



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY
DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING DELIVERY**

Paul Jones

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions,
Briarwood Road, Blyth & Car Park Signage Wensleydale Terrace, Blyth**

17th August 2017

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise, regarding the proposed introduction of No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions, at Briarwood Road, Blyth and the introduction of directional signage for Ridley Park, car park, located on Wensleydale Terrace, Blyth.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that in view of the results from the consultation exercise, the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions should not be introduced on Briarwood Road Blyth. as proposed in Appendix A.
2. It is further recommended that in view of the positive feedback from the consultation exercise, the Car Park Signage should be introduced on Wensleydale Terrace, Blyth as proposed in Appendix A.

Key Issues

1. This area has been the subject of parking concerns over a period of time i.e. indiscriminate parking resulting in visibility issues and obstructing access, causing concerns for the residents and the local County Councillor.
2. The Scheme was to be funded and supported by County Councillor Eileen Cartie.
3. Following discussion between NCC Officers and Councillor Cartie the decision has been made not to proceed with the 'No Waiting at any Time' parking restrictions, element of the proposal.
4. Councillor Cartie wishes to proceed with the car park signage, as this hopefully will help with the parking issues on Briarwood Road.

Background

1. Concerns were identified to Councillor Cartie by residents on a number of occasions, with regard to indiscriminate parking in the area.
2. It was proposed to introduce 'No Parking at any Time' restrictions, as shown on the consultation plan attached.
3. It was also proposed to instal a new directional sign making motorists aware of the free car park at Ridley Park located off Wensley Terrace.
4. It is envisaged that with better signage some of the present parking by visitors can be removed to the off-street car park.

Consultation

1. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 27th June 2017. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 26 residents and 25 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations. A plan showing the proposals is attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix A).
2. The consultation exercise ended on 11th July 2017 and responses were received from 17 consultees, with 7 in favour, 8 against and 2 who was neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
3. Councillor Cartie was notified of the results of the consultation.
4. Councillor Cartie after discussions with Council Officers confirms she does not wish to proceed with the Parking Restriction element of the scheme; However does wish to proceed with the car park signage as proposed.

Recommendations

1. The proposal was made by Councillor Cartie who understood there was a good level of local support for the scheme; However, in view of the feedback received from the consultation, Councillor Cartie no longer wishes to proceed with the No Waiting and Loading Parking Restrictions element of the proposal.
2. Councillor Cartie wishes to proceed with the Car Park Signage on Wensleydale Terrace.

3. Councillor Cartie and Officers will continue listening to the residents and road users' needs in the area and take forward information received via the Directory of Requests where appropriate.

File References

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Appendix Index

Appendix A – Consultation 1 -Copy of Consultation Letter
Appendix B - Consultation 1 - Summary of Responses

Implications Arising out of the Report

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| Policy | None |
| Finance and value for money | Funded through the Member's Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Eileen Cartie |
| Legal | None |
| Procurement | |
| Human Resources | None |
| Property | None |
| Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> | None |
| Risk Assessment | The installation of a Car Park Directional Sign has been considered alongside existing street furniture and the needs of the local community. |
| Crime & Disorder | Indiscriminate parking and obstruction |
| Customer Consideration | Scheme is anticipated to improve parking provisions for residents and visitors in the area |
| Carbon reduction | |
| Wards | Wensleydale |

Background papers:

None

Report sign off.

Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the report:

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| Finance Officer | |
| Monitoring Officer/Legal | |
| Human Resources | |
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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio Holder Director of Local Services and Housing Delivery

Subject: Proposed introduction of No waiting at any time restriction, Briarwood Rd. and Car Park Signage Wensleydale Tce. Blyth

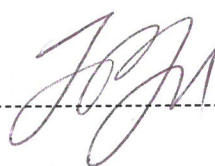
Consultation 1

- 17 Responses
- 7 For
- 8 Against
- 2 Neither for nor against

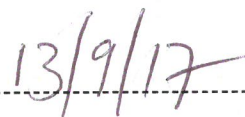
Decision Taken:

- 1. Not to introduce Parking restrictions as proposed.
- 2. To introduce Car Park signage as proposed.

Signature of Director/
officer/Portfolio Holder



Date



Appendix A

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The Occupier

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Your Ref:

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Tuesday 27th June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions,
Briarwood Road, Blyth & Car Park Signage Wensleydale Terrace, Blyth**

Safety concerns have been raised with County Councillor Cartie regarding indiscriminate parking on Briarwood Road, Blyth. County Councillor Cartie has therefore agreed to fund the introduction of No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions, subject to favourable consultation with affected residents / businesses, which should assist in improving the current situation. In addition Cllr Cartie feels that the Ridley Park car park would benefit from new signage to alleviate some on street parking and congestion.

