parking places have been created. With the inevitable increase in the number of visitors this situation can only get worse in the future. If nothing is done there will eventually be cars partially parked on the verges virtually all the way to the golf club. If, as seems likely, overseas travel is not permitted this year the situation along the whole of The Wynding will become intolerable for residents and golf club members and impassable for emergency vehicles. It should be ensured that cars travelling along The Wynding are only permitted to park in the car parks or two existing parking areas. Although the car parks and parking areas belong to the Bamburgh Castle Estate there is a point that needs to be made about the 2 parking areas. The area adjacent to the lighthouse often creates problems because long vehicles such as motor homes often use it with the result that the vehicles project onto the road. The small parking area adjacent to the last bend before the golf club also cause problems as vehicles using it often project on the road due to its limited size, which creates an additional hazard due to its proximity to the bend. If the Highways Department neglects to take the necessary actions to improve the situation the County Council will be failing in its duty to ensure safe passage of vehicles along The Wynding.</p>	✓
<p>Our family have owned property in The Wynding since 1904 so have a lot of experience but the situation last summer was horrendous. My residence X is just beyond where you intend installing double yellow lines – last year cars parked opposite my entrance making it at times impossible for me to exit and drive to the golf club, so I feel strongly that the yellow lines should go further. Also last year cars were parking on both sides of the hill to the golf club meaning traffic frequently came to a grinding halt as there was only room for one vehicle to travel up or down the hill. Another important point is that just beside the Mill Burn Stream there is an emergency entry/exit barrier to the beach and there should be a permanent No Waiting Sign on this barrier so that emergency vehicles can still gain access to the beach in a crisis there, which unfortunately happens from time to time. Personally I would be happier if the double yellow lines were continued all the way to the golf club to ensure safety in the future.</p>	✓
<p>Further to your letter, I would like to offer an alternative solution to the proposed double yellow lines on both sides of The Wynding. My cottage sleeps 4 and, when allowed, is perfect for 4 adults who invariably have 2 cars. The Cottage does have one designated parking space but the 2nd car usually resides on the widest part of The Wynding road so as not to impede traffic. This is emailed to guests in advance of their arrival. We, as owners, are also a 2 car family and rely on the same parking space. May I suggest that instead of double yellow lines on both sides of the road we are issued Resident Parking Permits which would mean the public visiting Bamburgh for the day would not be allowed to park in this Resident Parking Only area. Residents can be told they can only park on one side of The Wynding and this should not impede any emergency traffic that would be trying to negotiate the road to the other houses, the beach and the Golf club. There is a lot of holiday lets along The Wynding and I'm sure I'm not the only one who is concerned for my guests' 2nd car. Giving them proper instructions and a permit would allow them to park safely and not obstruct the flow of traffic.</p>	✓
<p>I appreciate the effort you have made to try and resolve what is an almost insoluble problem of how to deal with the traffic congestion during the busy summer months. This will be particularly acute this year with many people planning staycations. Of course after the year we have had who can blame people for wanting to visit the beautiful Northumberland Coast - this is after all the reason for us living there for much of the year. I have three suggestions; 1) Last year the bollards stopped most of the traffic parking in the first part of The Wynding (apart from the vans associated with the building works of the residents of the Wynding) but the chaos was just beyond the end of the bollards after the first car park. One suggestion is that the double yellow lines are extended to the second car park - this might negate this problem a bit. 2) I do wonder that because this coming summer will be extraordinarily busy (and we want to encourage people to come to Northumberland) whether there could be a temporary relief of restrictions on parking on Glebe Field (obviously with permission of the landowner) to allow parking there throughout the very busy summer holiday season. 3) Finally, since Bamburgh is such a magnet for holidaymakers, and so important for the local economy, I do wonder if possible for there to be extra traffic wardens there over the summer – not to enforce parking restrictions but to advise everyone on where to park. A sensible thing for example would be to allow people to drop off the family and all the beach paraphernalia along The Wynding and then to go elsewhere for parking.</p>	✓
<p>We are very pleased to read that the Council are taking action to restrict the parking in the Wynding. Parking has been very difficult for a number of years and there are now an increasing number of occasions when The Wynding is totally blocked. We are attaching some photographs that show the problem. May we suggest that the narrower double yellow lines are ascetically better than the thicker ones. Your map shows the lines running on both sides down as far as the Boat House property on the corner. We would recommend the lines continue at least to the 30 sign but better still to the golf club. Otherwise people will park on both sides and access to both houses and the golf club will be restricted and gridlocked. Should the emergency services be required then they would find the road impassable from the end of the restrictions to the golf club. It's just not wide enough with cars parked. In the village despite the double yellow lines people park on the pavements and grass verges and perhaps the time will come when short wooden posts will be a necessity. Also with these much needed parking restrictions we would welcome a Traffic Warden to police the restrictions. Currently many motorists take no notice of the yellow line restrictions as they know they will not receive a fine. Thank you for circulating this notice to us all.</p>	✓
<p>I note that the proposed parking restrictions to The Wynding Bamburgh appear to end at the entrance to the first car park. I would suggest that restrictions are imperative right along The Wynding beyond the golf club car park entrance. It is only a matter of time before one of the emergency service vehicles, particularly Ambulances and Fire Engines cannot access the cottages and the golf club, even more dangerous will be the lack of access to the beach north of the golf club, leaving holidaymakers at risk in the event of an emergency. There will undoubtedly be a serious incident along that stretch of road when emergency crews will find it impossible to access, if that happens the resultant publicity would not show the county</p>	✓




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<p>council in a good light. Please do not have to close the stable door after the horse has bolted and someone is injured or even worse.</p>		
<p>I write to comment on the proposed parking restrictions for the Wynding Bamburgh. I would like yellow lines on both sides of the road plus signage for NO waiting to be enforced all year round as a must. I have property on The Wynding and in the summer of 2019 found that on several occasions I was unable to access the property due to parked cars and one Saturday actually trapped unable to leave my house for 40 mins as the road was at a complete standstill, goodness only knows if an emergency vehicle was needed it would have been impossible to get through, cars park on the pavement making it unsafe for all the pedestrians with prams small children the elderly the handicapped being able to walk without having to step into the road. I can only imagine how busy the village will be this year due to very limited air travel and lots of staycations in the UK. Speed is another issue with cars and delivery vans/lorries speeding down the road to the golf course. The problem is there must be more parking in the village as yellow lines are only going to push the cars into other areas of the village. There must also be provision for somebody to enforce the rules as I have already seen cars chancing their luck parking even though the bollards are in place.</p>	✓	
<p>I write in response to your most recent consultation exercise regarding the traffic problems on The Wynding, Bamburgh. As I am sure you are aware we are situated at the northerly end of the road and require access for staff and visitors. This is problematic on a daily basis, particularly during but not restricted to, holiday periods. As a consequence of some of the parking we suffer business interruption by virtue of club users and deliveries being delayed or denied access. Additionally we are particularly concerned about the difficulty that the Emergency Services would face if they had to travel along the road. In light of the above we would support the installation of permanent yellow lines down both sides right to the end of the road. Should this go ahead it is likely that at least some of the road users will look to use our car park. The Club will seek to manage that situation if it arises. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>	✓	

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Appendix B - Scheme Plan



 Northumberland County Council	Network Management Information System	Title: Proposed Parking Restrictions The Wynding Bamburgh			Key:  Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines)  Existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) to Remain
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