



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed One Way System, Cross Street, Amble

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

13th October 2022

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the proposed one-way system on Cross Street, Amble.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the one-way system on Cross Street is 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. Residents have raised concerns about road safety on Cross Street, Amble.
2. Residents have reported that there have been a number of near misses involving both vehicles and pedestrians.
3. Cross street is only 4 meters wide and is therefore unsuitable for two-way traffic. Currently vehicles are having to mount the pavement to pass one another, which is especially dangerous for pedestrians using the footpath.
4. The proposals are supported by Councillor Clark.
5. The scheme will be funded by the Local Transport Plan 2022/23 programme.

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Background

Cross Street is 45 meters long and runs perpendicular to Church Street and Queen Street, which it also intersects. Traffic predominantly travels in the direction of the proposed one-way system, as vehicles use Cross Street to exit the one-way system halfway down Queen Street. Queen Street has many shops, cafes and hairdressers and as such has very high footfall, a lot of which uses Cross Street as means to access these facilities.

The road is only 4 meters wide and unsuitable for two-way traffic. Vehicles are therefore forced to mount the pavement to pass one another which can be dangerous given the number of pedestrians present. It has also led to significant damaged the Kerbs and footpaths.

Residents have reported that there have been a number of “near misses” involving both vehicles and pedestrians. The council has therefore proposed that a one-way system be considered in order to improve road safety in the area.



Google images of Cross Street

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Consultation

The proposed one-way system was the subject of a consultation exercise which concluded on 23rd September 2022. The involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 34 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 0 against the proposals. One consultee did not express an opinion. A summary of the responses received is attached as Appendix B.

During the consultation traffic calming to Church Street was suggested. This has been logged and can be considered as a separate scheme if it is confirmed as a priority in future and supported by evidence of high traffic speeds and/or accidents.

A request was also made for a contraflow for cyclists. This will be looked at prior to any works being carried out.

Another concern raised was that traffic on Queen Street may not give way to traffic exiting North Street, however, this arrangement is not changing and the existing 'give way' signs and road markings will remain in place.

Recommendation

Given the concerns raised it is recommended that the one-way system is introduced as proposed.

Implications Arising out of the Report

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| Policy | Consistent with existing policies |
| Finance and value for money | Scheme will be financed through the Local Transport Plan 2022/23 programme |
| Legal | Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order |
| Procurement | None |
| 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 proposal is designed to improve pedestrian and road safety in the area. |
| Crime & Disorder | Regulations in place to carry out enforcement |
| Customer Consideration | The proposed one-way system will lead to a safer environment for pedestrians and road users. 100% of the consultees are in favor of the proposal. |
| Carbon reduction | None |
| Wards | Amble |

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Background Papers:

None

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed one-way system, Cross Street, Amble

Consultation: 5 responses received
4 in favor
0 against
1 neither yes nor no

Decision Taken: To introduce the one-way system as proposed on Cross Street, Amble

Signature of Director



26.01.23

Appendix A – Consultation Letter



Your ref:
Our ref: HE223631
Enquiries to: Highways Programme
Email: HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk
Tel direct: 0345 600 6400
Date: 25th August 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed One-Way Traffic System, Cross Street, Amble

Concerns have been raised regarding two way traffic on Cross Street. The existing carriageway width is only 4 metres, meaning vehicles are having to mount the pavement to get past each other. This poses a serious danger to pedestrians using the footpath.

In order to address this, the County Council is considering implementing a one-way traffic system. The system would start at the entrance to Cross Street from Queen Street, and traffic would travel in one direction towards Church Street. This is shown 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

This consultation is open until **Friday the 23rd of September 2022.**

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours sincerely,

M. McMonagle

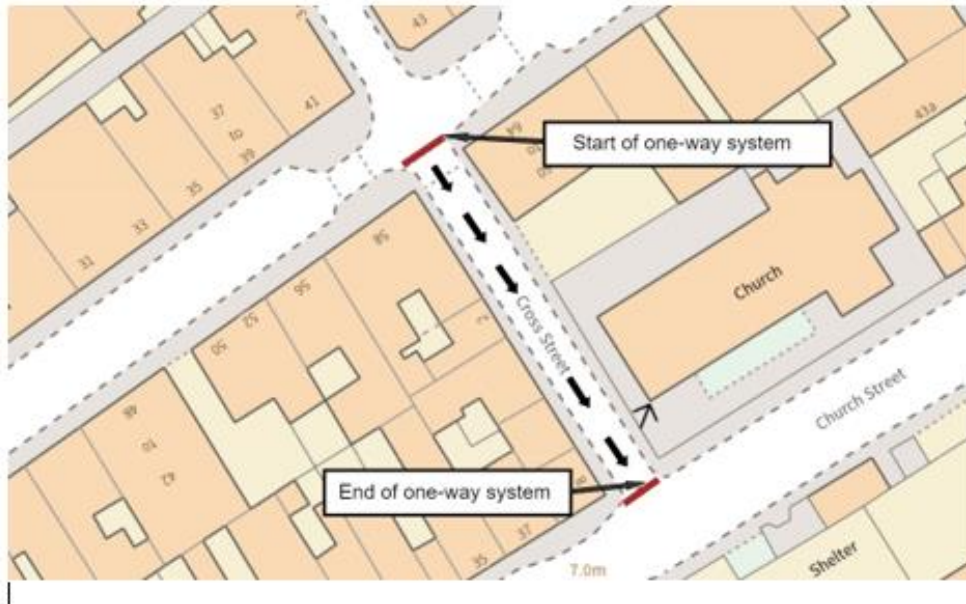
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Appendix B – Summary of consultation responses

| Thoroughfare | FOR | AGAINST | NEITHER | Other Relevant Comments |
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| | | | | Please can contraflow for cyclists be considered. |
| Turner Street | 1 | | | It could be a good thing, but it might open up to people not stopping at Queen Street junction as they know there is nobody going to be coming down cross street. |
| Church Street | 1 | | | Traffic calming measures should be considered on Church Street, as the 20mph sign is too small, on the wrong side of the road and ignored by the majority of drivers |
| Turner Street | 1 | | | A very sensible proposal. There is no room for cars to come in both directions. You tend to see more cars coming in from the other direction, but people will get used to this. |
| Diston Terrace | 1 | | | Amble Town Council has no objections. |

Appendix C – Layout for the one-way system

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