



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT

Paul Jones

Proposed extension of the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Dial Place, Warkworth

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

24th October 2023

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the proposed extension of the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Dial Place, Warkworth

Recommendations

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

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the following key themes in the Corporate Plan for 2023-26:

'Thriving Places and Culture – Neighbourhoods are safe, clean and well maintained.'

Key Issues

1. Residents and businesses have raised concerns that vehicles have been damaged while being parked in the affected bay.
2. At present when vehicles are parked in the affected bay and the adjacent diagonal bay, there is insufficient carriageway width remaining for vehicles to safely pass.
3. The reduced remaining width has led to numerous collisions when attempting to pass, as well as when reversing out of the diagonal bays. Several of these incidents have been hit and runs.
4. To alleviate these issues, it is proposed to remove the affected parking bay and extend the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions.
5. The Local Ward Member and parish council are in support of the proposals.
6. The scheme will be funded by the Local Transport Plan 2023/24 programme.

Background

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Dial Place is the village center of Warkworth, made up of approximately 60 parking spaces served by a one-way traffic system. The centre is surrounded by residential properties, businesses, shops and pubs. During the summer months it is a very busy area for both pedestrians and vehicular movements.

Currently, when vehicles are parked in the affected bay (highlighted red in the photos below) and the adjacent diagonal bay there is insufficient carriageway width remaining for vehicles to safely pass. This has led to vehicles being damaged when a longer vehicle is parked in the diagonal bay. The reduced width had also resulted in vehicles in the diagonal bays reversing into the vehicle parked in the affected bay. On several occasions the offending vehicle has just driven off.

Concerns have been raised by residents and businesses regarding these accidents. To alleviate these issues, the county council has proposed to remove the affected parking bay and extend the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions.



Photographs of the affected parking bay on Dial Place.

Consultation

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The proposed parking bays were the subject of a consultation exercise which concluded on 25th of September 2023. The involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 5 residents/businesses and 27 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 3 consultees with 3 in favor and 0 against the proposals. A summary of the responses received is attached as Appendix B.

- During the consultation a request to remove a space on the western side of Dial Place was made (highlighted red in the photos below). An on-site assessment has highlighted the issue with this space. After speaking to a business owner who has similar concerns and witnessing vehicles struggling to pass, some unable to pass, this space will also be removed.



Photos of the parking bay on the western side of Dial Place

Recommendation

Given the result of the consultation it is recommended that the extension of the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Dial Place in Warkworth go ahead as proposed, including the removal of the space on the western side of Dial Place.

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 2023/24 programme |

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| Legal | None |
| Procurement | None |
| Human Resources | None |
| Property | None |
| Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> | None |
| Risk Assessment | The proposal is designed to improve road safety in the area. |
| Crime & Disorder | Regulations in place to carry out enforcement. |
| Customer Consideration | The proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time; parking restrictions will lead to a safer environment for all road users. 100% of consultees were also in favor of the proposal. |
| Carbon reduction | None |
| Wards | Amble West with Warkworth |

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Background Papers:

None

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Director, Environment and Transport

Subject: Proposed extension of the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Dial Place, Warkworth

Consultation: 3 responses received.
3 in favor
0 against

Decision Taken: To extend the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Dial Place, Warkworth

Signature of Director



Date

28th December 2023

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Appendix A – Consultation Letter



Northumberland County Council

Our ref: Dial Place
Enquiries to: Highways Programme
Email: Highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk
Tel direct: 0345 600 6400
Date: 4th September 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Extension of Parking Restrictions – Dial Place, Warkworth

Concerns have been raised regarding the width of the running lane on the East side of Dial Place. When vehicles are parked in the diagonal bays and another in the adjacent kerb side bay at the same time, there is insufficient remaining width for vehicles to safely pass. Which is especially concerning within a one-way system. This issue has also led to numerous accidents while vehicles are attempting to reverse out of the diagonal bays.

In order to address ongoing concerns, the County Council is proposing to remove the last kerb side parking bay and extend the existing double yellow lines. Please see the area 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. For those who don't have access to emails, a free post response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process.

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 Monday the 25th of September 2023.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix B – Summary of consultation responses

| Thoroughfare | FOR | AGAINST | NEITHER | Other Relevant Comments |
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| Watershaugh Road | 1 | | | no comments |
| Dial Place | 1 | | | 1. Suggest you also look at a similar issue on the West side of Dial Place. Where a single parking bay is over a bend in the pavement. At the point where there is a parking sign for "The Stanners". 2. why was there not a similar consultation when NCC put in the EV charging point |
| Dial Place | 1 | | | I manage a business on Dial Place, Warkworth. We have a direct viewpoint onto the space in question which is causing a problem. I and my colleagues don't believe the road is wide enough for both vehicles safely passing when a vehicle of any size is parked in that space, and there isn't enough clearance for those reversing from the adjacent diagonal spaces. I've personally witnessed 3 accidents outside our window, one of which was my own car parked in said space. My colleagues have witnessed a further 2 accidents, and our company pool car has been hit after hours. That's a total of 7 accidents witnessed in the last 18 months alone, and I'm sure many more that we won't always spot. I think the safest things for both passing traffic and local residents, would be to remove the last space as you drive out of Dial Place. If a long wheel based vehicle is parked in one of the diagonal bays and there is a car parked in said space, it is almost impossible to pass through, even in a small hatchback car. I hope you'll consider our views for the safety of all visitors and residents, as well as keeping damage to a minimum. |

Appendix C – Scheme layout



