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Northumberland
County Council

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

Paul Jones

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Proposed Parking Restrictions: Leazes Street, Amble

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

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Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce 'No Loading at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow kerb markings) at Leazes Street in Amble.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the 'No Loading at Any Time' parking restrictions are implemented.

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 regarding obstructive parking adjacent to Leazes Street Car Park in Amble.
2. The proposed restrictions are supported by the local County Councillor and Amble Town Council.
3. The scheme is to be funded through the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

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Background

Leazes Street is a one-way street located in the north of Amble. It provides access to the boatyard, HM Coastguard and the RNLI Lifeboat Station, cafés, other businesses, and Amble Harbour Village with its retail pods, seafood centre and lobster hatchery. This part of Amble is increasingly popular with visitors and tourists.

The existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) assist with the safe flow of traffic on Leazes Street and the existing 'Keep Clear' restrictions (yellow zig-zag lines) facilitate access to off-street premises for large vehicles.

Leazes Street Car Park is situated immediately to the east of the Harbour Village. Vehicles displaying a valid blue badge can lawfully park for up to three hours on double yellow lines. Nevertheless, vehicles parking on the double yellow lines next to Leazes Street Car Park have been observed to cause obstructions and limit visibility for motorists trying to enter or leave the car park.

Fig. 1: Leazes Street, Amble (showing the existing double yellow lines next to the car park)

As a result, 'No Loading at Any Time' restrictions (double kerb markings) are proposed to be introduced to alleviate these concerns. No vehicles will be permitted to park on these restrictions and whilst this will require motorists to find kerbside space or off-street parking bays elsewhere, a new off-street car park on Turner Street is due to open in the current summer season, which is expected to increase parking facilities for all road users visiting Amble.

The proposal is intended to improve road safety, maintain the free flow of traffic where possible and to protect the amenity of the area. A plan of the proposal is shown in Appendix A. Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of this amendment as part of the process for making traffic regulation orders.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies.
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the LTP 2022/23 programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the traffic regulation order (reference TRO_003_50).
Procurement	Road markings to meet regulations for traffic regulation orders.
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐	N/A
Risk Assessment	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive parking.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Ward	Amble

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Background Papers

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\22\HE Minor Improvements\
HE223606D - TROs Countywide\HE223606D - 08 Leazes Street Amble

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

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Report Author   Jason Bailey, Technical Assistant

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer   Service Director, Local Services

Subject   Proposed 'No Loading at Any Time' restrictions at Leazes Street, Amble

Consultation   Not required on the grounds of road safety, however statutory consultees have been informed.

Decision Taken   To introduce new 'No Loading at Any Time' restrictions at Leazes Street, Amble
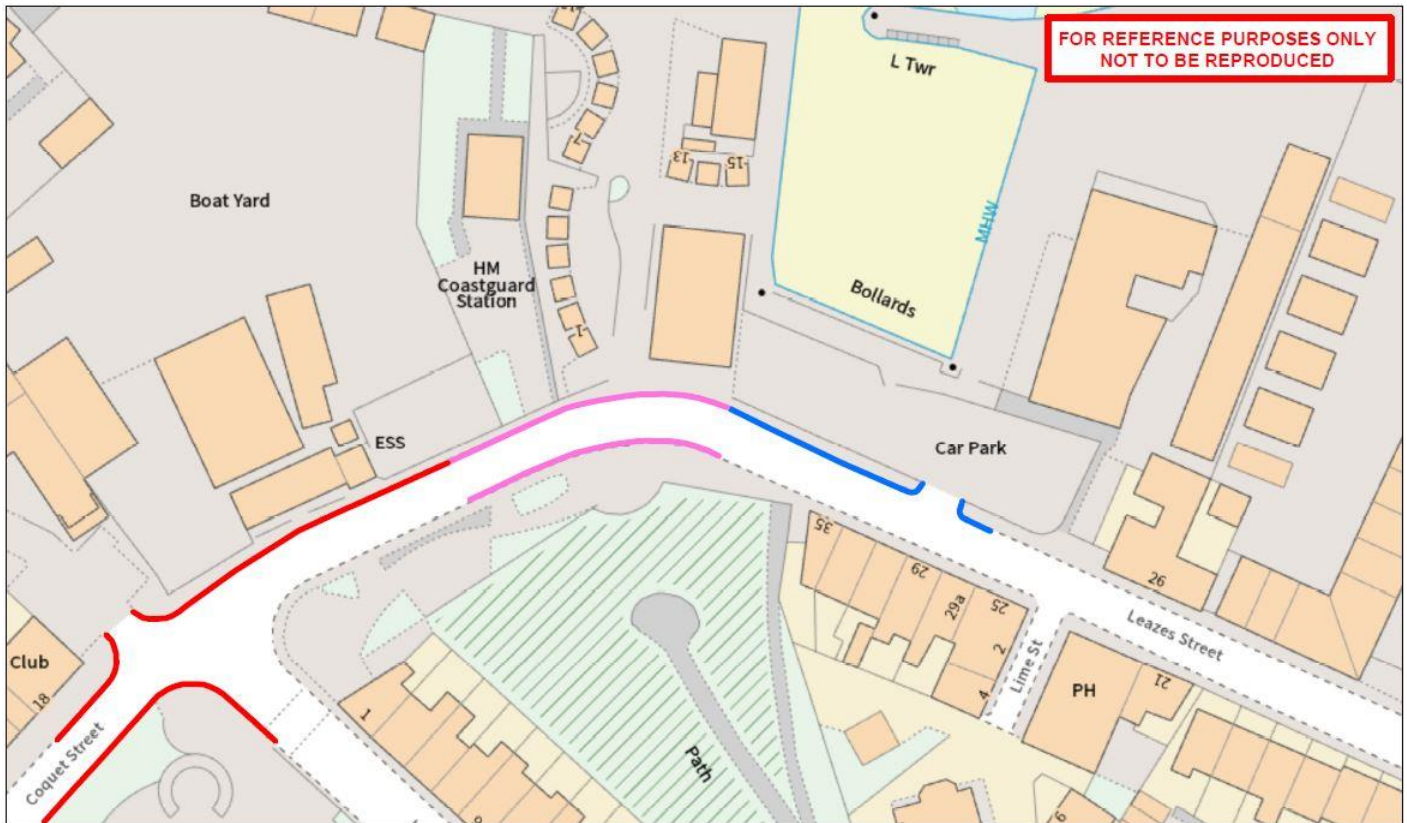
Signature of Director

Date

7th June 2022

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Appendix A - Scheme Plan

FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY
NOT TO BE REPRODUCED

Boat Yard

L Twr

HM Coastguard Station

Bollards

ESS

Car Park

Club

Coquet Street

Leazes Street

Lime St

PH

Path

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Network Management
Information System

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Title:
Leazes Street,
Amble

Drn: JEB Date: Sept 2021 Scale: 1:800

Key:
— Proposed 'No Loading At Any Time' Restriction (Double Kerb Blips)
— Existing 'Keep Clear' Restriction
— Existing 'No Waiting At Any Time' Restriction (Double Yellow Lines)