



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

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

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**Proposed Parking Restrictions – C405 Rothesay Terrace & Victoria Terrace, Bedlington**

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

**06 January 2025**

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#### **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 several junctions adjoining Rothesay Terrace & Victoria Terrace in Bedlington.

#### **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 dangerous parking on the junctions of Rothesay Terrace & Victoria Terrace, Bedlington.
2. The current parking conditions are making it difficult for emergency services and larger vehicles to navigate to the rear lanes of Rothesay Terrace & Victoria Terrace.

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3. 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are proposed in order to alleviate these concerns.
4. The proposal is supported by the local County Councillor and East Bedlington Parish Council.
5. The scheme is to be funded through County Councillor Wilczek's Members Local Improvement Scheme Allowance (MLIS).

### Background

The C405 road is situated to the east of Bedlington and is a primary road that connects Bedlington Station to the town centre. Along the C405 Rothesay Terrace & Victoria Terrace are adjoining streets with numerous junctions that provide access to the back lanes of each of the terraces. Officers have observed vehicles parked at the junctions of these roads which obstruct the free flow of traffic and forward visibility, whilst also causing difficulty for emergency vehicles and refuse collection vehicles to access the rear lanes.



**Photograph 1: Example of vehicles parked on the access road to the rear lanes of Victoria Terrace in Bedlington**

As a result, 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) are proposed to alleviate concerns raised with obstructive and indiscriminate parking on every junction of Rothesay Terrace & Victoria Terrace. During the consultation period concerns were raised by Singh Newsagents that the parking restrictions would affect customers traveling to the shop via car and therefore could have an effect on trade.

Considering this and after discussions with the Elected Ward Member, it is proposed that the restrictions are not implemented at this location, but all others should still be installed.

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The original plan and amended proposal following the results of the consultation can be observed in Appendix A & B, with consultation responses listed in Appendix C.

The proposed parking restrictions 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 residents 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 County Councillor Wilczek's Member Local Improvement Scheme Allowance (MLIS).
<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, directly affected residents and local businesses have been consulted.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	East Bedlington

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### **Background Papers**

File reference – HO240025

Appendix A – Pre-Consultation Plan

Appendix B – Post-Consultation Plan

Appendix C – Consultation Responses

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**DECISION TAKEN**

**Title of Officer**

Director of Environment and Transport

**Subject**

Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at  
C405 Rothesay Terrace & Victoria Terrace, Bedlington

**Consultation**

For: 5 (50%)  
Against: 5 (50%)

**Decision Taken**

To introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions  
on the C405 Rothesay Terrace & Victoria Terrace,  
Bedlington

**Signature of Director**



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**Date**

13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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## Appendix A – Pre-Consultation Plan

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### Appendix B – Post-Consultation Plan



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### Appendix C – Consultation Responses

