



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

**Paul Jones - Director of Environment and Transport**

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**Proposed Parking Restrictions – Windburgh Drive, Cramlington**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restrictions on Windburgh Drive, Cramlington.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restrictions be implemented as proposed.

#### **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. Residents have raised concerns about indiscriminate parking by non-residents, which is causing visibility issues when accessing Windburgh Drive from its adjoining streets.
2. The scheme is supported by Councillor Ezhilchelvan and will be funded using his Member's Local Improvement Scheme allowance.

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### **Background**

1. Vehicles are parking on the junction causing sightline problems for vehicles exiting these roads. This inconsiderate parking has raised road safety concerns that have been reported to the local county councillor.
2. The Highway Code states 'DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space'. This is to allow sightlines to be kept clear.
3. After discussing the issues with the Local County Councillor it was agreed that double yellow lines should be introduced following the feedback of a public consultation with the local residents of Windburgh Drive and its surrounding streets.

### **Consultation**

Residents, and statutory consultees were therefore consulted on a proposal to provide double yellow lines on Windburgh Drive, as shown in Appendix A. 12 responses were received with 10 in favour, 1 against and 1 neither for nor against. A summary of these responses is shown in Appendix B.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Funded through the Member Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Ezhilchelvan
<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> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The scheme has been designed to minimise the road safety concerns that are caused by indiscriminate parking
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Traffic safety concerns i.e. Obstruction / congestion of the highway
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for residents and road users in the area
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Cramlington South East

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### **Background Papers:**

File Reference - HO206990

### **Author and Contact Details**

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### DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer:** Director of Environment & Transport

**Subject:** Proposed Parking Restrictions Windburgh Drive, Cramlington

**Consultation:** 12 responses received  
10 in favour  
1 against  
1 neither yes nor no

**Decision Taken:** To introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Windburgh Drive, Cramlington

Signature of Director



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Date:  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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### Appendix A – Consultation Letter and Plan



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**Your ref:**  
**Our ref:** HO206990  
**Enquiries to:** Highways Improvements Team  
**Email:** [Highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk)  
**Tel direct:** 0345 600 6400  
**Date:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposed Parking Restrictions – Windburgh Drive, Cramlington.**

After a face-to-face consultation with residents, and successful leaflet drop, Councillor Ezhilchelvan has requested that officers consult on the possible introduction of double yellow lines on Windburgh Drive in order to address ongoing road safety concerns.

I am therefore writing to you to ask for your views on this proposal. Please visit <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Highways/Roads/Traffic.aspx> or send your views via email to [HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk)

For those who don't have access to emails, a freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process.

It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation exercise and all comments received will be carefully considered.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report to the Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection.

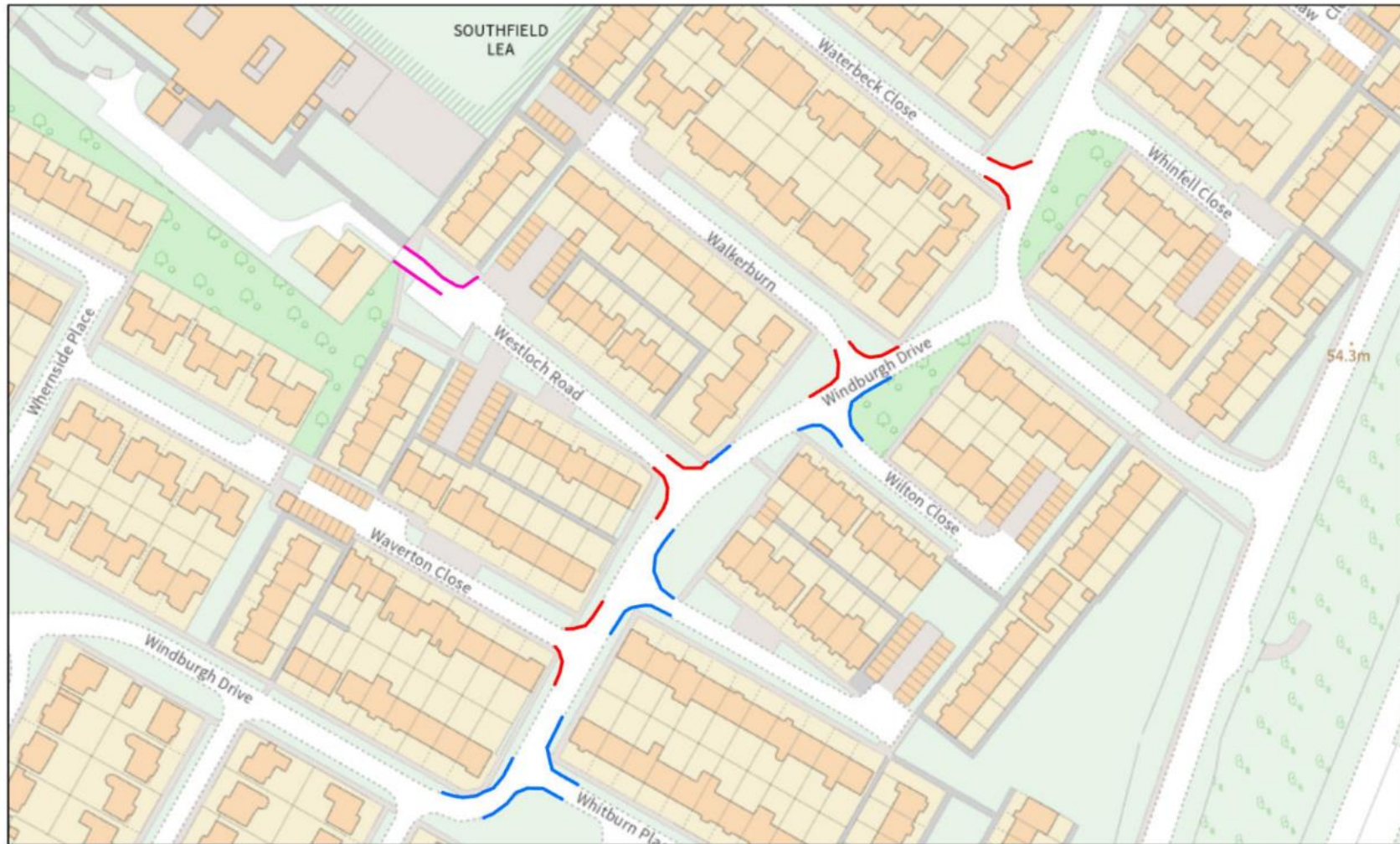
This consultation is open until **Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2023.**

