



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones – Director of Environment & Transport

Proposed Disabled Parking Bays – Broadway, Ponteland

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

15 August 2024

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to formalise the existing disabled parking bays at the Broadway shops in Ponteland.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposed disabled bays for Blue Badge holders only are formalised in order to improve parking facilities 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 abusive parking at the existing disabled bays outside the shops at Broadway in Ponteland.
2. Amendments to these disabled bays are proposed in order to alleviate these concerns and to allow enforcement so Blue Badge holders have improved parking provisions.
3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor.

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4. The scheme is to be funded through the 2024/25 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Background

Local shops are situated on Broadway in Ponteland with parking facilities available adjacent to the carriageway, separated by a grass verge. Limited waiting restrictions are in operation for the standard parking bays with a maximum stay of 2 hours and no return within 1 hour to encourage vehicular turnover whilst allowing enough time for visitors to shop in the area. However, no restrictions are present on the marked disabled bays, which affords all motorists the opportunities to park in them and reduces facilities for Blue Badge holders.



Fig. 1: Existing advisory disabled bays at Broadway shops, Ponteland (Source: Google Maps, 2024)

Concerns have been raised by Blue Badge holders regarding abuse of these bays, thus reducing their ability to park in the vicinity or having to park further away. In order to alleviate these issues, amendments to the disabled bays are proposed which include installing new signage to denote that the facilities are for Blue Badge holders only and re-marking the bays to coincide with the prescribed regulations in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016. The location of the disabled bays to be formalised are illustrated in Figure 2 below.

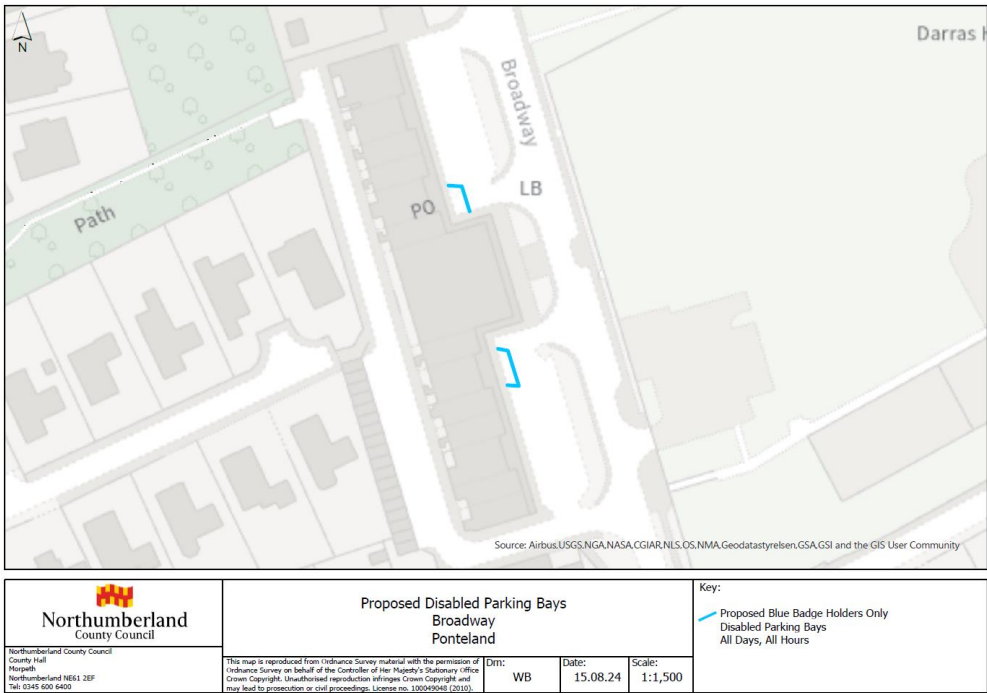


Fig. 2: Proposed formalised disabled bays at Broadway, Ponteland

The detailed design of the proposal can be found in Appendix A. Any restrictions which are to remain are not denoted within the plan and will not be altered as part of the scheme. The proposal is intended to increase parking facilities for Blue Badge holders and to protect the amenity of the area overall. Relevant statutory consultees and local businesses situated within the area 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

Policy	Consistent with existing policies.
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the LTP 2024/25 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	N/A
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees and local businesses will be informed.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Ponteland West

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Background Papers

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Appendix A – Scheme Layout

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer	Director of Environment & Transport
Subject	Proposed formalised disabled bays at Broadway, Ponteland
Consultation	Statutory consultees and local businesses will be informed
Decision Taken	To formalise existing disabled parking bays at Broadway, Ponteland

Signature of Director



Date

16th August 2024

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

