



# **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, GLENWHELT BANK, GREENHEAD**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Mark Mather**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Glenwhelt Bank in Greenhead due to parking concerns.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are implemented.

#### **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**

- Concerns have been raised by Greenhead Parish Council via the Local Ward Member about vehicles parking at the junctions onto the B6318 which is causing visibility issues.
- Proposal supported by Greenhead Parish Council and Local Ward Member
- Members of the Monday Painters Club have objected to the proposals

#### **Background**

Concerns have been raised by Greenhead Parish Council via the Local Ward Member about inconsiderate parking at the junctions onto the B6318 at Glenwhelt Bank which is causing visibility issues for vehicles exiting these junctions.

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In order to address these issues, 15 residents / businesses and 28 statutory consultees were consulted on a proposal to provide parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines, as shown on the plan attached in Appendix A.

An objection was received from the Monday Painters Club (this included 6 signatures). They were concerned about the lack of available parking in the village when considering the various attractions available.

This objection was discussed with the Local Member and the Parish Council, both have confirmed that they would like to proceed with the implementation of the scheme.

We have since informed the Monday Painters Club that while double yellow lines mean no parking at any time, vehicles are permitted to load and unload, while blue badge holders can park for up to three hours provided a valid blue badge is displayed.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	None
<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"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The proposal is designed to improve road safety in the area.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	None
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Haydon & Hadrian

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### **Background papers:**

Appendix A – Consultation Letter & Plan

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

### **Author and Contact Details**

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**DECISION TAKEN**

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

**Subject:** Proposed “No Waiting at Any Time” parking restrictions on Glenwhelt Bank, Greenhead

**Consultation:** For – 2  
Against – 1 (although 6 signatures accompanied objection)  
Neither - 0

**Decision Taken:** To introduce new “No Waiting at Any Time” parking restrictions on Glenwhelt Bank, Greenhead

Signature of Director



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**Date**

06/06/2025

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### Appendix A – Consultation Letter and Plan



**Your ref:**

**Our ref:** Greenhead DYL

**Enquiries to:** Highways Improvements

**Email:**

HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk

**Tel direct:** 0345 600 6400

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Resident,

#### **Proposed Parking Restrictions – Glenwhelt Bank, Greenhead**

I am writing to inform you that Northumberland County Council intends to introduce parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines on the B6318 Glenwhelt Bank. A plan showing the proposals is enclosed.

If you wish to make comments on this proposal, please do so via email to: [HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk) before **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. For those who don't have access to emails, a free post response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process.

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 Environment & Transport and may be available for public inspection.

Yours Faithfully,

Highways Improvements Team



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### Network Management Information System

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**Proposed No Waiting At Any Time  
Parking Restrictions  
Greenhead**

By: CE

Date: Feb 24

Drawn: NTS

### KEY

Proposed Double Yellow Lines 

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### **Appendix B – Consultation Responses**



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			<p>I am replying to your consultation on the proposal to paint yellow lines in Greenhead to restrict parking, as requested, on behalf of the members of one of the users groups of Greenhead village hall.</p> <p>Unfortunately several members are away at the moment but I am sure they would have wished to sign also. We note the you wish remain anonymous and that you will not reply to us. We regret this. We do not support the proposals. You will know nothing about this village. Fair enough. We know nothing about Morpeth. Sixty five miles separate us, and we do not wish to add to the pollution of our planet unnecessarily by making the journey (though some of us have noticed that an occasional train from our nearest station actual now might reach Morpeth Station). Here are some helpful facts about the village and the other people who live and visit here that will help you to understand why we seriously oppose this plan to "restrict parking" in Greenhead.</p> <p>1.I have attached your map, now marking all eight places in the village centre where people regularly visit and need to park their vehicles. There are: the Village Hall, the Hotel (it has a small car park) the School (an even smaller one) The Church, the Youth Hostel, the Tea Room, the Grave Yard and the Millennium Green. All are much used and visited year round and at all hours. Most residents live in the scattered hamlets where there were once coal miners or on the estate land. 2. There is no reliable or flexible means of public transport to reach Greenhead village centre and no reasonable likelihood of the possibility of returning to the village if one goes away on a bus. 3. The village has no shop, no doctors surgery, no library, no post office, in fact no amenities which means people have to travel to all services. 4. The average age of residents is probably close to 75. We have no means of knowing as successive parish councils have rejected the idea of finding out by means of a village survey. 5. The most active and lively member of the community are over 65s to 90s who organise and attend every activity that takes place in the village centre, generally lugging quantities of art/craft materials or food and drink for refreshments etc, e.g. for accordion concerts, domino drive, church fund-raising events, WI etc. Every month there is a Farmers Market (Est 2005) in the village hall. You will readily realise that this involves not only the visitors needing to park ( it is very popular with tourists in the summer) but it is a nightmare for the stall holders who have much to unload and repack into their vehicles, as someone painted yellow lines outside the village hall. 6 There is no parking in the village at all except for (sideways on to the pavements) along the road past the church, beyond the area cordoned off by whoever put the eclectic charging points in. We approve of charging points in the village but do wish they were not where we could have parked. From this area, laden old people have to negotiate the busy road crossing notorious for drivers ignoring the speed limit - they are encouraged by the inexplicable white markings</p>
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			<p>on the Greenwhelt Bank to overtake on a 1-m-14 bank approaching a blind corner in a village centre. There are often a pair of articulated timber wagons in the mix! 7. People also have to park for the very popular tea room on the slope opposite the hotel. There is no parking for the Hotel. This is used by large parties of schoolchildren coming to experience Hadrian's Wall - we are at the centre and the very best stretch of the Wall as well as having the Roman Army Museum at the top of the hill. Many coaches of walking groups, generally with senior citizens, unload and park here. Weddings and funerals at the church also cause problems as the village fills up with their vehicles. You will have realised by now that -we are a busy village, not a road junction - we need a plan for parking rather than more restrictions. Greenhead is a gateway not only to Hadrian's Wall Country but to the Northumberland national Park and indeed to the County. With minor exceptions it is visually an attractive traditional ex-industrial Northumberland village of some charm and is well cared for. Any parking plan must fit in tactfully with this. The people who are born here and who love this village must be properly consulted before any changes are made. You could help us with this. We do not wish to see yellow lines in the village centre. Please do not proceed with his idea. There must be other traffic safety measures that can be discussed with us. We would welcome a visit from County Hall to discuss these issues- and you would probably get a good cup of tea and an excellent scone!</p>
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