



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones – Director of Environment & Transport

Proposed Parking Restrictions – U5090 Foundry Yard, Bellingham

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

18 December 2024

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce new parking restrictions at the C201 and U5090 access roads to Foundry Yard in Bellingham.

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 obstructive and indiscriminate parking at the Foundry Yard vicinity in Bellingham.
2. As a result, ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ parking restrictions have been proposed on the C201 and U5090 roads near Foundry Yard in Bellingham to alleviate these concerns.
3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor.

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4. The scheme is to be funded through Councillor Riddle's Members' Local Improvement Scheme Allowance.

Background

The U5090 Foundry Yard is situated slightly east to the centre of Bellingham and has a mixture of properties being residential and industrial adjacent to the carriageway. An off-street car park is available at this location for visitors to the popular Hareshaw Linn trail but this is small in size so is often at full capacity, meaning vehicles overflow onto the U5090 road. Similarly, with several local businesses based on this route that leads up to the trail, there is a high demand for parking in this area for staff and customers.



Fig.1: Access to off-street parking via the U5090 Foundry Yard for Hareshaw Linn and local businesses (Source: Google Maps, 2024)

The full length of the road is currently derestricted, so in the peak summer months vehicles are often observed to park on both sides of the narrow carriageway, which creates road safety issues in the form of obstructions to forward visibility and congestion of traffic, whilst also causing problems for residents maneuvering in and out of their driveways. At its junction with the C201 road which flows through Bellingham, the same issue has been observed on the bridge over Hareshaw Burn. The double yellow lines are therefore proposed to extend over the bridge in order to maintain the free flow of traffic.



Fig.2: The bridge over Hareshaw Burn on the C201 road through Bellingham (Source: Google Maps, 2024)

During the consultation period, a resident requested that the lines did not extend past the bridge on the south side of the road beyond their property which in turn would remove on-street parking. This has therefore been removed from the proposal as it is not anticipated to influence the flow of traffic once the new restrictions are implemented.

Details of the original proposal can be found in Appendix A, with consultation responses shown in Appendix B and the final proposed plan outlined in Appendix C. The proposal is intended to increase road safety, 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 local County Councillor's MLIS Allowance budget.
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	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees and directly affected residents have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Bellingham

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Background Papers

File reference – HO230141

Appendix A – Consultation Plan

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Appendix C – Post-Consultation Plan

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer	Director of Environment & Transport
Subject	Proposed parking restrictions at Foundry Yard, Bellingham
Consultation	For: 1 (100%) Against: 0 (0%)
Decision Taken	To introduce new parking restrictions at Foundry Yard, Bellingham

