



# **Northumberland**

## **County Council**

### **RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT**

**Paul Jones – Director of Environment & Transport**

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**Proposed Parking Restrictions – Croft Way, Belford**

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

**22 July 2024**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce new parking restrictions at Croft Way in Belford.

#### **Recommendation**

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 outside Belford Medical Practice on Croft Way in Belford.
2. As a result, ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ parking restrictions have been proposed on Croft Way in Belford to alleviate these concerns.
3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and Belford Parish Council.

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4. The scheme is to be funded through Councillor Renner-Thompson's Members' Local Improvement Scheme Allowance.

### Background

Belford Medical Practice is situated on Croft Field just south of its junction with High Street. Croft Field links to Croft Way as an access route into adjacent residential streets meaning vehicles will regularly pass along this route.

Parking restrictions in the form of 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) road markings are in operation at the junction of Croft Field and High Street but the rest of the route is derestricted, meaning visitors to the surgery are able to park on-street despite off-street parking facilities being available. As the carriageway narrows on Croft Way, vehicles parked on this section of the road obstructs forward visibility for other vehicles navigating through the vicinity, as well as obstructing the footway for pedestrians.



**Fig.1: Existing layout of Croft Way, Belford where carriageway becomes narrow  
(Source: Google Maps, 2024)**

In order to alleviate these issues, parking restrictions are proposed on this section of Croft Way to prohibit obstructive and indiscriminate parking associated with Belford Medical Practice. During the consultation period, queries were received regarding parking for Blue Badge holders and it was explained that, provided no obstructions or dangerous parking occurs, a maximum 3-hour time limit is permitted for those who display a valid Blue Badge (whilst also displaying the clock provided) to park on double yellow lines.

Details of the proposal can be found in Appendix A with consultation responses shown in Appendix B. The proposal is intended to increase road safety, maintain the free flow of traffic where possible 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

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies.
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will be financed through the local County Councillor's MLIS Allowance budget.
<b>Legal</b>	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order.
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Statutory consultees, directly affected residents and the medical practice have been consulted.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Bamburgh

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### **Background Papers**

File reference – HO240019

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

### **Author**

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### **DECISION TAKEN**

<b>Title of Officer</b>	Director of Environment & Transport
<b>Subject</b>	Proposed parking restrictions at Croft Way, Belford
<b>Consultation</b>	For: 2 (100%) Against: 0 (0%)
<b>Decision Taken</b>	To introduce new parking restrictions at Croft Way, Belford

**Signature of Director**



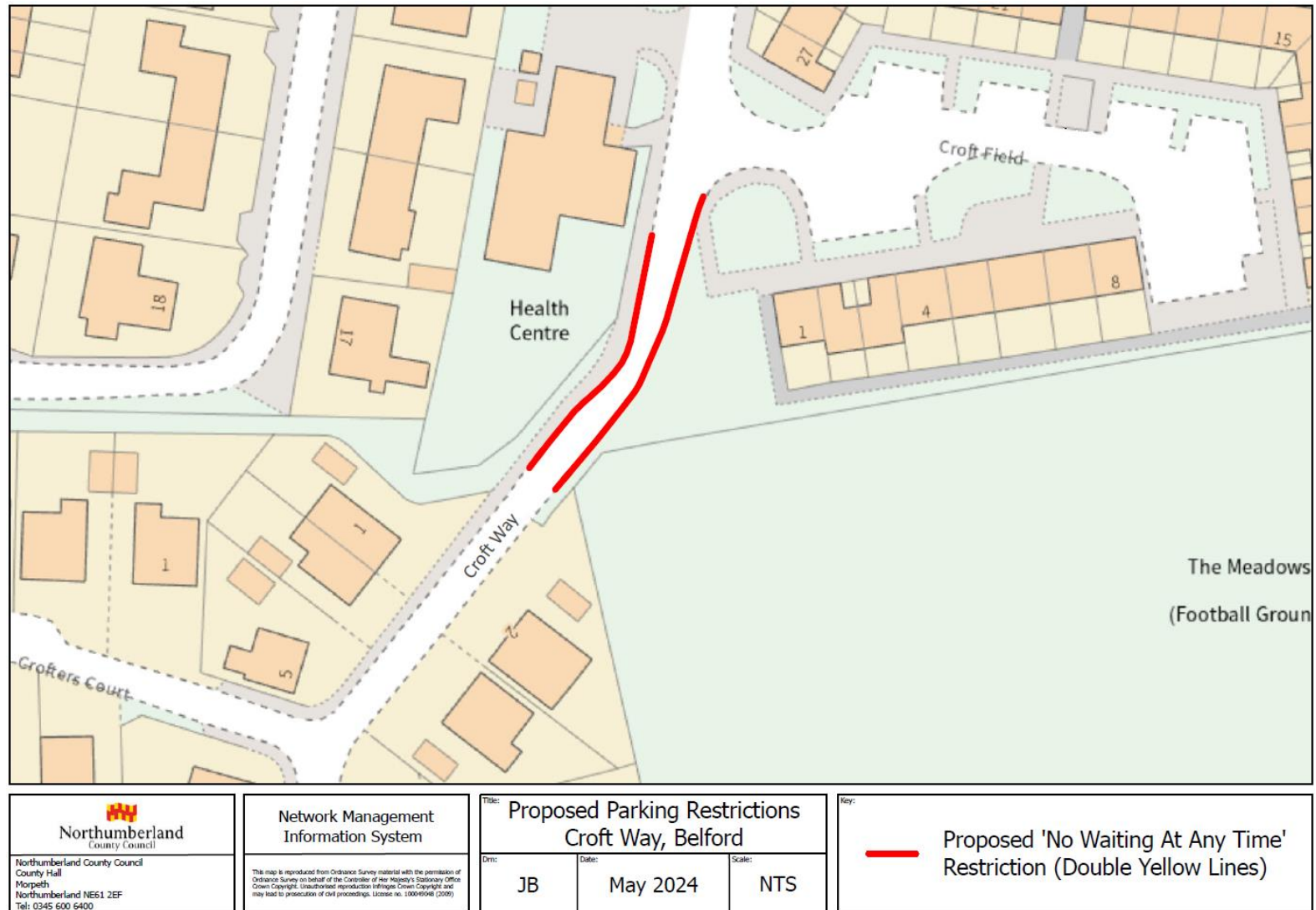
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**Date**

8<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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### Appendix A – Scheme Layout



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### Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Key: F = For; A = Against

F A		RESPONSES
1		I'm a disabled person that can't walk very far because of my illness and have to be taken to the surgery by car. I understand the parking problems at the surgery and some people can park in the football ground but that isn't an option for me and quite a few other disabled patients. I queried this with Cllr and was told the disabled people with a blue card could park on those proposed yellow lines but reading your proposal it seems that there wouldn't be any parking on the yellow lines so which is it to be. If I might make a proposal that the surgery is moved up to the school on Williams Way and they would have ample parking for patients and staff and further expansion for the future considering the amount of new houses being in Belford.
1		I am all for this but you should restricted more what you have ae taking the lines should be right to the road end, as it is not good to turn in at times. As are still on the road waiting for others coming out. Also right up to the top corner as people will park all the way up the estate as they do at times. As the corner itself is not best as its just wide enough when you meet. Also no parking for blue badges. Residents that live on the road should have their own parking space marked on the road. If they have nowhere to park. Carers should have special stickers for there cars.
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