



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT

Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport

Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at the junction of Bisley Road and Acklington Road, Amble

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

11th January 2024

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at the junction of Bisley Road and Acklington Road in Amble.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions be implemented 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. James Calvert Spence College, residents and the school crossing patrol attendant have raised concerns over indiscriminate parking during school pick up/drop off times, at the junction of Bisley Road/Acklington Road.
2. Parking in this area is narrowing the junction down to a single lane.
3. Vehicles are also parking on the footpath and over the dropped crossing points.
4. To alleviate these issues, it is proposed to install 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at the junction.
5. The Town Council and Councillor Watson 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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Bisley Road is a residential street that runs adjacent to Acklington Road in Amble. All the houses have off street parking for at least one vehicle but due to there being multiple vehicles in each household, most of the parking is on street.

Acklington Road forms part of the B6345 and is one of the main routes in and out of Amble. The houses that front the road all have off street parking with minimal parking on the street. However, as the nearby skate park, play area and football ground do not have onsite parking, visitors usually park on Acklington Road in the area highlighted red in figure 1. Though this section does get busy during football matches, vehicles parked here form natural traffic calming, leading to vehicles travelling at slower speeds past the recreational grounds.

At school drop off and pick up times parents are parking at the junction of Bisley Road, shown in figure 2. This is narrowing the junction down to a single lane, increasing the risk of a potential collision when vehicles are entering or exiting Bisley Road. Vehicles are also parking on the path and over the dropped crossing points, which is forcing children to walk in the live carriageway and cross the road unsighted.

Parking either side of the junction on Acklington road is obscuring visibility for vehicles exiting the Bisley Road, shown in figure 3. Vehicles parking on the opposite side of the junction (figure 4) are also obscuring the visibility of the school crossing patrol attendant, which increases the risk to the attendant as well as the children crossing the road.

Concerns have been raised by James Calvert Spence College, residents, and the school crossing patrol attendant regarding parking in this area at school drop off and pick up times. To alleviate these issues, the county council has proposed to install 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions around the junction as shown in appendix E.

Figure 1 – Map illustrating where vehicles park to access the recreation grounds.



Figure 2 – photographs of parking at the junction during school pick up times.

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Figure 3 – photograph of a vehicle parked within 10m of the junction on Acklington Road.



Figure 4 – Location of school crossing patrol (highlighted yellow) and location of parked cars on the opposite side (highlighted red) restricting visibility.



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Consultation

The proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions were the subject of a consultation exercise which concluded on the 3rd of November 2023. The involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 26 residents 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 10 consultees with 10 in favour and 0 against the proposals. A summary of the responses received is attached as Appendix B.

- During the consultation several requests for the restrictions to be extended further into Bisley Road and up Acklington Road were made. As a result of this, a second consultation was undertaken.

The second consultation with the initial consultees concluded on the 8th of December 2023. A copy of the consultation letter and plan is attached as Appendix C.

Responses were received from 10 consultees with 5 in favour of extending the lines on Acklington Road and 2 against, one in favour of extending the lines on Bisley Road and none against. One consultee was in favour of extending the lines on both roads and 1 did not express an opinion. A summary of the responses received is attached as Appendix D.

- A valid point was raised that extending the double yellow lines on Acklington Road would just move the issue further up the road, which given the layout of the road would cause more of a safety concern. As the double yellow lines around the junction and into Bisley Road will address the initial road safety concerns that were raised, we will not be proceeding with extending the lines on Acklington Road.

Recommendation

Given the result of the consultations it is recommended that the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Bisley Road and Acklington Road go ahead as proposed, with the restrictions being extended further into Bisley Road.

Implications Arising out of the Report.

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
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Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the Local Transport Plan 2023/24 programme
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: Service Director, Environment and Transport

Subject: Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at the junction of Bisley Road and Acklington Road in Amble.

