



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed Parking Restrictions – B6345 Riverside, Felton

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

19 December 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 B6345 Riverside and Main Street/The Peth in Felton.

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 in Felton due to the high number of visitors in the area arriving by car.

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

Background

The B6345 road comprises of two routes leading through Felton: from a north-westerly direction at Riverside and a southerly direction at The Peth and Main Street. Both routes adjoin at the centre of Felton by the River Coquet, where demand for parking is already high due to the location being residential in nature, but popular with visitors all year round. Public transport links are scarce and therefore the majority of visitors travel via private vehicles, but the majority of Felton is currently derestricted in terms of parking restrictions.

Concerns have been raised with the local County Councillor regarding vehicles parking in areas which present road safety issues for all users navigating through the route by reducing visibility, obstructing the flow of traffic and leading to further congestion. In addition, vehicles parking on the south side of Riverside obstruct pedestrians using the public right of way to the bridge and have subsequently churned up the grass verge near the war memorial leading to high maintenance costs and unsightly views.



Photographs 1 & 2: Damage to grass verge at Riverside, Felton

Proposals

Birdsmouth fencing will be installed to physically prevent vehicles from mounting the kerbs onto the grass verge and 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are proposed to be introduced alongside this in order to alleviate the concerns raised with regards to inconsiderate parking. The locations of the proposed new double yellow lines are highlighted below in Figure 1.

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Fig 1: Proposed double yellow lines (red) at Felton

On the east side of Main Street, parking bays are to be marked to allow for the provision of parking in a safe location so as to continue to cater for those visiting the area. Details of the overall proposals can be found in Appendix A. They 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 Traffic Regulation 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_003_48).
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 proposals are designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been informed.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Shilbottle

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Background Papers:

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\HO Members Schemes\HO196673 - B6345 Riverside Felton

Appendix A – HO196673/04/B6345/10/01 – Scheme Layout

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at B6345 Riverside & Main Street/The Peth, Felton

Consultation: Not required on the grounds of road safety, however statutory consultees have been notified

Decision Taken: To introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at B6345 Riverside & Main Street/The Peth, Felton

Signature of Director



Date

19th January 2022

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

