

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Hill Street, Corbridge

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

22 April 2024

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions at Hill Street in Corbridge.

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 observed road safety issues regarding obstructive and indiscriminate parking on Hill Street in Corbridge adjacent to the provided echelon parking bays.
- 2. 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are proposed in order to alleviate these concerns.
- 3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor.
- 4. The scheme is to be funded through the 2024/25 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Background

Hill Street is situated within the centre of Corbridge and is therefore a popular location for both residents and visitors to the area for parking. The on-street parking restrictions in place are shared-use for visitors paying to park or for residents with a valid permit issued by the Council but these can often be at full capacity.

In recent years, echelon parking bays have been installed on Hill Street with a hatched marking area to distinguish where the bays end and where parking outside of these bays is not permitted. As waiting restrictions e.g. double yellow lines, are not operational in this hatched area, many visitors choose to park here and will receive then dispute a Penalty Charge Notice for being parked out of bay. Parking at this location also creates road safety issues through obstructing visibility for private accesses and increasing the risk of side-swipe collisions. Examples of this practice can be observed in Figure 1 below.



Fig. 1: Parking in hatched area at Hill Street, Corbridge

As a result, 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) are proposed to be extended into this hatched area in order to alleviate the issues being experienced here and to avoid any further confusion for motorists visiting the area.

The proposed restrictions can be observed in Appendix A. 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.

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 LTP 2024/25 programme. |
| 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 | The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking. |
| Crime & Disorder | Regulations in place to carry out enforcement. |
| Customer Consideration | Statutory consultees and directly affected properties have been consulted. |
| Carbon reduction | None |
| Wards | Corbridge |

Background Papers

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\21\HE Minor Improvements\HE213537D - TROs\HE213537D-08 Hill Street Corbridge Bollards

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

Author

Report Author William Binks, Programme Officer

DECISION TAKEN

| Title of Officer | Director of Environment & Transport |
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| Subject | Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at Hill Street, Corbridge |
| Consultation | No responses received during the formal consultation |
| Decision Taken | To introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at Hill Street, Corbridge |

Signature of Director

Date

23rd April 2024

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

