



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS, A192/TILLMOUTH AVENUE/WYLAM AVENUE/WHITLEY TERRACE & ELSDON AVENUE/TILLMOUTH AVENUE/MINDRUM WAY/FONTBURN ROAD/RIDSDALE CLOSE, SEATON DELAVAL

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle, Improving our Roads and Highways

Purpose of Report

To consider a proposal to provide parking restrictions at the junctions listed above, to address issues caused by parked vehicles.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are implemented at the junctions of the A192 with Tillmouth Avenue, Wylam Avenue & Whitley Terrace, and at the junction of Tillmouth Avenue with Elsdon Avenue.

It is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are not implemented at the junctions of Elsdon Avenue with Fontburn Road, Ridsdale Close and Mindrum Way, and at the Tillmouth Avenue Cul-de-sac.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the following key objectives in the Corporate Plan for 2023-2026:

- 'Tackling Inequalities' - Creating places where there is equity in access to an environment that encourages physical activity and active travel.
- 'Driving Economic Growth' - Introduce measures which make sustainable travel a more attractive, greener, and easy alternative to getting around including cycling and walking.

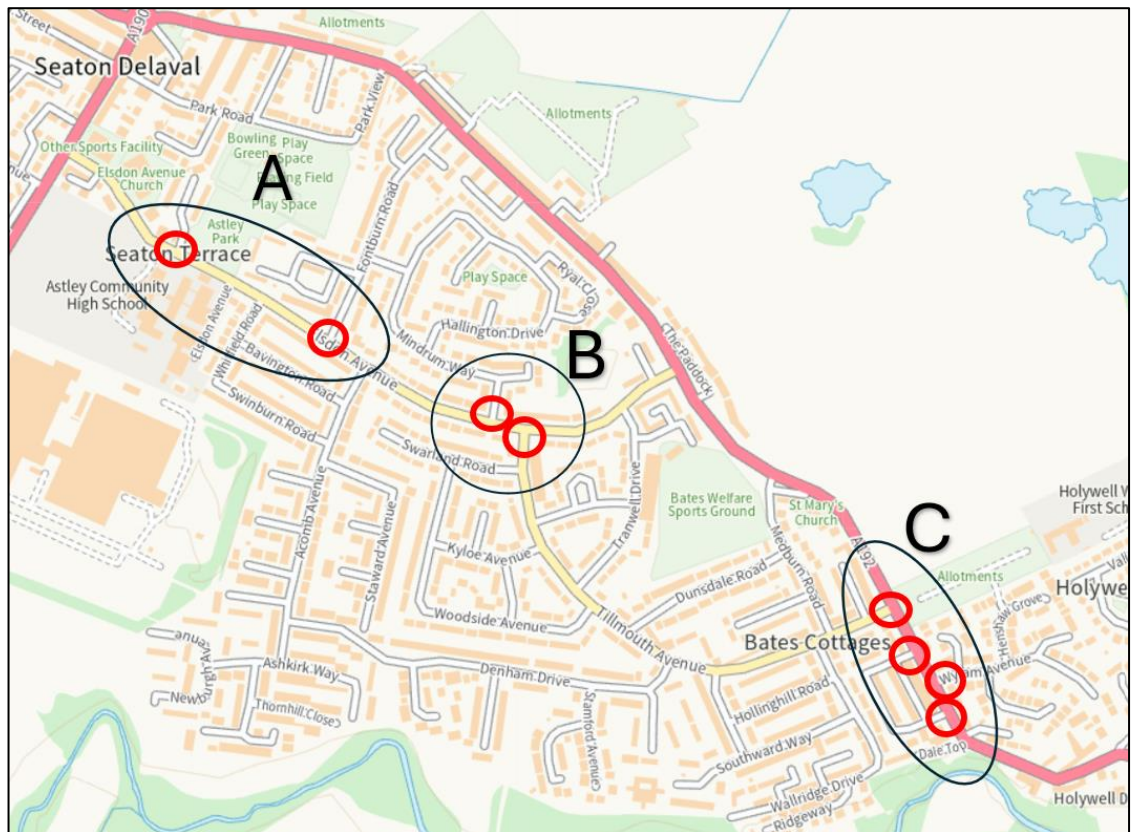
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Key Issues

- The local Ward Member has raised concerns about parked cars affecting visibility and the safe movement of buses through several junctions in this area.
- The local Ward Member has agreed to fund any appropriate restrictions via the Members Local Improvement Schemes allocation.

