



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones
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PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME PARKING RESTRICTIONS at MALVINS ROAD / KINGS GARDENS JUNCTION AND MALVINS ROAD / PRINCESS GARDENS JUNCTIONS, BLYTH

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of No Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions at Malvins Road / Kings Gardens junction and Malvins Road / Princess Gardens junction in Blyth due to road safety concerns.

Recommendations

It is recommended that a "No Waiting at Any Time" (Double Yellow Lines) parking restriction is introduced at Malvins Road / Kings Gardens junction and Malvins Road / Princess Gardens junctions in Blyth.

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. Concerns have been raised by local residents to Councillor Richardson, about inconsiderate parking at Malvins Road / Kings Gardens junction and Malvins Road / Princess Gardens junction in Blyth.

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2. Vehicles are parking at these junctions causing visibility problems.
3. Restrictions are to be introduced without formal consultation in order to address road safety concerns raised by local residents.
4. The scheme is supported by Councillor Richardson, who will be funding the works through her Members Local Improvement Scheme allocation.

Background

1. Vehicles are parking at the Malvins Road / Kings Gardens junction and Malvins Road / Princess Gardens junction which is causing sightline problems for vehicles exiting these roads. This inconsiderate parking has raised road safety concerns that have been reported to the Local County Councillor, Margaret Richardson
2. The Highway Code states “DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space”. This is to allow sightlines to be kept clear.
3. After discussing the complaints with the Councillor Richardson, it was agreed that double yellow lines should be introduced without any formal consultation due to the restrictions being necessary on road safety grounds.

Consultation

The introduction of No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Lines) parking restriction will be introduced without consultation in order to alleviate road safety concerns in the area. The statutory consultees including the emergency services and various disabled and transport organisations/associations will be informed of the decision as well as the Chief Officer of Police. A plan showing the proposals is attached as Appendix A.

Recommendations

From the outset, the County Council has endeavored to respond positively to local concerns raised in the this area and it is inevitable that some individuals in the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. The introduction of parking restrictions without consultation can be a contentious matter, but due to the road safety concerns in the area and support from the Local County Councillor, it is recommended that the “No Waiting at Any Time” (double yellow lines) are introduced on Kings Gardens, Princess Gardens & Malvins Road Junctions in Blyth.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Members Local Improvement Scheme (MLIS) allocation for Councillor Richardson
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO_011_138)
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 proposals will improve safety for road users including residents and visitors.
Crime & Disorder	Inconsiderate parking.
Customer Consideration	The proposal will improve safety for road users including residents and visitors.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Cowpen

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Background papers:

File reference – HO220085 – 2022/137

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed “No Waiting at Any Time” parking restrictions at Malvins Road / Kings Gardens junction and and Malvins Road / Princess Gardens junction in Blyth.

Consultation: No consultation undertaken. Restrictions introduced on safety grounds.

Decision Taken: To introduce a “No Waiting at Any Time” parking restrictions at Malvins Road / Kings Gardens junction and Malvins Road / Prncess Gardens junction as proposed.

Signature of Director



Date

16.01.23