Consultation:

Initial consultation
10 responses received.
10 in favour
0 against

Second consultation
10 responses received.
5 in favour of extending the lines on Acklington Road
2 against extending the lines on Acklington Road
1 in favour of extending the lines on Bisley Road
0 against extending the lines on Bisley Road
1 in favour of extending the lines on both roads.
1 did not express an opinion.

Decision Taken: To introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at the junction of Bisley Road and Acklington Road in Amble, with the restrictions being extended further into Bisley Road.



Signature of Director

Appendix A – Consultation Letter



Northumberland County Council

Our ref: Acklington Road
Enquiries to: Highways Programme
Email: Highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk
Date: 17th October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Acklington Road/Bisley Road, Amble

Concerns have been raised regarding vehicles parking around the junction of Bisley Road at school drop off and pick up times.

Parking in this manor is severely restricting the visibility of the school crossing patrol, which poses a serious safety concern. It has also reduced the entrance to Bisley Road down to a single car width, increasing the risk of potential collisions. A number of these vehicles are parking on the pedestrian crossing, forcing children to cross in dangerous positions.

In order to address ongoing concerns, the County Council is proposing the addition of double yellow lines in the areas highlighted yellow on the plan overleaf. These restrictions will extend 10 meters in either direction from the junction.

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 Environment & Transport and may be available for public inspection.

This consultation is open until **Friday the 3rd of November 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
Acklington Road	1			Thank you for your letter. I live at XX Acklington Road, and see on a daily basis the havoc that is caused by selfish residents who park indiscriminately along Acklington Road/Bisley Road. We support your proposal to implement restrictions on the junction of Bisley/Acklington Road but would add that we feel you should go further and extend the restrictions more extensively along Acklington Road itself. We live opposite the welfare and not only are the significant problems during school pick up/drop off time but also when there are football matches held at the welfare. We do not understand why the parking at the High School is made available during these busy times as we have to endure parking along the entire length of our road. It creates a significant highway hazard for other motorists, but more importantly children visiting the park at the welfare. Thank you for consulting us, we appreciate it and support your actions.
Acklington Road	1			The double yellow lines proposed don't go far enough. In my view they should extend to just beyond number XX, and further down beyond number XX. But what use will they be anyway? People here disregard yellow lines and if they are not "policed" that will continue. After all, the offenders here are just dropping kids of, it only takes seconds .. In addition, cars are regularly parked here by people using the Welfare, notably for football games and training. This makes driving in and out of our homes risky since sight lines are ruined, not to mention the potential damage to the pavement since so many cars are parked half on and half off the walkway.
Acklington Road	1			This a good start, it will not however address the issue of those parking adjacent to crossing point or in fact on top of it. Ironically usually by people who have children who then struggle to cross the road safely. It is inevitable that someone will be seriously injured or killed at this point due not only to the inconsiderate parking bus also the speed people drive down Acklington Road.
Bisley Road	1			Thank you for the request for my views on the junction of Acklington Rd, and Bisley Rd. I live on X road and the junction has become a parking area for people using the facilities at the Welfare and the school entrance of Acklington Rd. The Parking makes it difficult for pedestrians and especially disabled to get past the parked cars. Now that the school children walk up Bisley Rd to school the danger has been exacerbated. There are residents who live on Acklington Rd and the end of Bisley Rd park on the road and pavement and make the corner of Bisley and the junction to Acklington Rd a major concern. I suggest the proposed double yellow lines need to come onto Bisley Rd up to the junction of Westfield Rd on both side to reduce the congestion at the corner/junction and to keep clear the pavement for wheel chairs at the dropped kerb area and to maintain the visibility at the junction. Bisley Rd has become a parking problem as several residents have large camper vans which are standing for long periods without moving, they cause restricted access down the road for deliveries, ambulance and services vehicle (Refuse, Fire, Sweeping). The kerb in front of my property has been repaired several times but due to heavy delivery vans and wagons using the pavement to temporarily park to deliver it is constantly being damaged. The pavement the full length of Bisley Rd are in a very poor state of repair.