Background

1. The local Ward Member has raised concerns about parked cars at the following junctions which are highlighted on the plan, below:
 - Area A - Elsdon Avenue, at the junctions with Fontburn Road and Ridsdale Close.
 - Area B - Elsdon Avenue at the junctions with Tillmouth Avenue and Mindrum Way.
 - Area C - The A192, at the junctions with Tillmouth Avenue, Wylam Avenue and Whitley Terrace.



2. Vehicles parked at these junctions lead to the following issues:
 - ❌ Sightlines are blocked, making it harder to safely exit the junctions.
 - ❌ Dropped kerbs are blocked, making it impossible for wheelchair users to cross the road.
 - ❌ Access for local bus services is hindered, as buses find it hard to turn in/out of junctions along the route.

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3. Residents and statutory consultees were therefore consulted on proposals to provide double yellow lines at the junctions.

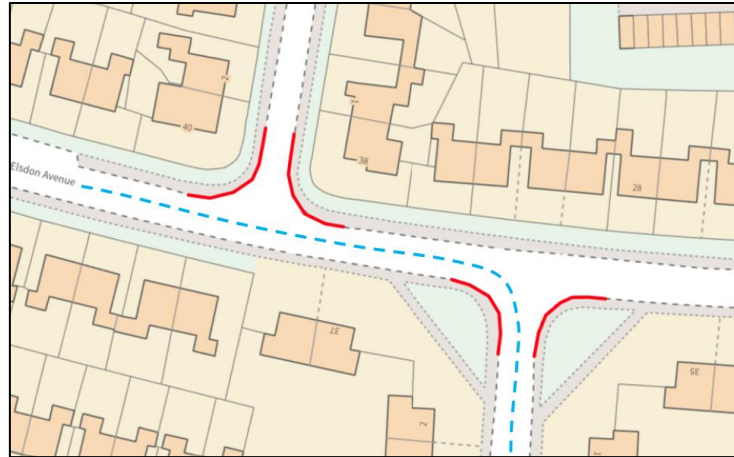
Area A: Elsdon Avenue/Fontburn Road & Ridsdale Close



4. Thirty-one individual addresses were consulted on the proposed double yellow lines shown above. Only three responses were received, one in favour, two against.
5. Those against stated that parking on the side roads was not an issue and pointed out that the amount of traffic using Elsdon Avenue is likely to be reduced when Astley High School relocates to its new site. A summary of the responses is shown in Appendix A.
6. Given the low response rate and the lack of support from residents, it is recommended that these proposed parking restrictions are not implemented.

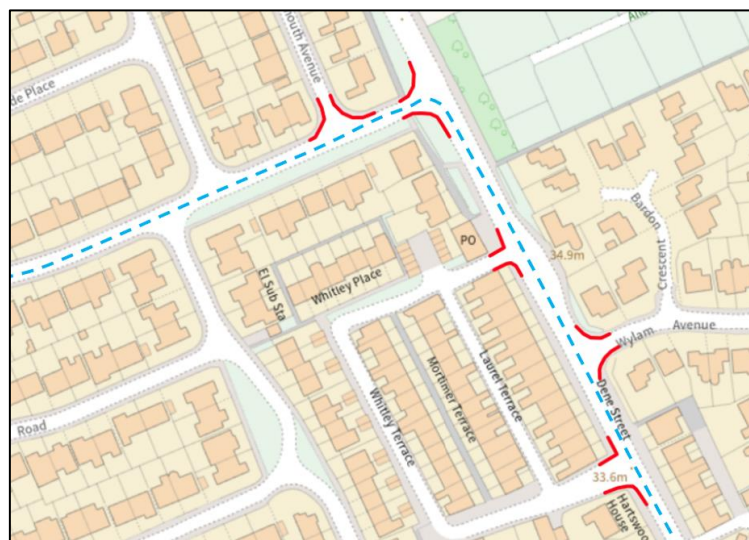
Area B: Elsdon Avenue/Tillmouth Avenue/Mindrum Way

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7. Twenty-two individual addresses were consulted on the proposed double yellow lines shown above. Only three responses were received, two in favour, one against. A summary of the responses is shown in Appendix B.
8. The Elsdon Avenue/Tillmouth Avenue junction is on a bus route (shown by the dashed blue line), with a half-hourly service in both directions, i.e. 4 buses per hour. To ensure that buses can safely turn, these parking restrictions are recommended.
9. Given the low response rate and the lack of support from residents, restrictions are not recommended at the Elsdon Avenue/Mindrum Way junction. Buses pass along Elsdon Avenue at this point and do not need to turn into Mindrum Way.