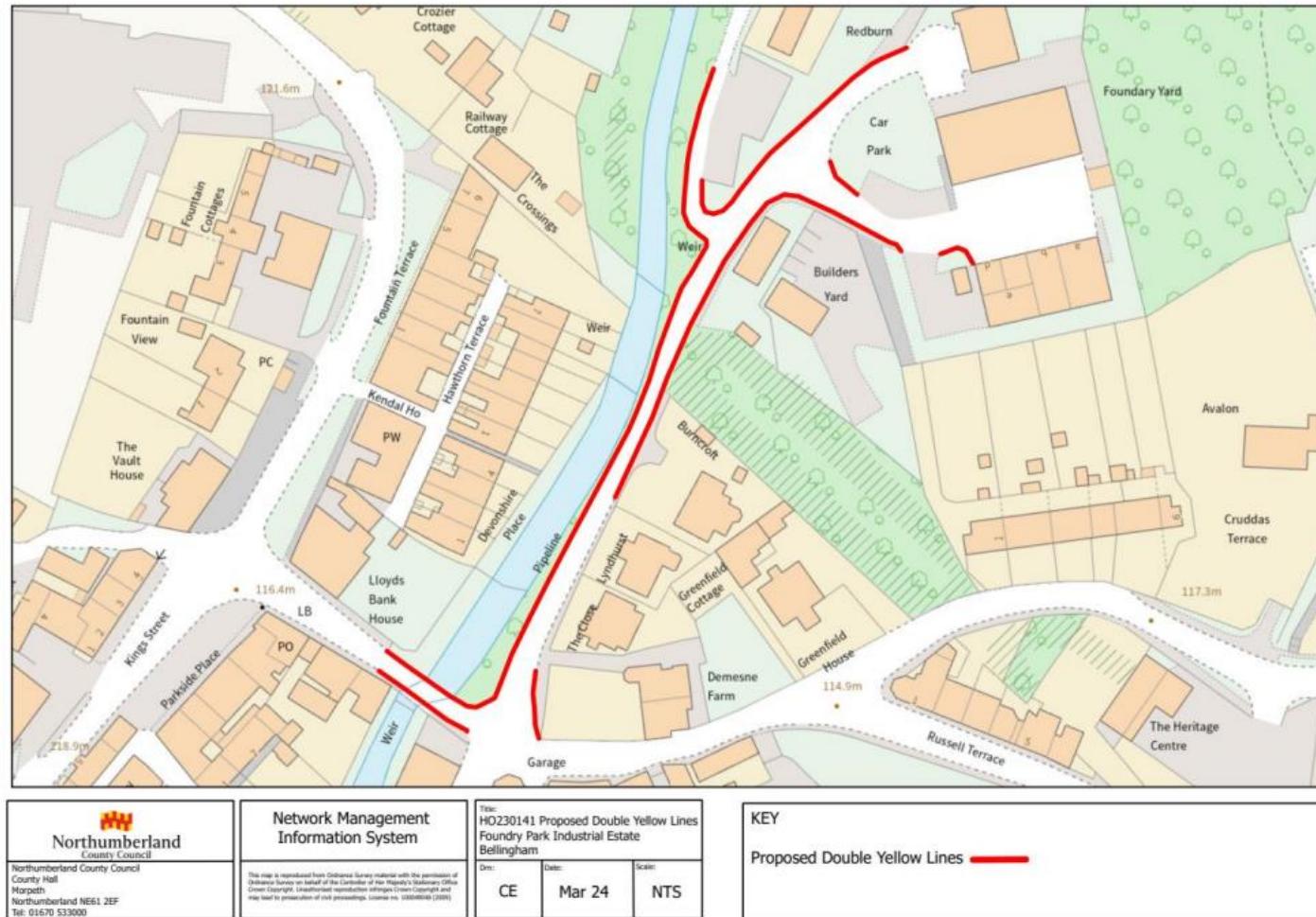
Signature of Director



Date

13th January 2025

Appendix A – Consultation Plan



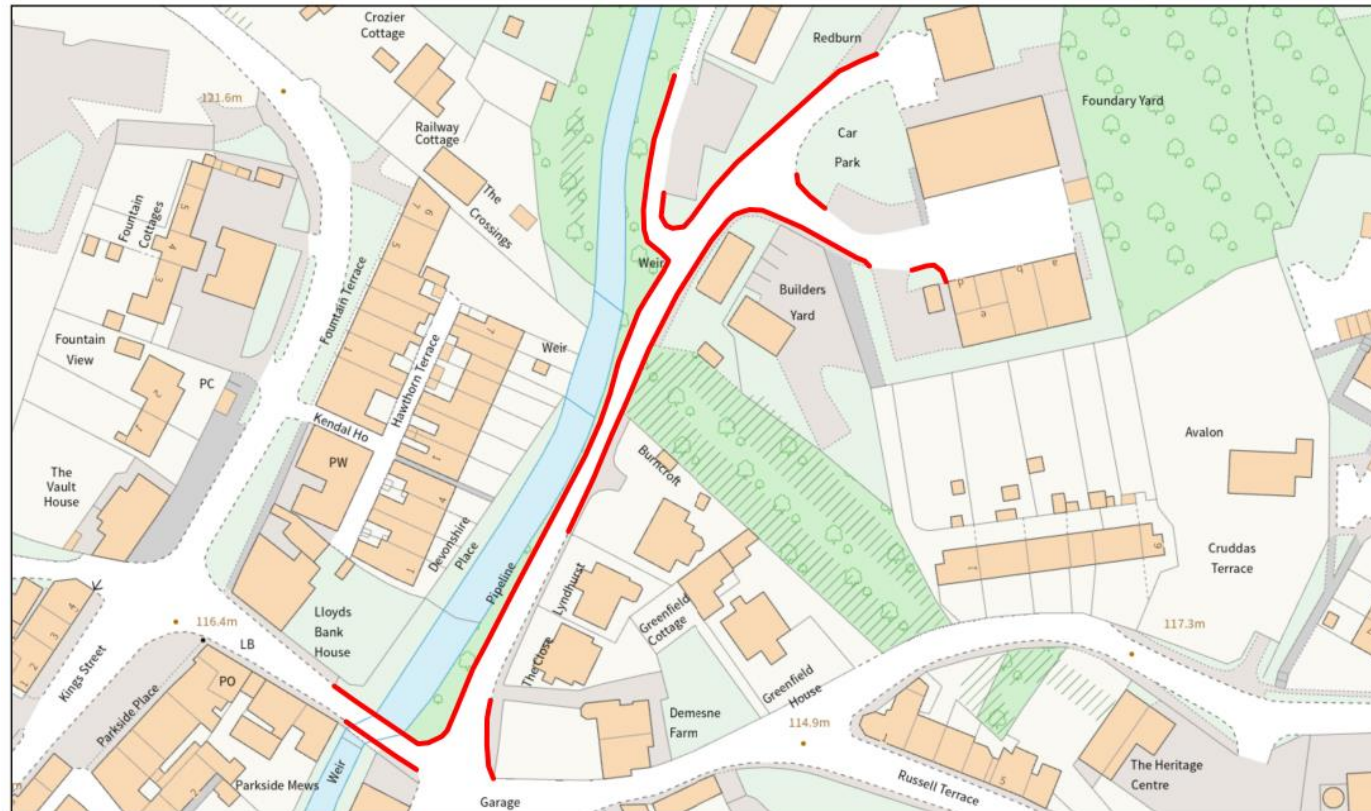
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Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Key: F = For; A = Against

F A	RESPONSES
1	<p>Thank you for finally trying to bring some much needed sense to the chaos on this street. However I, and my neighbour, believe a small change would be a lot of benefit to the local users and make no difference to anyone else. The verge in front of The Close, my house, and Lyndhurst is shown as not being yellow lined. I propose that our side of the road is yellow lined and the river side is left clear. When cars park on the housing side wagons delivering to the Industrial Estate cannot get past the trees on the riverside. Nor can motorhomes or vans. A large percentage of the motorists parking on the housing side do not have the clarity of thought to leave our gates clear. My mother uses a walking frame and is often blocked out. Nor can my daughter get her pram through. I have already moved across the village from Hawthorn Terrace because it was often impossible for visitors, or even residents, to park near the house due to the ever growing number of restrictions on parking in the village. If the yellow lines are on the river side this does also create a problem - when they park opposite my drive I have to do a three point turn to get in/out. But this is much less of an issue than my family not being able to visit. I have heard rumours that the leylandii may be getting cut down. While this would help it doesn't relieve the problem of the hard wood trees on the years when they have not been pollenated I have also heard a rumour that the verge left unlined would be classified as Permit Parking. Are any of these rumours true? If the permit parking is true who will get the permits? Just the street residents or will anyone be allowed to apply for a permit. If the Service Station and Vets get permits then my visitors won't get a look in.</p>
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Appendix C – Post-Consultation Plan



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Foundry Park Industrial Estate
Bellingham

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