

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Jubilee Industrial Estate, Ashington

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle, Improving Our Roads & Highways

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Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions at Jubilee Industrial Estate in Ashington.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are implemented in order to improve road safety in the area.

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. Northumberland County Council has received concerns regarding obstructive and indiscriminate parking on Jubilee Industrial Estate in Ashington.
- 2. Additional 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are proposed in order to alleviate these concerns.
- 3. The proposal is supported by the local County Councillor.
- 4. The scheme is to be funded through the 2023/24 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Background

Jubilee Industrial Estate is situated south of Ashington town centre with many commercial properties occupying the units surrounding the area, meaning the carriageways within the industrial estate are used for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) frequently travelling in and out of the vicinity to allow for deliveries to be carried out.



Fig. 1: Location of Jubilee Industrial Estate in Ashington

Concerns have been raised with regards to vehicles parking within the industrial estate which can create difficulties for HGVs entering or exiting private accesses for the purposes of deliveries and therefore affect the day-to-day operations for some businesses. Whilst a small section of double yellow lines are present on the main route through Jubilee Industrial Estate, the rest of the area is largely derestricted for parking and leaves it open to parking on both sides of the road.



Fig. 2: Example of existing double yellow lines and parking at Jubilee Industrial Estate (Source: Google Maps, 2023)

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As a result, the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) are proposed to be extended in the area to alleviate concerns raised with obstructive and indiscriminate parking. During the consultation, requests were received to extend the proposed restrictions further, such as both sides of the road and across the whole area, however it is not the Council's intention to remove on-street parking for operatives and staff working in the properties completely, as this would cause displaced parking issues elsewhere and the carriageways are deemed wide enough to allow for parking on one side.

The proposed restrictions can be observed in Appendix A, with consultation responses listed in Appendix B. They are intended to increase road safety, maintain the free flow of traffic where possible and to protect the amenity of the area. Northumbria Police, other emergency services, relevant statutory consultees and directly affected properties will be notified of this amendment as part of the process for making the Traffic Regulation Order.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies.
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the LTP 2023/24 programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order.
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	N/A
Yes □ No □ N/A □	
Risk Assessment	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees and directly affected properties have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Haydon

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Background Papers

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Appendix A – Scheme Layout

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

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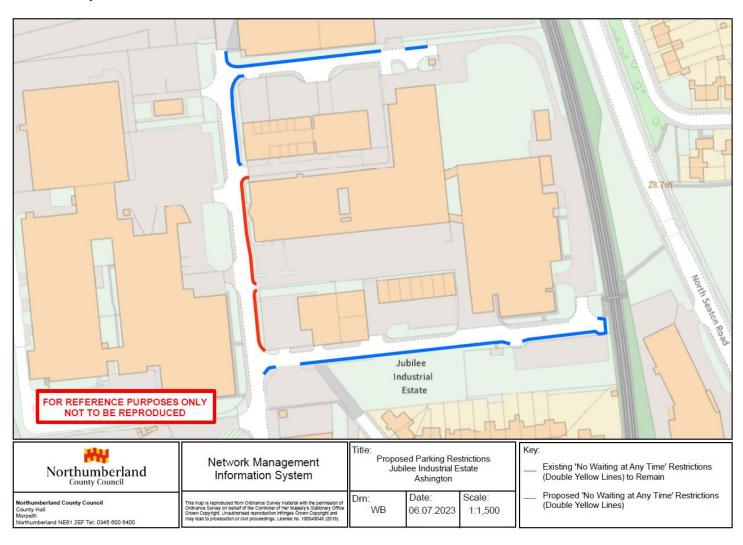
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DECISION TAKEN

Director of Environment & Transport **Title of Officer Subject** Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at Jubilee Industrial Estate, Ashington For: 1 (100%) Consultation Against: 0 (0%) **Decision Taken** To introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at Jubilee Industrial Estate, Ashington **Signature of Director Date**

Appendix A – Scheme Layout



Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Key: F = For; A = Against

RESPONSES

I want to leave comments for the proposed parking restrictions on Jubilee Industrial Estate. This cannot happen soon enough, we are currently prevented from having delivery vehicles access our site via the public highway due to double parked cards along the access road. Polite requests for vehicles to be moved are met with verbal abuse and threatening behavior. There are cars racing down the main road at speeds significantly higher than the speed limit, the double parking mean that there is genuine risk of a serious accident.

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