F A	RESPONSES
1	I'm a resident on Victoria Terrace... that road needs SPEED BUMPS not yellow lines! That road is like a race track right throughout the day/night. Having no cars parked there will make it even worse! And for someone with a young child like myself ...it is extremely worrying! Am sure you are aware off the amount of accidents on this road! Also removing parking on the street will make them all park in the back lane, which is already full of cars. And they will block entrances to peoples gardens (it already happens) and cause yet more bother with people parking on other people driveways etc...it happens already. Arguments are happening already as people don't respect other people's access, and blocking driveways or using other people's driveways. And then blocking the garden gates so you can't get into your own garden! It's ridiculous. So if you're going to put yellow lines in...also do SPEED BUMPS! And also consider permits for the back lane parking! Really can't stress enough that SPEED BUMPS ARE NEEDED!
1	About time the Council did something useful instead of wasting the government money. Let's see if you can enforce it now or too busy having coffee and cakes.
1	I live at X Rothesay Terrace and I'm not happy about the proposed double yellow lines as I live on the corner the ability to park outside my own home is a must my wife has mobility issues and friends have been visiting to help her out your proposed double yellow lines will mean there's nowhere for them to park outside my own home as the proposed red line comes right to the edge of my drive I already have a lamppost that's blocking the ability to park right to the corner anyway, also the ability to park down the side ally is great but there's already other neighbours parking along the side ally and your double lines are going to take some of those spots too . Please don't put double lines down there is already an issue of parking along the road. Adding double yellow lines is only going to make this worse.
1	As a resident of Rothesay Terrace, I think this is a wonderful idea. The amount of road traffic collisions I have saw/almost been in because of irresponsible parking on the junction is ridiculous.
1	I've lived on Victoria Terrace for 20 years now. Parking is more of an issue now than ever, but I'm not sure that putting double yellow lines in the proposed places is going to solve the problem. Cars parking close to the corners/junctions with the back lanes etc does cause problems with field of view, and pulling out onto the main road. They're a major obstruction. I don't feel there are an inordinate amount of accidents caused by this however. There are definitely some, and in my opinion are usually caused by the 'put your foot down and hope' sort of driver, rather than the 'creep out slowly' type. My concern would be if these double yellows go ahead, that this will just cause the drivers of cars who can no longer park in front of their properties to park down the side roads to the back lanes, which already happens on occasion, making it even more difficult and dangerous to access the back lanes, and the driveways many of these back lanes have. The turn to my back lane is 90°, with a wall to my left, giving very restricted vision, and when cars park down the side road, I can't do the wide turn which is safest in the circumstances. Already, larger emergency vehicles would struggle. Certainly my stretch of back lane in Victoria Terrace is already at saturation point with parked cars - there is no room for more, and preventing so many spaces on the front road being used is likely to make the issue worse, as people look to park round the back. There are so many flats in the street, with often two cars each - there just isn't space for them all. Although I understand the problem the proposal is trying to solve, I fear it will only serve to replace that problem with a worse one.
1	I would welcome the introduction of these restrictions as it will improve road users sight lines at congested junctions, which can be difficult to negotiate throughout the day.
1	As a shopkeeper running a small corner shop these proposed parking restrictions will very much so have a negative impact on my business for the following reasons. Singh News at X Rothesay Terrace has been in the family for nearly 40 years and we have provided an excellent service to our customers over these 4 decades. The vast majority of our customers will come to the shop using their cars and as such will park outside the shop. Introducing double yellow lines outside the shop will stop these customers parking outside the shop and they will drive past and shop elsewhere. This would mean that I would be solely relying on customers coming to the shop on foot. This will definitely reduce a vast majority of our sales income and under these circumstances the shop would not break even and become unviable. There is a daily delivery of newspapers and magazines to the shop whose vehicle will park outside the shop and introducing these parking restrictions will make this daily delivery difficult for them also. Refuse is collected from outside the shop on a weekly basis and imposing these proposed parking restrictions will make it more difficult for the person to be carrying large, bulky and heavy bags and boxes to the refuse vehicle. Whilst I understand the reasons of the intended parking restrictions going ahead with them will undoubtedly cause a large reduction in our sales income. I am very worried and concerned that introducing these proposed parking restrictions will make a business that has been in the family for nearly 40 years unviable. Please can these parking restrictions be looked at again and changed to accommodate my real concerns about them to my business.

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1		Would it possible to have a sign restricting the waiting time outside the shop to 5 minutes instead of the double yellow lines as an alternative instead. Also whilst we are on the subject of traffic on Rothesay/Victoria Terrace the speed limit on this road needs to be reduced to 20mph considering the speed at which some vehicles travel at.
1	1	Thank you for the letter sent advising of your intentions to introduce double yellow lines on Rothesay Terrace / Victoria Terrace. Considering the back allotments/gardens have mostly been sold off by the Council and there isn't associated space in the back for each individual property, I'd like to know what provisions are being made for the vehicles of current residents on both roads. There are many disabled residents with blue badges, will they be able to just park on double yellows as entitled? Also where are we supposed to park when there are no driveways for most houses and no space in the back? I hope additional information will be provided before this inconsiderate restriction is applied, as in addition to the inconvenience it will cause all the residents I believe it may impact property value also.
1		East Bedlington Parish Council are happy to support this scheme and look forward to the improvements in road safety.
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