



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones – Director of Environment & Transport

Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Parking Restrictions – Whorral Bank & HWRC Access Road, Morpeth

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

29 April 2025

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) parking restrictions at Whorral Bank and the access road to the Household Waste Recovery Centre (HWRC) in Morpeth.

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 area of Whorral Bank and its junction with the access road to the Household Waste Recovery Centre (HWRC) in Morpeth.
2. As a result, 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions are proposed to alleviate these concerns.

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3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor.
4. The scheme is to be funded through the 2025/26 Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme.

Background

The A197 Whorral Bank is the main route into Morpeth town centre from the north-east and links the area with Pegswood. The HWRC facility is situated directly adjacent to Whorral Bank and is accessed via this busy route. Concerns have been received by officers working at the HWRC regarding parking on the access road into the centre, which in turn obstructs larger vehicles such as refuse collectors when making deliveries.

In addition, further concerns have been raised and observed relating to vehicles parking on the grass verge area and footway outside the garage premises opposite to the HWRC.



Fig.1: Existing layout of Whorral Bank and its junction with the HWRC access road, Morpeth (Source: Google Maps, 2025)

Due to the nature of the layout at this junction where a shared-use pedestrian and cycle route footway is in place and alongside a busy A-road where obstructive parking can lead to congestion and traffic queues onto Whorral Bank, the likelihood of a serious collision is increased because of parked vehicles.

As a result, 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) parking restrictions are proposed on the full length of the access road to the HWRC and a section of Whorral Bank covering the grass verge area near the garage in order to alleviate these issues and prohibit obstructive and indiscriminate parking.

Details of the proposal can be found in Appendix A. 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.

Delegated Decision

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 and directly affected properties have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Pegswood

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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 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at Whorral Bank & HWRC Access Road, Morpeth
Consultation	No responses were received during the consultation, however the proposal is supported by the local County Councillor and HWRC operatives
Decision Taken	To introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at Whorral Bank and the HWRC Access Road, Morpeth

Signature of Director

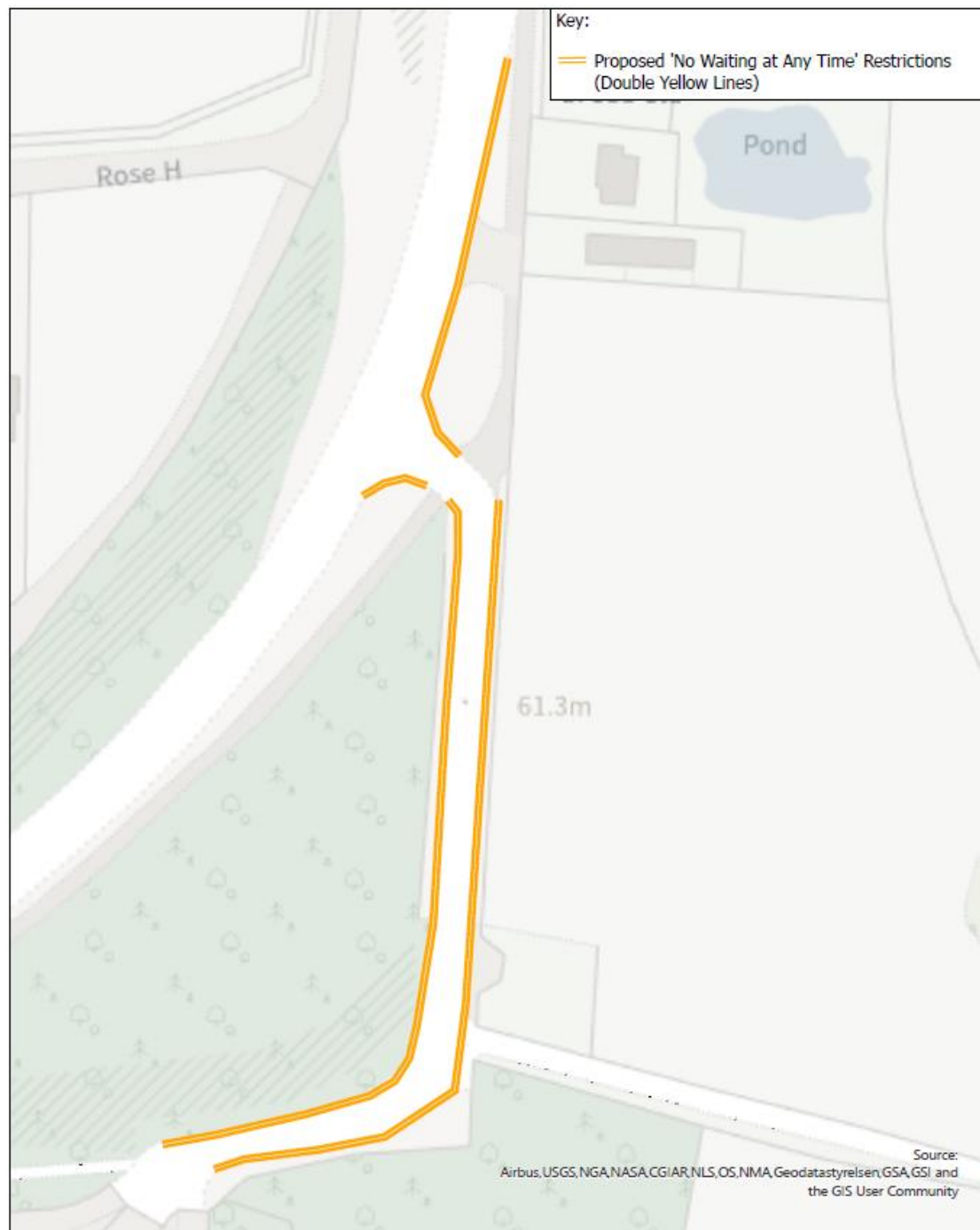



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Date

29/04/2025

Appendix A – Scheme Layout



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