



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

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

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#### **ADDENDUM**

**Proposed Parking Restrictions – Morrison Road, Morpeth**

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

**04 April 2025**

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#### **Reason for Addendum**

Proposals that were originally consulted upon and agreed for parking restrictions at Morrison Road and its adjoining junctions in Morpeth are proposed to be amended by this Addendum as local views on the need for parking restrictions have changed since the original report was prepared and the decision taken. The purpose and recommendations from the original report on parking restrictions at Morrison Road were as follows:-

#### **Purpose and Recommendations of Original Report**

##### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise regarding the proposed 'No Waiting or Loading Monday to Friday 12pm – 4pm' parking restrictions on Morrison Road, Morpeth.

##### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the 'No Waiting or Loading Monday to Friday 12pm – 4pm' 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:

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'Thriving Places and Culture – Neighbourhoods are safe, clean and well maintained'

### **Key Issues**

1. Neighbourhood Services have raised concerns regarding access for refuse wagons to the back lanes off Morrison Road.
2. It has been reported that refuse collections have not been made on numerous occasions due to indiscriminate parking.
3. Cars are parking at the junctions to these back lanes, which in turn is preventing the refuse wagons from gaining access to undertake their collections.
4. The proposals are supported by Councillor Bawn.
5. The scheme was funded from the 2024/25 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

### Purpose of Addendum

Properties on Morrison Road and the surrounding area have very limited off-street parking provisions and as a result, kerbside space on both sides of the carriageways is often at full capacity, with many vehicles observed to park directly at narrow junctions. Refuse collectors have reported difficulties gaining access to these roads and have on several occasions abandoned trips to collect household waste from residential properties.

Original proposals recommended that waiting and loading restrictions applying Monday-Friday between the hours of 12pm and 4pm were introduced so that obstructive parking on junctions would be prohibited during hours when refuse collections were likely to be in operation and whilst this was initially supported, some concerns were also raised regarding the amount of signage and posts required to enable enforcement for such a short set of restrictions on Morrison Road. In addition, the short timescales of operational hours may alleviate the immediate problem of refuse collections, but the road safety issues of obstructed forward visibility and manoeuvring options at junctions could continue outside these hours and at weekends. Details of these proposed restrictions and their extents can be found in Appendix A.

Temporary 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines were installed on the same extents as the originally proposed restrictions in order to alleviate the issues so that refuse collections could be carried out and have proven to be a preferred option. The extents of these are shown in Figure 1 below.



**Fig. 1: Temporary double yellow lines on Morrison Road and adjoining junctions, Morpeth**

Feedback indicated that the vast majority of those living in the vicinity preferred to keep the temporary double yellow lines on a permanent basis as opposed to a single yellow line with single kerb blips and accommodating signage outside

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their properties and site observations have suggested that the congestion of vehicles in residential areas has now reduced significantly. It is noted however that due to the poor conditions of the deteriorating road surface, some of the road markings could not be fully installed.

As a result, the Council intends to implement the 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions on a permanent basis and to resurface the carriageway in the new financial year so the road markings can be finalised, as opposed to introducing single yellow lines and kerb blips.

The revised and final proposals can be observed in Appendix B. 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

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies.
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will be financed through the LTP 2025/26 programme.
<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 and residents have been consulted, invited to leave feedback throughout and will be informed of the agreed amendments.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Morpeth North

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### **Background Papers**

File reference – HE253915-01

Appendix A – Original Scheme Proposal

Appendix B – Revised Scheme Layout

### **Author**

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**DECISION TAKEN**

<b>Title of Officer</b>	Director of Environment & Transport
<b>Subject</b>	Proposed amendments to parking restrictions at Morrison Road and adjoining junctions, Morpeth
<b>Consultation</b>	Consultation was undertaken as part of the original scheme process
<b>Decision Taken</b>	To amend existing parking restrictions at Morrison Road and adjoining junctions, Morpeth

**Signature of Director**



Paul Jones  
Director of Environment and Transport

**Date**

09/04/2025

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### Appendix A – Original Scheme Layout





## Appendix B – Revised Scheme Layout

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Morrison Road Morpeth

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 No waiting at any time

 At all times

 Scale: 1:1250 0 20 40 60m

NW419801.514, 586624.224 SE 420201.313, 586278.243

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