

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport

Proposed Parking Restrictions - Cateran Way, Cramlington

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

14 November 2024

Purpose of Report

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

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 Cateran Way in Cramlington.
- 2. As a result, 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions have been proposed to alleviate these concerns.
- 3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor.
- 4. The scheme is to be funded through Councillor Ezhilchelvan's Members' Local Improvement Scheme Allowance.

Background

Cateran Way is the main route through Collingwood Grange estate and links to the new development of residential houses accessed via Canberra Drive. Its layout is residential in nature and whilst most properties have off-street parking available, the on-street parking of vehicles is common and in terms of parking, the road is currently derestricted.



Fig.1: Existing layout of Cateran Way and the road leading to Canberra Drive where carriageway becomes narrow (Source: Google Maps, 2024)

At the road linking Cateran Way to Canberra Drive (illustrated in Figure 1 above) parked vehicles can cause difficulties for motorists navigating through the vicinity, including larger vehicles used for deliveries to the many properties situated here.

In order to alleviate these issues, parking restrictions are proposed on both sides of this section of Cateran Way and directly south of the junction to prohibit obstructive and indiscriminate parking.

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.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies.
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the local County Councillor's MLIS Allowance budget.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order.
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	N/A
Yes □ No □ N/A □	
Risk Assessment	N/A
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees and directly affected residents have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Cramlington South East

Delegated Decision

Background Papers

File reference – HO240123

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

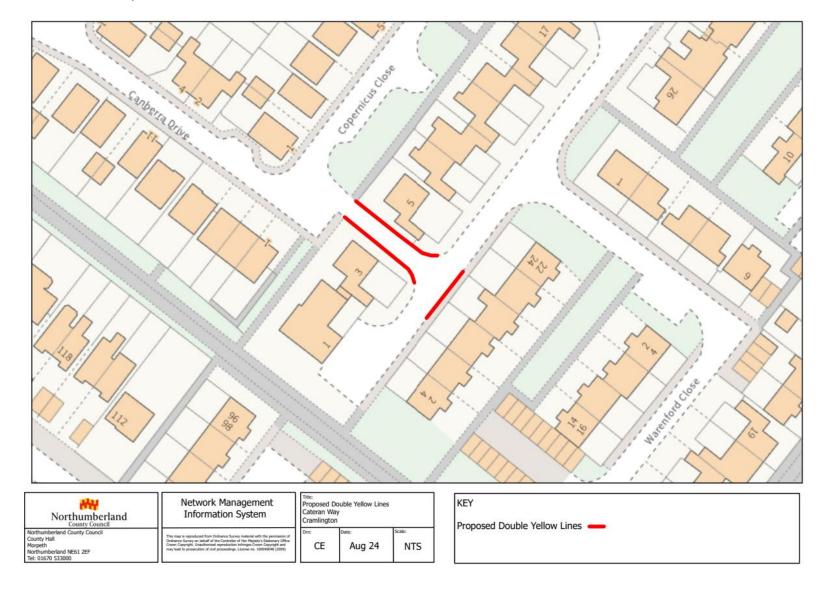
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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer	Director of Environment & Transport
Subject	Proposed parking restrictions at Cateran Way, Cramlington
Consultation	For: 2 (100%) Against: 0 (0%)
Decision Taken	To introduce new parking restrictions at Cateran Way, Cramlington
Signature of Director	
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Date	
15 th November 2024	

Appendix A – Scheme Layout



Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Key: F = For; A = Against

A RESPONSES

The lines for double yellow lines are going to make zero difference unless the lines are extended. Opposite the junction is an issue but having to cross into oncoming traffic before reaching the junction is the issue. They need to be extended as shown below. I have no idea why they go beyond the junction on the far side but not where the main body of traffic comes from.

I read about the proposal to add double yellow lines to part of Cateran Way and the access road to Cragside Mews in Collingwood Grange Cramlington as marked on the plan. I'm a resident of Cateran Way and live very close to the affected area. I'm in favour of the yellow lines on the access road to Collingwood Mews (primarily because it's an access route and no-one ever parks there anyway) but I am opposed to the double yellow lines on Cateran Way. Speeding is a real issue on the lower parts of Cateran Way and frequent offenders are residents of Cragside Mews estate, especially on the approach to and from the estate entrance, where drivers race up to and away from the entrance. The current unrestricted parking on Cateran Way actually has a calming effect because parked vehicles have the effect of forcing drivers to reduce speed. If double yellow lines were added it would simply give speeding drivers a clear run and encourage even more speeding. Parking down Cateran Way is tight and this includes the area around other junction with side streets, such as Warenford Close, Cragside, Woodhill Road and Wilkwood Close. If double yellow lines are added to the entrance to Cragside Mews you're leaving yourself vulnerable to other residents requesting similar requests for the other side streets. If implemented that would severely impact on-street parking on Cateran Way and create all sorts of other challenges. I feel that the matter of access to Cragside Mews could be better managed by simply demanding that road users employ greater levels of care.

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