Area C: A192/Tillmouth Avenue/Wylam Avenue/Whitley Terrace



10. Forty-three individual addresses were consulted on the proposed double yellow lines shown above. Eight responses were received, 4 in favour and 4 against. A summary of the responses is shown in Appendix C.

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11. The A192/Tillmouth Avenue junction is on a bus route (dashed blue line on the plan) with 4 buses per hour passing through. Currently, bus services leaving the A192 find it difficult to enter Tillmouth Avenue due to parked cars, and consequently can obstruct traffic on the A192. It is therefore recommended that these restrictions are implemented.
12. The proposed restrictions to the west within Tillmouth Avenue at the cul-de-sac are not recommended for implementation because there was no support from residents, and they are too far from the A192 to have any effect on bus services.
13. The A192/Wylam Avenue and A192/Whitley Terrace junctions are affected by indiscriminate parking associated with the local shop and food takeaway. As well as affecting sightlines for vehicles exiting the side roads, they also block dropped kerbs, preventing their use by pedestrians in wheelchairs. It is therefore recommended that the proposed restrictions are implemented.

Summary of Recommendations

14. It is recommended that parking restrictions **are implemented** at the following junctions to facilitate safe passage by local bus services and to prevent parked vehicles obstructing sightlines and dropped kerbs:
 - ∅ Elsdon Avenue/Tillmouth Avenue
 - ∅ A192/Tillmouth Avenue
 - ∅ A192/Wylam Avenue
 - ∅ A192/Whitley Terrace
15. It is recommended that parking restrictions **are not implemented** at the following locations due to a lack of support from residents and no evidence of parked vehicles causing problems.
 - ∅ Tillmouth Avenue Cul-de-Sac
 - ∅ Elsdon Avenue/Fontburn Road
 - ∅ Elsdon Avenue/Ridsdale Close

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	The proposal is in accordance with relevant guidance.
Finance and value for money	The proposal will be funded via the Members Local Improvement Scheme budget.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation

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	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"/>	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees and affected properties have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Holywell

Background papers:

File ref: HO24

Report sign off.

Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the report:

	initials
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Monitoring Officer/Legal	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
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Director	
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Appendix A

Elsdon Avenue/Fontburn Road & Ridsdale Close Consultation Responses (Area A)

F O R T	A G A I N	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
1			This scheme will improve the parking at the corners of these streets where it has been a concern due to increased parking for the local shops. Hopefully the dropped kerbs will also be more accessible once the lines are installed.
	1		Regarding double yellow lines in Ridsdale Close, seems a bit pointless saying as the school is moving.
	1		I and others I have spoken to are in disbelief at what is being proposed. We are limited to 8 spaces in front of the shops, on most days we have residents from houses nearby parking in the bays and leaving vehicles most of the day. We also have residents parking cars and getting on buses on a regular basis. We struggle most days to have any room for customers to park. I have yet to see the plans for where the lines will be but it will surely impact the ability to trade for business on the street. If this is going to go ahead we need signs in the parking bays to limited periods of time that cars can park and also bays marked out so people park properly. The issue I see on a daily basis are not from parking on the side roads but from drivers speeding along Elsdon Avenue and also using their phones (I see at least 20 people a day doing this). The School is moving so I'm not sure why all of a sudden this is something that will cause problems for parking in the area. If you want traders already finding it difficult in these times to close then is a step in that direction. We need some sort of consultation with local authorities on this subject not a letter without any real reason as to the decision.
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Appendix B

Elsdon Avenue/Tillmouth Avenue Consultation Responses (Area B)

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F O R T	A G A I N S E R	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
1			This scheme will improve the parking at the corners of these streets where it has been a concern due to increased parking for the local shops. Hopefully the dropped kerbs will also be more accessible once the lines are installed.
	1		People need places to park
1			no comments
2	1	0	

