



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Wensleydale Terrace & Adjoining Junctions, Blyth

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

25 November 2024

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce new and amend existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions at Wensleydale Terrace and its adjoining junctions in Blyth.

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 on Wensleydale Terrace and its junctions with Dent Street, Grantham Street, Twizell Street and Briarwood Road at Blyth.
2. 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) are proposed to be extended at the junctions in order to alleviate these concerns.

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3. Existing double yellow lines on Wensleydale Terrace outside residential properties present enforcement issues where the Council allows footway parking, but leaves residents liable to receive a Penalty Charge Notice.
4. A section of these restrictions are therefore proposed to be removed as part of this scheme.
5. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor.
6. The scheme is to be funded through the 2024/25 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Background

Wensleydale Terrace forms part of the main coastal route between Blyth and Seaton Sluice. Given its location in proximity to the coast and its narrow single carriageway, 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are in operation throughout most of this area. The restrictions, however, stop relatively short of the junctions which link Wensleydale Terrace to residential streets, namely Dent Street, Grantham Street, Twizell Street and Briarwood Road.



Fig. 1: Existing layouts at Wensleydale Terrace and its adjoining junctions, Blyth
(Source: Google Maps, 2024)

Concerns have been raised regarding vehicles parked too close to the junction, which obstructs the view for pedestrians attempting to cross the road and forward visibility for motorists navigating through the junction, increasing the likelihood of collisions.

As a result, the double yellow lines are proposed to be extended at Dent Street, Grantham Street, Twizell Street and Briarwood Road in order to alleviate these issues and improve forward visibility along with the free flow of traffic.

Further south of these junctions on Wensleydale Terrace are existing double yellow lines to prohibit parking on the carriageway, although this also applies to the adjacent footways and verges meaning vehicles cannot be parked on either side of these road markings. The Council has assessed a short section of Wensleydale Terrace outside residential properties and is satisfied that parking on the footway can be permitted without damage to the surface and with sufficient widths available to allow pedestrians such as wheelchair or pram users to pass without obstruction. Should vehicles be parked in a manner which

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fully blocks this footway, however, they are liable to a Fixed Penalty Notice issued by the Police.



Fig. 2: Example of vehicles parking on Wensleydale Terrace, Blyth

Enforcement of this section of road is provisionally agreed to be suspended and the double yellow lines removed to allow residents the ability to park outside their properties, however this will be monitored and should the Council observe obstructive parking either on the footway or carriageway in a manner which causes road safety issues, the restrictions could be re-installed.

The proposals 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.

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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	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 residents have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Wensleydale

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Background Papers

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Appendix A – Scheme Layouts

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Title of Officer	Director of Environment & Transport
Subject	Proposed extension and removal of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at Wensleydale Terrace and its adjoining junctions, Blyth
Consultation	Not required on grounds of road safety, however statutory consultees and directly affected residents have been informed
Decision Taken	To introduce new and amend existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at Wensleydale Terrace and its adjoining junctions, Blyth

Signature of Director



Date

25th November 2024

Appendix A – Scheme Layouts



