



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

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**Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Brewery Lane, Rothbury**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle**

**21 November 2022**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Brewery Lane, Rothbury.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions be introduced as proposed.

#### **Link to Corporate Plan**

Living - "We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for"

Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"

Learning - "We want you to achieve and realise your potential"

#### **Key Issues**

1. Parents, residents, and school transport providers have raised concerns about road safety on Brewery Lane, Rothbury.
2. Parents, residents, and school transport providers have reported that there have been a number of near misses, especially during school pick up and drop off times.
3. Brewery Lane is not wide enough to allow vehicles to park on both sides of the road and still have a safe running lane.
4. The proposals are supported by Councillor Bridget.

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5. The scheme will be incorporated into the 20mph speed limit for Rothbury First School and is to be funded by the Local Transport Plan 2022/23 programme.

## Background

Brewery Lane runs perpendicular to the B6341 main road through Rothbury. It is the only access to the Addycombe Gardens housing estate and Rothbury First School.

On the initial section of Brewery Lane near the junction with the B6341, residents park their vehicles on the right-hand side, leaving enough room for only one running lane of traffic. The next section is a narrow section of road up the hill with a priority system. Then at the top of the hill the road widens again, with junctions to the school on the left and houses to the right.

Concerns have been raised via Councillor Bridget regarding road safety on Brewery Lane. Parents, residents, and school transport providers have reported that there have been a number of “near misses” especially during school pick up and drop off times. Vehicles are parking on the left-hand side of the carriageway, leaving little or no space for vehicles to safely get by. Councillor Bridget has therefore requested that ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ parking restrictions be considered in order to improve road safety in the area.

The ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ parking restrictions will be incorporated into the 20mph speed limit planned for Rothbury First School.



Vaisala images of Brewery Lane

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### Consultation

The proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions were the subject of a consultation exercise which concluded on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 35 residents and 28 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and disabled and transport associations and organisations. A copy of the consultation letter and plan is attached as Appendix A.

Responses were received from 5 consultees with 4 in favor and 1 against the proposals. A summary of the responses received is attached as Appendix B.

During the consultation, one consultee raised the issue about not being able to park outside their residence. The area in question, shown by the red arrow in appendix C, is round a blind bend. If vehicles are coming in the opposite direction down the hill and a vehicle is parked here, there is no space to safely pass. This in turn causes the road to be blocked as neither vehicle can continue. Also, Rule 243 of the Highway Code states, **DO NOT** park opposite a junction and on a bend. It is considered that the proposed extent of the restrictions will still allow sufficient parking outside of the property for the resident

Adding additional school keep clear markings was also brought up. The existing keep clear markings outside the school are to be refreshed. It is already an offence to park in this area, which is enforced by our CEOs. Parking on a bend is also contrary to the rules of the Highway Code. Due to the road layout, with a bend and junction, it is not possible to install further road markings.

### Recommendation

Given the concerns raised it is recommended that the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions be introduced as proposed.

### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
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<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will be financed through the Local Transport Plan 2022/23 programme
<b>Legal</b>	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<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 proposal is designed to improve road safety in the area.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	The proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time; parking restrictions will lead to a safer environment for all road users. 80% of consultees were also in favor of the proposal.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	Speed reduction planned for the area will assist with carbon reduction
<b>Wards</b>	Rothbury

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### **Appendix Index**

Appendix A – Consultation letter and plan

Appendix B – Summary of consultation responses

Appendix C – Layout of proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions

### **Background Papers:**

None

### **Author and Contact Details**

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Report Author     **Michael McMonagle, Programme Officer**

**DECISION TAKEN**

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

**Subject:** Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Brewery Lane, Rothbury.

**Consultation:** 5 responses received  
4 in favor  
1 against

**Decision Taken:** To introduce the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Brewery Lane, Rothbury.

Signature of Director



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26.01.23

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### **Appendix A – Consultation Letter**



**Your ref:**  
**Our ref:** HE213557  
**Enquiries to:** Highways Programme  
**Email:** [Highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk)  
**Tel direct:** 0345 600 6400  
**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Proposed Parking Restrictions – Brewery Lane**

Concerns have been raised regarding vehicles parking on both sides of the carriageway on Brewery Lane. When doing so this leave insufficient space for vehicles to get by, especially emergency vehicles.

In order to address ongoing road safety concerns, the County Council is proposing the addition of double yellow lines in the areas highlighted yellow on the plan overleaf.

I am therefore writing to you to ask for your views on this proposal. Please visit <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Highways/Roads/Traffic.aspx> or send your views via email to [HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk)

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report to the Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection.