Appendix C

A192 – Tillmouth Avenue/Wylam Avenue/Whitley Terrace Consultation Responses (Area C)

F O R T	A G A I N S E R	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
1			This scheme will improve the parking at the corners of these streets where it has been a concern due to increased parking for the local shops. Hopefully the dropped kerbs will also be more accessible once the lines are installed.
1			I'm writing regarding the proposal for double yellow lines on the junction of Wylam Avenue. I strongly support this initiative. The continuous parking on the sweeping corners is a nightmare and it's impossible to pull out on to the junction safely as visibility is poor due to parked vehicles. My only addition would be that this alone will not solve the problem. The majority of the issues occur when Holywell Pizza shop is open with delivery drivers and customers parking on these corners and up on the pavements (making them impassible. I suspect that double yellow lines will not deter this as there will be nobody to enforce this, particularly with it being evening periods when this is worse. Further consideration should be made such as dropped kerbs and bollards which have recently been implemented on the opposite side of this road.
1			I absolutely agree that something needs to be done about the parking. Due to lack of parking and the traffic at the pizza shop we already struggle to park outside of our house. This is a nightmare when returning from supermarkets etc. would it be possible to put a bay outside of our house so we can at least park one car outside of our house?

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		<p>We are emailing to outline our concerns at the proposed parking restrictions for Tillmouth Avenue. As a resident on the street where some houses have extremely steep driveways causing safety issues, which cross over a pedestrian path where school children walk and cycle past every day. These steep driveways stop the driver seeing children cross the path and that is why they park on the road. There has been occasions where children going to Holywell first School have ran past nearly into vehicles. Therefore these residents have to park outside their houses on the street for safety of them and other people passing by. The vast majority of residents have more than 1 car also as most households these days. People who use the shop on occasions park across driveways and parents for Holywell Village First School use her to park and drop children at school also use the street. Someone parks their car on the corners where proposed lines are outlined, to avoid double parking on the Main Street thus blocking bus and road traffic. This previously caused even more problems parking on the main street double parking. It has now stopped this and the flow of traffic has resolved. We feel that we do not wish to have these yellow lines therefore wish to say no to yellow lines on the road as it will just cause problems parking and just push the problem further up. We live here without them and without the need for them therefore we would rather continue as we are.</p>
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	1	<p>We do not support the proposals for double yellow lines. We believe it will just push the traffic further down the street causing more problems</p>
1		no comments
	1	<p>I think that parking restrictions on Tillmouth Ave will cause more congestion for people who live on this street. Drive ways have steep drives so some residents use hard standing and road to park cars as they have more that 1 car per household. Backing out across a path where school children walk/bike to school affects visibility. Cars from other houses, shoppers going to premier use the road to park. Restrictions will just push cars up street further. Since a resident has started to park their car off Main Street flow of traffic has improved so putting yellow lines on corner of that house will probably mean they will park on Main Street again causing double parking. No need in past for restrictions therefore why change.</p>
	1	<p>Personally I think this would be a waste of council money. Most people in the area indicated do not park on the corners directly on to Dean Street.</p>
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DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer(s) and
Portfolio Holder (where
appropriate):**

Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport

Subject:

**PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS,
A192/TILLMOUTH AVENUE/WYLAM
AVENUE/WHITLEY TERRACE & ELSDON
AVENUE/TILLMOUTH AVENUE/MINDRUM
WAY/FONTBURN ROAD/RIDSDALE CLOSE,
SEATON DELAVAL**

Consultation

Area A: 1 in favour, 2 against

Area B: 2 in favour, 1 against

Area C: 4 in favour, 4 against

Decision Taken:

Parking restrictions **are implemented** at the following
junctions:

- ⌘ Elsdon Avenue/Tillmouth Avenue
- ⌘ A192/Tillmouth Avenue
- ⌘ A192/Wylam Avenue
- ⌘ A192/Whitley Terrace

Parking restrictions **are not implemented** at the
following locations:

- ⌘ Tillmouth Avenue Cul-de-Sac
- ⌘ Elsdon Avenue/Fontburn Road
- ⌘ Elsdon Avenue/Ridsdale Close

Signature of Director



Date

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13th September 2024