



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

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

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**Proposed Parking Restrictions – High Street & New Queen Street,  
Newbiggin-by-the-Sea**

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

**09 September 2024**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce new parking restrictions at High Street and its junction with New Queen Street in Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

#### **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 at the junction of High Street and New Queen Street in Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.
2. ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are proposed in order to alleviate these concerns.

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3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Town Council.
4. The scheme is to be funded through the 2024/25 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

### Background

High Street forms one of the main roads through Newbiggin town centre and is also primarily residential in nature, with the majority of properties having no off-street parking available. It is therefore often congested with vehicles either navigating through the route or parked using available kerbside space which is at a high demand.



**Fig. 1: Existing layout at High Street and its junction with New Queen Street, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea (Source: Google Maps, 2024)**

Officers have observed that vehicles will regularly park directly at the junction of High Street with New Queen Street, which limits forward visibility for motorists manoeuvring in or out of this junction and obstructs the view of pedestrians attempting to cross the road, which increases the likelihood of collisions occurring. Furthermore, vehicles park throughout the day slightly north of this junction on New Queen Street in a lay-by which was originally designated as a form of a passing place at a narrow location of the carriageway, entirely on the footway or grass verge, forcing pedestrians onto the carriageway.

As a result, 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are proposed to alleviate the concerns observed and raised with obstructive and indiscriminate parking. It is acknowledged that the new restrictions would remove parking for residents, however off-street car parks are available in the nearby vicinity and kerbside space exists in other locations which can be utilised. In addition, motorists are still able to stop on these waiting restrictions to load/unload, should it be required.

The proposed restrictions can be observed in Appendix A, with consultation responses listed in Appendix B. They are intended to increase road safety, maintain the free flow of traffic where possible and to protect the amenity of the area. Northumbria Police, other emergency services, relevant statutory consultees and directly affected properties will be notified of this amendment as part of the process for making the 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 LTP 2024/25 programme.
<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 and directly affected residents have been consulted.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Newbiggin Central and East

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### **Background Papers**

File reference – HE233728D-10

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

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### **DECISION TAKEN**

<b>Title of Officer</b>	Director of Environment & Transport
<b>Subject</b>	Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at High Street & New Queen Street, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea
<b>Consultation</b>	For: 3 (60%) Against: 2 (40%)
<b>Decision Taken</b>	To introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at High Street & New Queen Street, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea

**Signature of Director**



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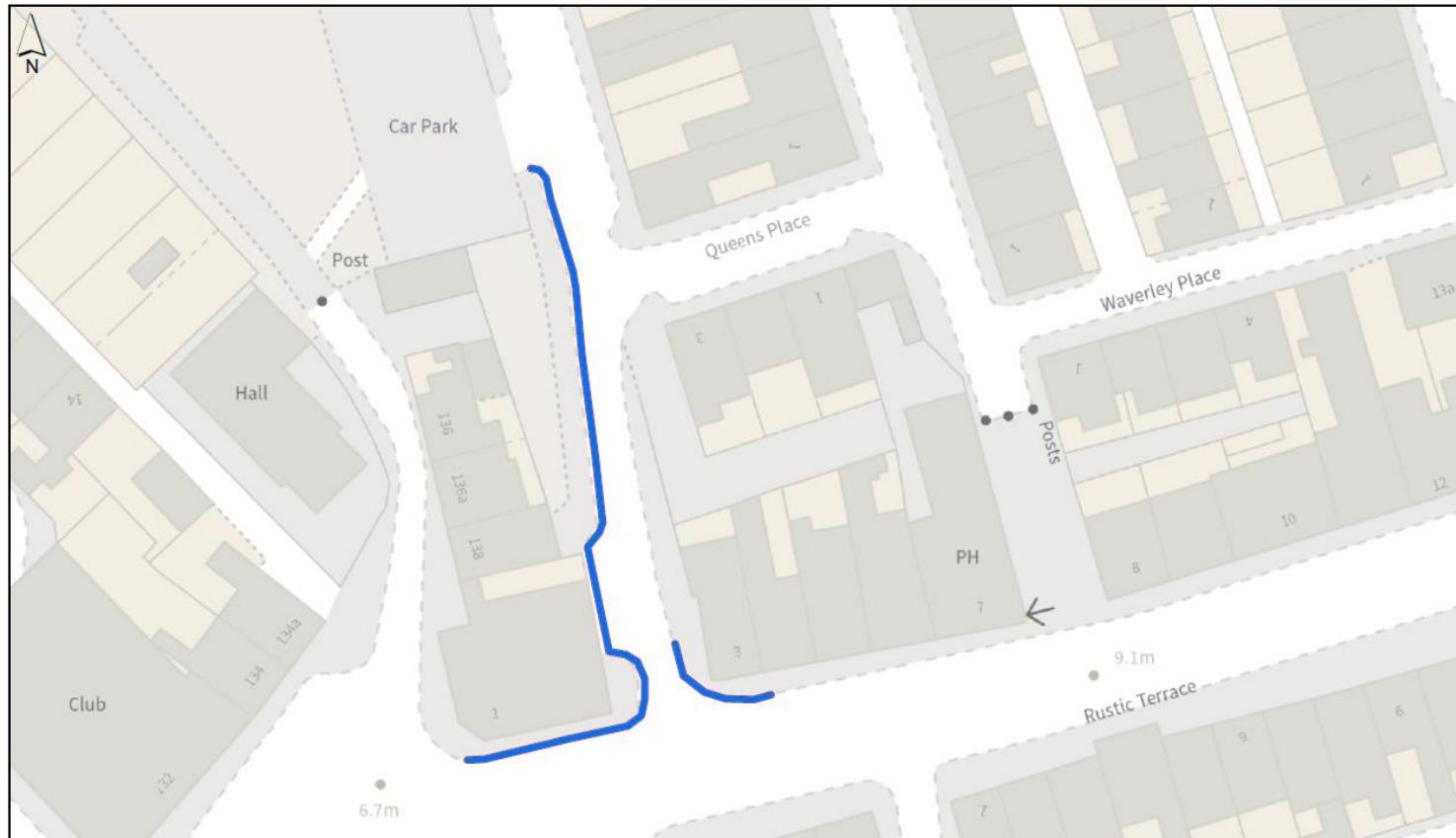
**Date**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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### Appendix A – Scheme Layout



