



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones – Director of Environment & Transport

**Proposed Parking Restrictions – Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge
07 May 2025**

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to amend the existing parking restrictions at Ratcliffe Road in Haydon Bridge.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are implemented in order to improve road safety and loading facilities for local businesses 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 the existing parking restrictions at Ratcliffe Road in Haydon Bridge.
2. Currently, waiting and loading restrictions are in operation but this limits the ability for local businesses to load and unload directly outside their premises during daytime hours.
3. As a result, a new loading bay for goods vehicles only is proposed to assist local businesses with deliveries, along with extended loading restrictions to ensure road safety is maintained.
4. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor.

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5. The scheme is to be funded through the 2025/26 Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme.

Background

The B6319 Ratcliffe Road is one of the main routes through Haydon Bridge and the properties situated adjacent to the road are both residential and commercial in nature, meaning kerbside space is at a high demand for on-street parking. Near its junction with Church Street, waiting and loading restrictions are in operation to maintain the free flow of traffic and prohibit obstructive and indiscriminate parking.



Fig.1: Existing parking restrictions at Ratcliffe Road near its junction with Church Street (red = no waiting or loading at any time, green = no waiting 8:30am-4:30pm & no loading Mon-Fri 8:30-9:30 & 2:30-4:30pm, orange = no waiting at any time) (Source: Appyway Streets, 2025)

Loading restrictions directly outside the Co-Op/Post Office prohibits vehicles from stopping there when deliveries are required and as a result, concerns have been raised regarding these existing restrictions as other kerbside parking spaces in the vicinity are regularly at full capacity throughout the day.



Fig.2: Existing layout on Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge (Source: Google Maps, 2025)

As a result, alterations to the parking restrictions on the north side of Ratcliffe Road are proposed in order to alleviate these concerns. A loading bay for goods

vehicles only is proposed to apply all days between the hours of 8am-6pm, whereas the rest of the restrictions will be amended to 'No Waiting or Loading at Any Time' (double yellow lines and double kerb blips) to maintain the free flow of traffic along this busy route, as outlined in Figure 3 below.

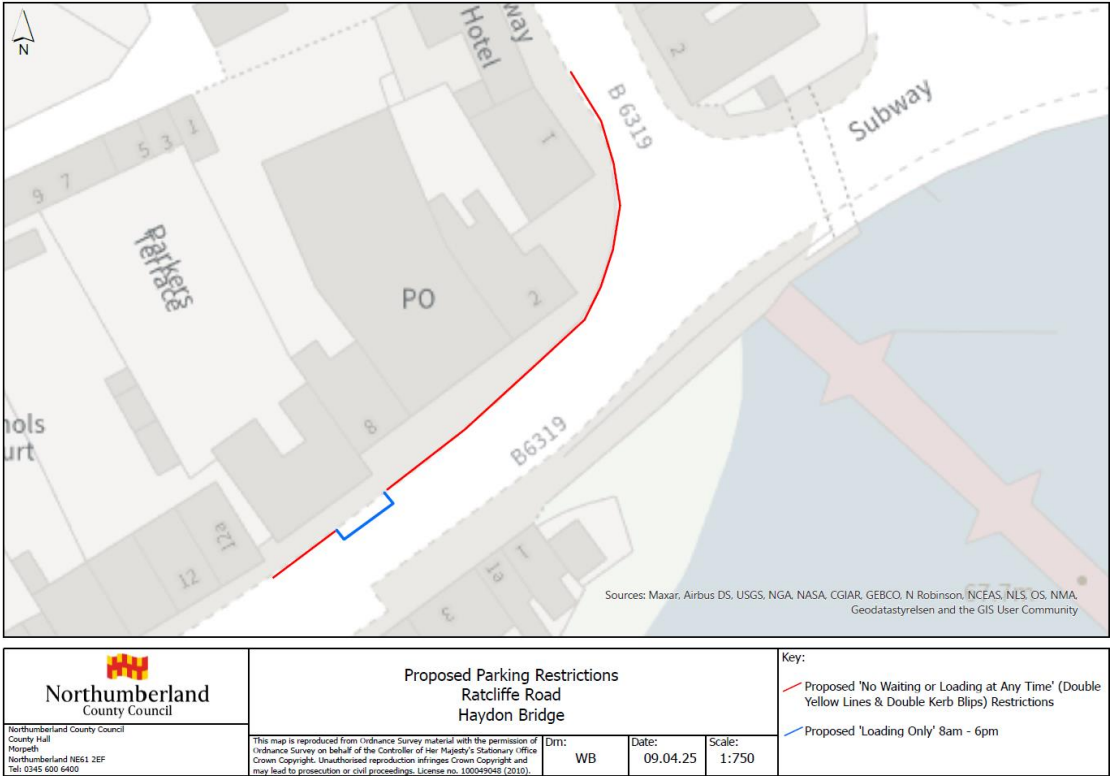


Fig.3: Proposed new parking restrictions at Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge

Details of the proposal can be found in Appendix A. The proposal is intended to increase road safety whilst allowing provision for local businesses to load and unload, maintain the free flow of traffic where possible and to protect the amenity of the area overall. Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent 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 2025/26 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	N/A
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees, directly affected residents and local businesses have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Haydon & Hadrian

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Background Papers

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Appendix A – Scheme Layout

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer	Director of Environment & Transport
Subject	Proposed parking restrictions at Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge
Consultation	No responses were received during the consultation
Decision Taken	To amend the waiting and loading parking restrictions at Ratcliffe Road, Haydon Bridge

Signature of Director



Date

13th May 2025