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1998 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the proposal to introduce No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions at Briarwood Road and the introduction of a car park sign at Wensleydale Terrace as shown on the attached plan.

The County Council is seeking your views on the proposals and a freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that comments received will be carefully considered.

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 Executive Director of Local Services and Housing and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Tuesday 11th July 2017. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

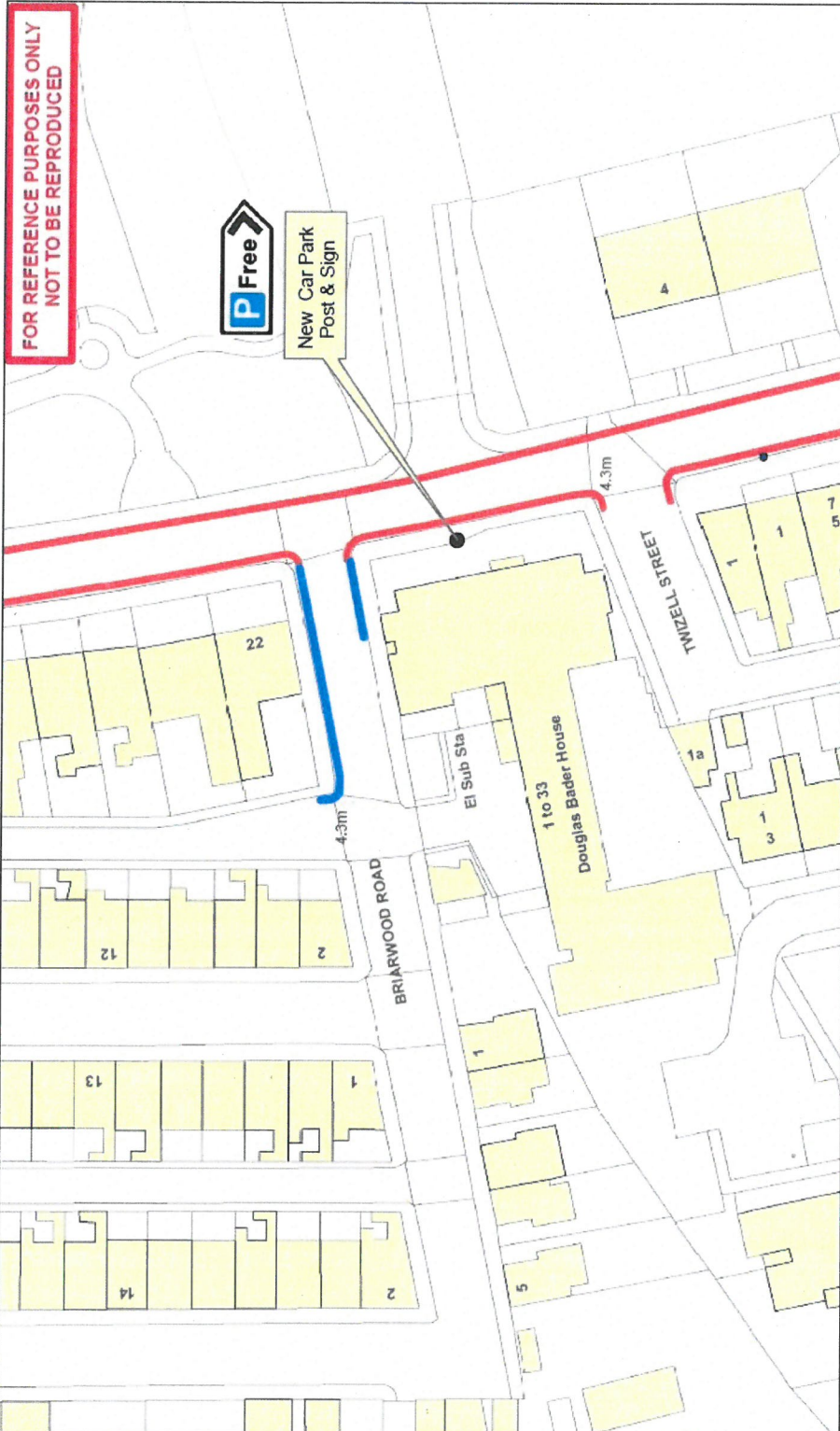
I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

Yours faithfully



Andy Walker
Programme & Production Team





— No Waiting or Loading Restriction
(Double Yellow Lines)
 — Existing Parking Restrictions

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| | Dm: AW | Date: June 17 | Scale: NTS |