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	1		Members of Amble Town Council fully support the below proposal regarding the installation of yellow lines along Acklington Road and Bisley Road. We welcome this addition which we hope will help the problems experienced here.
Bisley Road	1		I think the yellow lines should come further round the corner to entrance of the ally and same at opposite side at 1 Bisley Road. Also cut hedge down at least half the size it is now so Lollypop woman has more view of Acklington Rd looking down to middle school. I also think you should supply the lollypop woman with a body cam for her safety and also the kids. I have talked to the neighbours and all agree about extending the lines that is illustrated in the diagram you sent us as road on the corner is narrow to start with.
Acklington Road	1		No comments
Bisley Road	1		I agree with the yellow lines, but they should be extended to the lane junction, as highlighted on your drawing. Vehicles will park behind the yellow lines proposed and cause a blind spot for vehicles exiting the road to the rear of Acklington Road.
	1		Restriction should be past number 66
Acklington Road	1		Yes I think it's quite dangerous, people crossing over to welfare. But also I find it difficult to reverse out my drive next to X and X as sometimes a camper van there. Road is very busy, really dangerous there is going to be an accident if something isn't done

Appendix C – Second consultation letter



Our ref: Acklington Road
Enquiries to: Highways Programme
Email: Highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk
Date: 20th November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Acklington Road/Bisley Road, Amble

During the initial consultation, a number of requests were made regarding extending the restrictions further than originally proposed.

In view of this, the County Council is proposing additional double yellow lines in the areas highlighted red and blue on the plan overleaf. Please note, that these restrictions would be in force at all times, which means residents/visitors would not be able to park in these areas.

I am therefore writing to you to ask for your views on both of these additional proposals. 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 **Friday the 8th of December 2023**.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours sincerely,

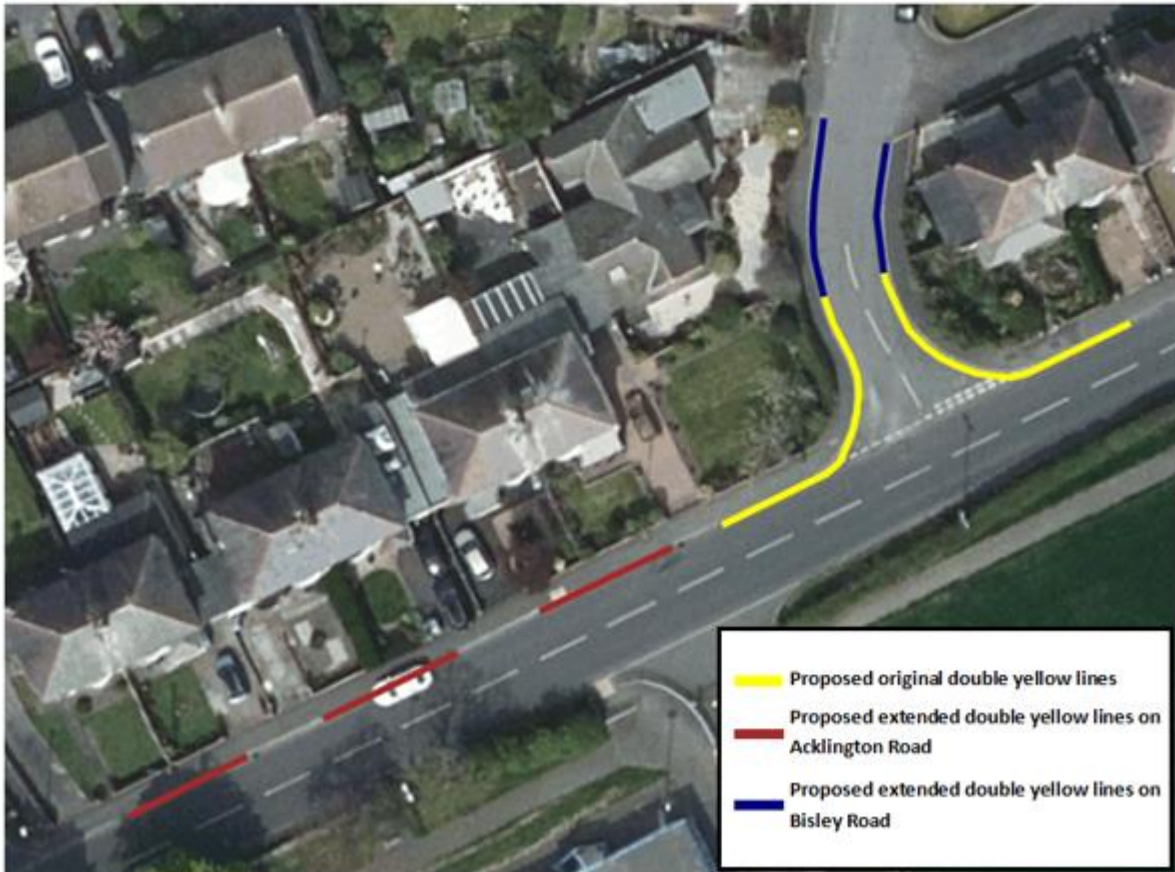
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Proposed additional parking restrictions – Acklington Road/Bisley Road