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours sincerely,

Highways Improvements Team

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Title: HO206990 - Proposed Double Yellow Lines Windburgh Drive Cramlington		
Drawn: CE	Date: Apr 23	Scale: NTS

**KEY**  
 Existing Double Yellow Lines ---  
 Existing School Keep Clears ---  
 Proposed Double Yellow Lines ---

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Appendix B – Summary of consultation responses

Post Code	F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
	1			<p>Re: the proposed highway changes along Windburgh Drive Cramlington. Firstly you got the email address wrong in your letter. This may hinder some people who email in. You missed out the 'a' in land. Secondly I have no problems with the proposed solutions highlighted. My only thoughts are around the actual length of the proposed double yellow lines that wrap around and into Whitburn place and Wilton close etc. It looks like they would go past the properties on the ends meaning they may not be able to park outside their own homes. It certainly looks this way on the images shared, while this doesn't affect me personally I feel those that it does impact may need more assurance that it won't affect their accesses to their properties. It may just simply be that the lines don't go that far into the street, but it certainly looks on the images that it goes past the first property and up to the second property before stopping. Thirdly because of these changes it could push traffic deeper into the side streets. While I still agree with the changes in principle to help the main road parking, it could cause more issues with parking outside residential properties and driveways. I'm hoping the council will be as responsive to any new issue that may arise after these changes are in effect.</p>
	1			<p>I am emailing on behalf of my mother in-law at X Whitburn Place. As much as she welcomes extra controls she is concerned that the double yellow lines will go in front of her house which will give family members no parking when visiting she is XX years old and has children living in X and X so they need to drive to check and support her. It seems only Whitburn and Wasdale have the lines covering houses so impairing visiting parking. Is there no way to just restrict at certain times.</p>
NE23 6LN	1			No comments
NE23 6LN	1			<p>Excellent idea. Parked cars at the entrance to streets cause a hazard to pedestrians, especially children walking to school.</p>



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		1	<p>When the school was built in this vicinity, I think the hope was that people would use the cycle track and traffic would be limited. However despite the vision being admirable the practicality is very different. You people are juggling lots of life and work choices and walking everywhere doesn't fit in with modern day life, not to mention our wet weather. Dropping and collecting children to and from school is a priority to their safety. Can residents not have patience for a few minutes twice a day to accommodate this necessary task. Also the double yellow lines would restrict visitors to the attached properties, permanently, for the sake of school times collections. Therefore it is with careful deliberation I reject the idea of more double yellow lines as proposed. The proposers should ask the residents to slow down, viewing from X Whitburn Place I witness the race track attitude of residents speeding around the "Windburgh" bend. Maybe it is the residents who have the problem not the parents and carers innocently collecting their children. If this idea goes ahead it doesn't solve the problem of where the parents can park to enable collecting their children.</p>
NE23 6LN	1		No comments
	1		I think this is a brilliant idea
NE23 6LW	1		Long overdue. I live on Westlock Road and have had countless near misses driving out of the street onto a blind road due to the senseless parking for Cragside School. You have to actually drive on the wrong side of Windburgh drive to get past the parked cars.
		1	<p>I would inform you that as an Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for out-patient appointments.</p> <p>I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.</p>
	1		<p>The yellow lines on corner of Westlock is essential. There were approved years ago by XX. They need to be done ASAP. Also need another residents parking sign to be erected at pole beside parking bays on Westlock Road. Another that said would be done but hasn't. I also approve of the lines on all there other street corners. Residents need to be able to see when leaving their streets.</p>

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	1			I am in favour of the outlined proposals, however it is my understanding that double yellow lines were to be put at the entrance of Southfield lea (westerkirk) because of the hazard of parked cars very near the entrance road.
	1			Basically I have no problems with the proposals. Currently school drop off parking is on the "School Side" of Windburgh. If available parking areas are reduced by the yellow lines this could result in parking on the east side. Additionally parking could result in the current unrestricted "side streets". Could the proposed yellow lines, both sides, on the corner near the entrance to Whitburn be extended.
	10	1	1	