



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Queens Road and York Road, Alwick

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

04 September 2023

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) on Queens Road at its junction with Victoria Terrace and at the junction of York Road and Victoria Crescent in Alwick.

Recommendations

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 at Queens Road and York Road in Alwick.

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2. This follows the completion of a new zebra crossing point on Victoria Crescent, where displaced parking has occurred as a result.
3. A Stage 3 Road Safety Audit carried out on the new zebra crossing has identified a need for new parking restrictions to be introduced in order to improve the free flow of traffic and forward visibility.
4. 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are proposed in order to alleviate these concerns.
5. The proposal is supported by the local County Councillor.
6. The scheme is to be funded through the 2023/24 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

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Background

A new zebra crossing has recently been installed directly outside The Co-Operative Food store to improve crossing facilities for pedestrians on Victoria Terrace. Following the installation of the zebra crossing, a Stage 3 Road Safety Audit was undertaken, which identified a road safety problem on Queens Road at its junction with Victoria Terrace. The summary of the problem point is outlined below:

'Parking close to the junction obstructs a pedestrian crossing point and also affects pedestrian visibility and visibility for vehicles exiting the side road. This may result in pedestrian vehicle and / or failure to give way type collisions.'



Fig. 1: Parking close to the junction and across the pedestrian crossing point at Queens Road

Concerns have also been raised at the junction of York Road and Victoria Crescent further south of the zebra crossing due to displaced parking following the implementation of the scheme.

As a result, new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) are proposed at Queens Road and its junction with Victoria Terrace, along with the junction of York Road and Victoria Crescent.

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Details of the proposals are shown on the plan in Appendix A. They are intended to maintain the free flow of traffic where possible, to improve road safety and to protect the amenity of the area overall.

Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Traffic Regulation Order.

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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 LTP 2023/24 Programme. |
| Legal | Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order. |
| Procurement | None |
| Human Resources | None |
| Property | None |
| Equalities Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> | 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 will be informed. |
| Carbon reduction | None |
| Wards | Alnwick |

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Background Papers

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\21\HE Minor Improvements\HE213537D - TROs\HE213537D-44 York Road, Alnwick

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

Author

Report Author **William Binks, Programme Officer**

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DECISION TAKEN

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| Title of Officer | Director of Environment and Transport |
| Subject | Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at Queens Road and York Road, Alnwick. |
| Consultation | Not required on the grounds of road safety, although statutory consultees will be informed. |
| Decision Taken | To introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at Queens Road and York Road, Alnwick. |

Signature of Director

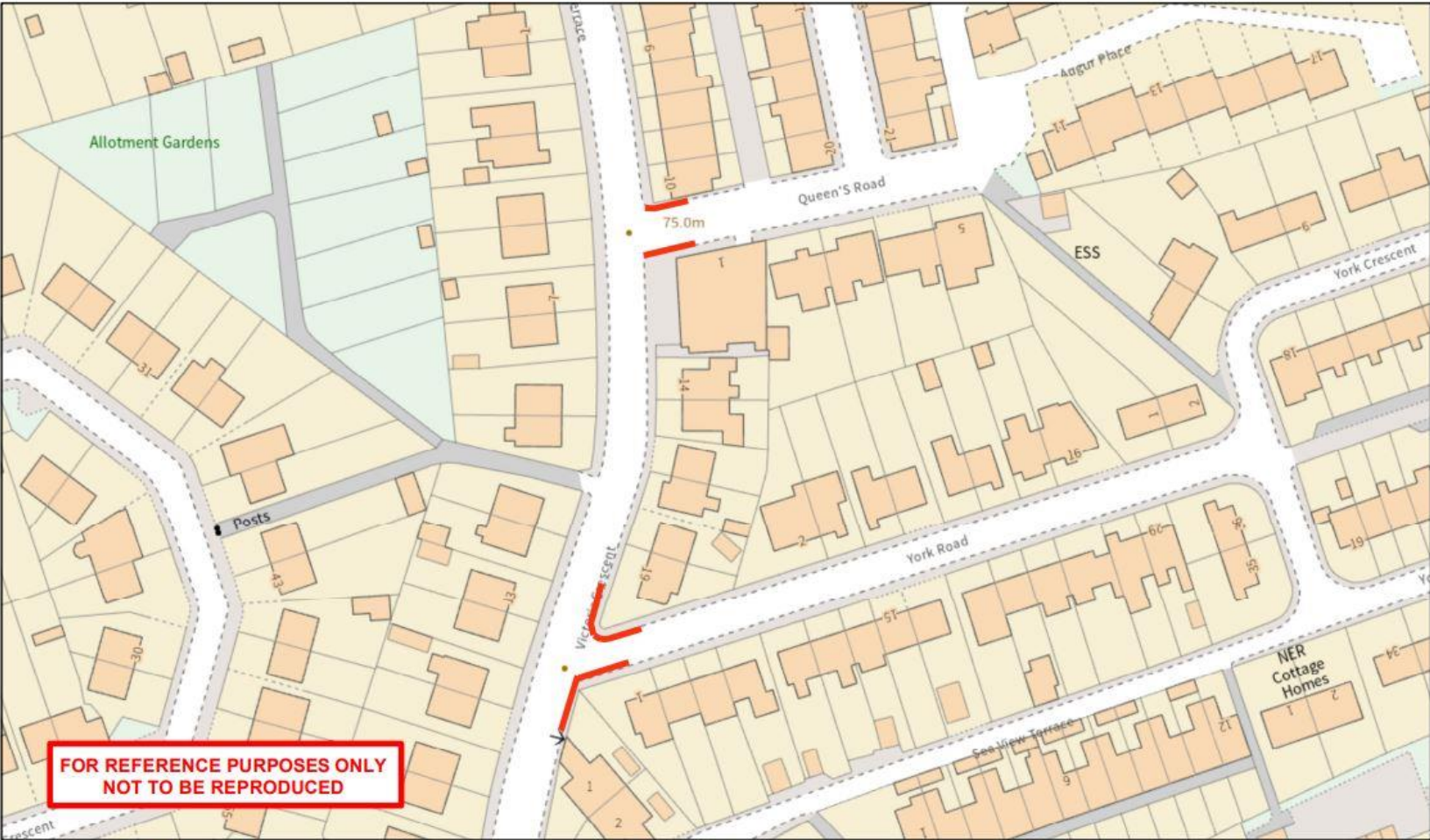


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15th September 2023

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Appendix A – Scheme Plan



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|  <p>Northumberland County Council</p> | <p>Network Management Information System</p> | <p>Title: Proposed Parking Restrictions Queens Road & York Road Alnwick</p> | | | <p>Key: — Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines)</p> |
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