



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

**Paul Jones**

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**Proposed Parking Restrictions – B1334 Newbiggin Road, Ashington**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle**

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**Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce a new ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ (double yellow lines) restriction on a short section of the B1334 Newbiggin Road in Ashington.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ parking restrictions are implemented in order to improve road safety on the B1334 Newbiggin Road in Ashington.

**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 recently implemented new traffic calming measures following a serious collision at the A196 North Seaton Road junction with the B1334 Newbiggin Road, which has led to a change in the road layout. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit identified that there is inadequate visibility of pedestrians and oncoming motorists due to parked vehicles where a new build-out has been installed.

The additional restriction is to be funded by the 2021/22 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

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### **Background**

The B1334 Newbiggin Road is a single carriageway subject to a 30 MPH speed limit illuminated by street lighting and has recently had new traffic calming measures introduced following a collision recorded as serious in nature which occurred in September 2019 at the roundabout linking to the A196 North Seaton Road. As part of these works, build-outs were installed to narrow the carriageway and encourage lower speeds but with an uncontrolled crossing point being located adjacent to this on the north side, this section was identified as a road safety problem in the subsequent Stage 3 Road Safety Audit following completion of the scheme. The summary of the problem point is outlined below:

*"Parked vehicles adjacent to the buildout on the north-west side results in inadequate inter-visibility between approaching drivers and pedestrians...the provision of a buildout and dropped crossing is likely to encourage pedestrians to cross at this point, where normally they may cross elsewhere. Pedestrians must be able to see and be seen by approaching traffic. If inadequate visibility is achieved, then there is a risk of pedestrian conflicts with approaching traffic."*



**Fig 1: Obscured visibility at B1334 Newbiggin Road due to parked vehicles at location of new build-out**

It was recommended that appropriate measures are undertaken to improve visibility at this crossing point by discouraging parking too close to the build-out.

Then road safety audit did not identify a similar impairment of inter-visibility between approaching drivers and pedestrians on the south-west side.

### **Proposal**

The solution agreed is to introduce a short length of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines on the B1334 Newbiggin Road covering the build-out on the northern side of the road which would prohibit

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vehicles from parking there and in turn improve visibility for pedestrians and motorists.

Details of the proposal are shown on the plan in Appendix A. It is intended to 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 2021/22 Programme
<b>Legal</b>	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order
<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"/>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The proposals are designed to reduce the risks of collisions at this location
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Statutory consultees are to be consulted
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
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### **Background Papers:**

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\HF Local Safety Schemes\Countywide Schemes\HFD19545 - A196 North Seaton Road & Newbiggin Road, Ashington

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

### **Author and Contact Details**

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### **DECISION TAKEN**

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

**Subject:** Proposed new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction at B1334 Newbiggin Road, Ashington.

**Consultation:** Not required on the grounds of road safety, although statutory consultees will be informed of the proposed measures.

**Decision Taken:** To introduce the new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction at B1334 Newbiggin Road, Ashington.

Signature of Director



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**Date**

21st February 2022

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### Appendix A – Scheme Plan