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Appendix D – Summary of second consultation responses

	FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
Thoroughfare				
			1	Thank you for your correspondence in which you invite us to offer comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as an Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for out-patients appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
Acklington Road	1			Although I support the proposal for the parking restrictions is this not just going to move the problem further down Acklington Road and into Bisley Road. The Parking problem only surfaces when football training and matches are taking place. Would the solution not be to create or designate a parking area for these occasions like what seems to happen in most areas of Northumberland apart from Amble.
Acklington Road	1			Thank you for your further consultation. Firstly, thank you so much for listening!. We whole heartedly support your proposals. The only reservation we now have is whether only having parking restrictions on the north side of the road might encourage people to park on the south side, next to the welfare. I'm sure you deal with these situations all the time so we would be happy to leave this to your own judgement, based on your experience. We would hope that people would not park on the south side of Acklington Road, where there is no footway, but we have known it occur on a small number of occasions. Thanks again for your consultation on this matter.
Acklington Road		1		I don't think that extending the lines will solve the issue as people will just park on the other side of the road and continue to park on the pavement along the rest of Acklington and Bisley Roads. How will this impact delivery drivers? are they allowed to park on double yellows? Whilst as a driver I support the original proposal as a resident I do not support the extended development.
Acklington Road	1			I note that the proposal has the double yellow lines stopping outside of XX Acklington Road and not continuing beyond. One of the biggest parking issues on this road occurs beyond here and around the bend heading towards the school. On all weekends and Wednesday where there are football matches/practice sessions people park all down the road and around the bend turning the road into a single track with no clear visibility to what is happening at either end. There have been multiple ties where the result is a complete logjam with nobody able to pass in either direction. Also, drivers consistently park in an inconsiderate and dangerous way by parking on the pavement completely blocking it off as a pedestrian thoroughfare forcing mothers with pushchairs and disabled people to walk down the road passed multiple cars. This is undoubtedly an accident waiting to happen. Can the double yellow lines be extended further along Acklington road to stop this?
Acklington Road	1			no comments

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		1		The problem stalls from the football teams playing at home, the cars need somewhere to park. Putting yellow lines at those location will only move the problem further down Acklington Road. The high school would solve all these problems
Bisley Road	1			Any idea when this is going to happen. As I've got no objections to the lines being extended. Glad XX saw at first hand of what some parents do to get parked. Already had one accident on the 30 November 2023. I think some more could happen. The quicker they go down the safer the corner will be .. if you could let me know if possible. Other neighbours I've spoken to agree with the extension from the first draft. Thanks again. Hopefully when down that parents respect it as I think the traffic warden should visit for a few weeks to check no one is parking on them.
Acklington Road	1			The proposed extended double yellow lines on Acklington Road should continue for a further 30 metre.
Amble TC	1			Amble Town Council has no objections to the extended double yellow lines as proposed in the consultation for Acklington Road and Bisley Road, Amble

Appendix E – Scheme extents