 <b>Northumberland</b> County Council	<b>Proposed Parking Restrictions</b> <b>High Street &amp; New Queen Street</b> <b>Newbiggin-by-the-Sea</b>				<b>Key:</b>  Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines)
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### Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Key: F = For; A = Against

F A	RESPONSES
1	<p>Thanks for the letter with attached map showing your intentions to improve road safety, I've been asking for this for years and pleased to see it's eventually going to happen. However, I don't feel that it's necessary to have the lines pass our address which is 3 High Street. Would you consider ending the yellow lines with the end of our front window? This will leave more than ample space for cars pulling out to give them a good view, after all there hasn't been any accidents caused by cars coming down the street. The few accidents there has been has always been from cars coming up the street passed the Queen Victoria, I've lived at 3 High Street for over 20 years and there's never been any issues until they started running a business from the Queen Victoria. Huge vans parking on the High Street outside the Queen Victoria with no consideration whatsoever for other road users. I'd appreciate it greatly if you'd consider my request, I'm a responsible parker and considerate driver and always look at things from a safety point of view. I always park up from the end of the junction for safety reasons and there's always some clown who parks very tight behind me which causes the issue, if the lines end at our window end then that's in keeping with where we've always parked.</p>
1	<p>They needed to be reinstated on the High Street that corner trying to get out from Queen Street is dangerous. Fully support this initiative.</p>
1	<p>Newbiggin by the Sea Town Council support the proposed 'no waiting at any time' at High Street and New Queen Street but question whether they should also be extended on the other side of the road. It is possible they will move traffic to parking outside No.1 High Street instead. The proposal will greatly improve visibility and hopefully encourage use of the nearby car park.</p>
1	<p>I am pleased that the County are looking to improve road safety. We live on the end house on Front Street opposite the proposed restrictions and are well aware of the issues. However I should like to register concerns re the impact this could have on the parking in this area. We have lived here for almost 34 years and have seen the volume of cars increase considerably and along with the increase in businesses, Italian restaurant, a Bar and more recently a B&amp; B, all within very close proximity of this proposed parking restriction, makes me very concerned about the effect this will have on the residents. Our back lane is extremely narrow and therefore no option there. Drivers regularly park on the double yellow lines already in place, or on the pavement. As with a lot of places in Northumberland, Newbiggin's parking provision is concerning, people are reluctant to walk any distance at all. I have some photos of two days this week which illustrate some of the issues. The car park on the map should be considered as a place to be extended to help. Councillor Simpson has told me this is where people will be recommended to park their vehicles after the restrictions are brought into effect. We own 2 cars but one of them is regularly parked at our daughter's house at the West End of Newbiggin due to the situation. My husband and I are not against improvements but are concerned at the detrimental effect this may have, especially knowing how many people regularly flaunt the current restrictions without any penalty.</p>
1	<p>Just received a letter today stating you are wanting to put no waiting at any time double lines outside of my home and all round to new Queen Street for improve road safety. Is that the only part of the main road that needs improvement, as the main road goes all the way up to the church point where there's cars parked. I would like to state that I have disability issues to where I need to get parked at my door for walking so where will I park my car when lines are put on road and what about porters where people are parking motorhomes outside. is that not a issue for the roads. all these holiday homes where at some days you can't get parked at your door. I think the council needs to think about putting parking for all the folk who visit the town instead you have this congestion of loads of cars. I will be making a application for a disabled bay outside my home as it looks like you are just targeting all round our building and what about the other corner opposite to the turn in to Queen Street. No 3 onwards is it possible to have someone from the council to diguse this or its just going ahead.</p>
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