



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

Paul Jones

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#### ADDENDUM

**Introduction of and Amendments to Off-Street Car Parks, Hexham**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle**

**12 July 2022**

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#### **Purpose and Recommendations of Original Report**

##### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposed changes to off-street car parking restrictions in Hexham town centre.

##### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed time limit amendments to Wentworth Car Park and proposed restrictions at the new Hexham Alemouth Road Car Park (old bunker site) 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. Studies carried out in 2017 identified a lack of available parking provision compared to demand in Northumberland's main town centres including Hexham.
2. The proposal has been developed in order to encourage vehicle turnover and increase parking facilities at Wentworth Car Park and Alemouth Road Car Park.

## **Delegated Decision**

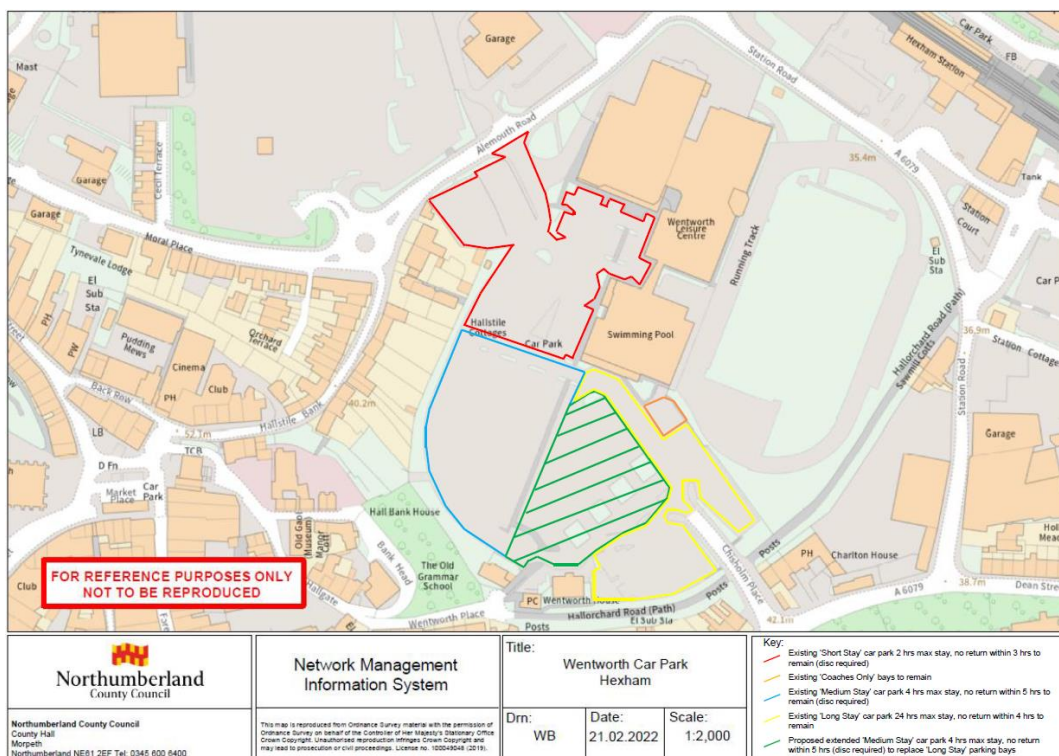
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3. The car park at the Hexham Alemouth site has been built by the developer and is to be purchased by the County Council, however the associated parking order changes will be funded from the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

## Purpose of Addendum

The original Delegated Decision Report approved proposals to replace all long-stay parking restrictions within Wentworth Car Park with medium stay parking, with 250 spaces designated for long-stay parking instead being made available in the new Alemouth Road Car Park. However, concerns have been raised by local County Councillors and other local stakeholders about the proposed removal of all day parking facilities in Wentworth Car Park. It is therefore now proposed to retain approximately 100 of the all day parking spaces within Wentworth car park with the maximum length of stay of 24 hours and no return within 4 hours, with the remaining all day spaces converted to medium stay parking. Details of this new proposal can be found below in Figure 1.

It is still the County Council's intention to provide additional disabled parking bays along the south perimeter of Wentworth Car Park near to the public toilets, however these will not be restricted to the medium-stay hours identified within the car park signage. The exact location of these will be subsequently agreed once the new changes are approved.



**Fig. 1: Proposed amendments to Wentworth Car Park, Hexham**

The plan highlights the extents of each car park and the proposed area hatched in green indicates the approximate location of parking bays proposed to be reduced from a 24 hour maximum length of stay to a 4 hour maximum length of stay.

An Intend Order for the proposals agreed in the original Delegated Decision was recently advertised. This will be withdrawn and a new Intend Order incorporating the new proposals will be prepared and advertised.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Parking order changes will be funded from the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme
<b>Legal</b>	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order
<b>Procurement</b>	Signage and 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>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Off-street car parks provide a safer location to leave vehicles for all road users
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Hexham Central with Acomb & Hexham East

## **Delegated Decision**

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### **Background Papers:**

File reference –

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Bunker Site

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## Delegated Decision

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### DECISION TAKEN

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

**Subject:** Proposed off-street car parking changes at Hexham.

**Consultation:** Statutory consultees will be notified of these changes.

**Decision Taken:** To retain approximately 100 of the all day parking spaces within Wentworth car park with the maximum length of stay of 24 hours and no return within 4 hours, with the remaining all day spaces converted to medium stay parking.

Signature of Director



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**Date**  
13/07/2022

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