This consultation is open until **Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2022**.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours sincerely,

*M. McMonagle*

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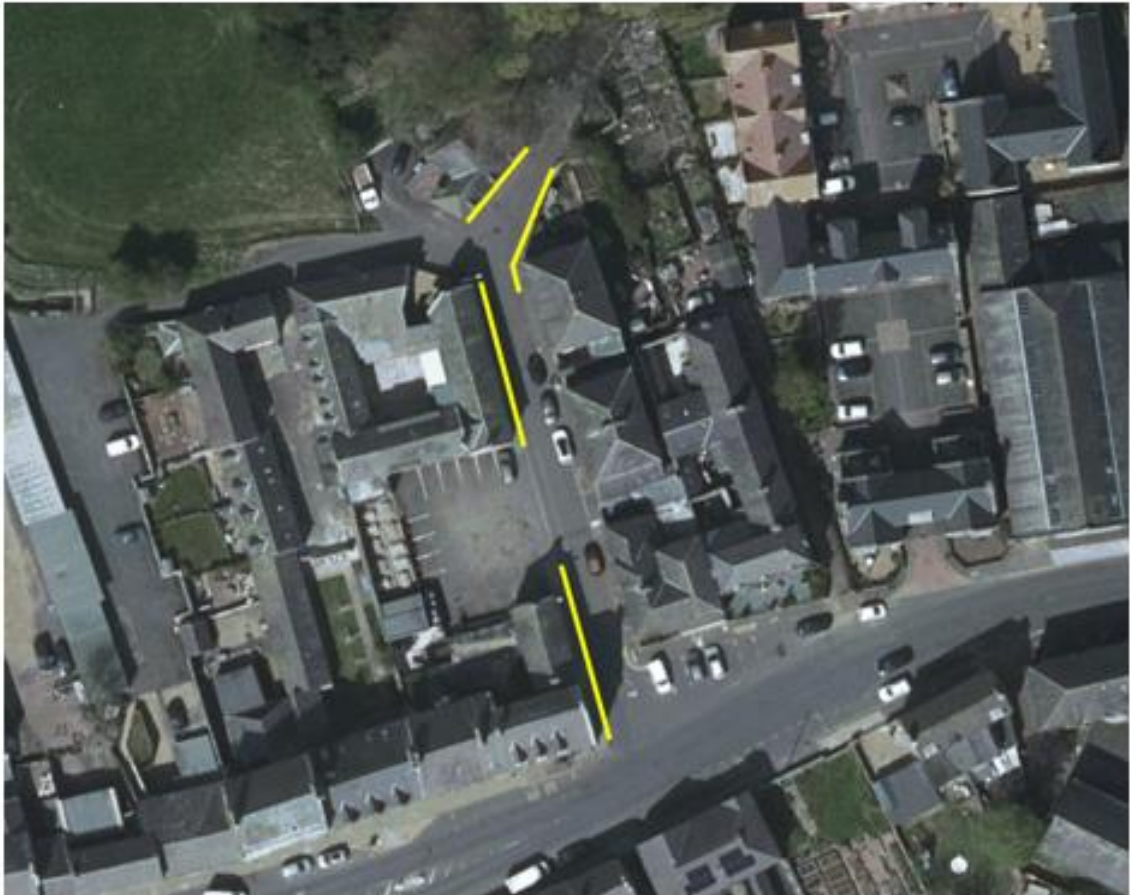






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Proposed parking restrictions – Brewery Lane



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Appendix B – Summary of consultation responses

Thoroughfare	FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
Ord Orchard	1			I am fully in support of implementing such an important safety measure.
	1			I would like to state that I strongly support the proposal to restrict parking on Brewery Lane.
Greenwell Villas		1		We have lived on the corner of Brewery Lane (X Greenwell Villas) for over 15 years. The problem of parking and poor traffic flow has always existed. This proposal will make a difficult parking even worse. It will remove parking from directly outside our home which will affect its amenity and practicality for deliveries etc. We consider this loss a very serious disruption to our lives. There are yellow lines at the bottom of the street near the junction, however this is routinely ignored resulting in people parking over the junction and preventing the flow of traffic. In addition this yellow line is not enforced. The proposal as it stands is not the answer and should be withdrawn and reconsidered. Kind regards.
Holly House Addycombe Gardens	1			<p>(a) I support the proposed double yellow lines on sections of Brewery Lane</p> <p>(b) In my view the siting of the new Co-op has been seriously ill-thought-out in regard to parking, traffic flow, and safety. It is highly likely there will be congestion and accidents.</p> <p>(c) One way accidents may be reduced is to extend a peninsula of pavement on the E side of Brewery Lane, to the southern extent of the road. Drivers already have to go to the end to see past the Queen's Head. The peninsula would help to mediate traffic and protect pedestrians. It should be double red line on both sides for at least the first 10m of Brewery Lane.</p>

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				<p>(d) The layout of Parking in front of the bakers and adjacent should be reviewed. As it is, cars usually drive in, necessitating them reversing, with difficult sight-lines, into traffic on the main road. I had an accident here when a car reversed as I was passing.</p> <p>(e) By Rothbury First School the zig zags need to be painted both sides of the road. Cars have been parked on the opposite side, on a corner, at the top of a hill, causing a very dangerous obstruction.</p>
Rothbury PC	1			

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**Appendix C – Layout of proposed ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ parking restrictions**