Appendix B

| F O R | A G A I N S T | N E I T H E R | |
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| | | | Other Relevant Comments |
| 1 | | | I think this is needed on this street. But need to extend the double lines on left hand side, down to the car park for Baden House as you can't see when coming out of the car parking for the parked cars - dangerous. |
| 1 | | | Could you please consider taking the no waiting line up to the gates of Bader Court as it is very hazardous trying to get out of the car park on to Briarwood Road as some cars partly park over the gates. |
| 1 | | | Would like no parking sign to go along as far as Bader Court gates in Briarwood Road. |
| 1 | | | no comment |
| | | | Regarding the recent communication to residents of Briarwood Road, your ref HO166169-04. I would like to raise the following concerns. 1. The double yellow lines that are extended on the road opposite Bader Court may be extended too far. I can see this leading to further congestion further down Briarwood Road leading onto Woodbine Terrace and Rosemary Terrace. This will be further exaggerated in the school holidays due to the people and children utilising Ridley Park. There is insufficient parking at Ridley Park. Maybe the council could address this issue as the side streets around the park are used as a public car park. |
| 1 | | | Another proposals I would suggest is: - Is a pedestrian crossing from Bader House to Ridley Park Car Park. As a crossing at this point would be a great help to the residents of Bader House mostly elderly (myself included) especially during the dark winter nights. |
| | | | We support parking in the area as long as residents are given a residents parking permit and are allowed to park along the whole length of Briarwood Road at any time. We do agree with changing the signage to highlight Ridley Park car park. Two further issues: 10. CCTV is needed in the area of the entrance to the park and on Briarwood Road due to persistent anti-social behaviour by local youths. 2. Speed cameras and monitors need to be checked as there is a problem with cars driving too fast along Wensleydale/Belgrave. |
| 1 | | | It would be better if you could put the no parking on both sides of the road. |
| | | | This plan will do nothing but move the cars from one end of the street to the other making parking outside my door more difficult. All that is needed is no parking signs 15 motts from the main road making it much safer to turn into Briarwood Road |
| | | | Thank you for your letter dated 28th June 2017 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for outpatient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the ongoing road safety |
| | | | This is an absolutely ridiculous respond to the issue of parking in the street. The issue parking has been obvious at certain times of the day or week when visitors and workers at Bader House choose to park as close as is possible to the entrance rather than finding a more suitable space. The other clear factor is at certain times of the year when the inadequate parking serving Ridley Park becomes an issue. Finally, one car has been parked without moving for months with no action despite it being reported. The proposals would only serve to push this further down the street and into the back lane of Belgrave Crescent. The people who would suffer this cannot be a suitable response given the completely indiscriminate nature of the proposed rules? Resident permit parking has been used across the area and could be used here to solve the issue without penalising residents. No action would be much less damaging to local taxpayers than these proposals, please contact me as the consultation continues for further details/discussion. |
| | | | I am in favour of the car park signage however this car park is not of adequate size during school holidays/weekends. I feel that the parking restrictions will only result in indiscriminate parking further down Briarwood Road and the streets running off it. I feel that a residents only parking restriction would be a better solution. |
| | | | The proposal to extend the yellow lines on the North Side seem to be a bit of an overkill, it will just push the cars further up the small street. About 7 years ago two chaps came from county and agreed that the lines be extended on Both sides by a couple of metres to stop hazardous parking at the corners this is all the residents. Require giving a free flow at the junctions like many streets parking can be at a premium on weekends and at nights to take three parking places away seems to be counterproductive. |

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| | | | The only time we have seen a strain on the parking on Briarwood is during school holidays, sometimes weekends when the weather is nice. Hopefully improved signage for the Ridley Park car park will help this. We fully support this part of the proposal. Regarding the no waiting at any time proposed parking restrictions I these would run parallel to Bader Court sheltered accommodation. People park here (including myself and two family members) to visit my 98 year old great aunt. When visiting were usually bringing shopping, cleaning items etc or are pushing her up. She cannot walk any great distance and I worry the restrictions could cause difficulties doing this. Also I see a number of carers/visitors to Bader Court parking here and I'm concerned the restrictions would cause difficulties for them. I'd like to see whether improved signage for the car park would make a difference before |
| 1 | | | This is indeed an unsafe situation. I have always believed that the double yellow restriction lines end too closely to the main road. When cars are parked on both sides of the road in Briarwood Road and a car is attempting to turn in from Wensleydale Terrace/Belgrave Crescent as another car is simultaneously attempting to emerge from Briarwood onto the main road, it is extremely difficult for them to pass one another, placing the vehicle turning in from the main road in a dangerous and vulnerable situation. I am speaking from personal experience as I own a car myself and have more than once been in this position. An extension of the double yellow lines would help alleviate this problem. |
| 1 | | | <p>The area should only enforce No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions for a maximum of 3 metres on either side of Briarwood Road where it adjoins to Wensleydale Terrace. This will ensure that the junction remains clear.</p> <p>The No Waiting At Any Time Restriction should not run for the length of Briarwood Road to the Belgrave Crescent/Woodbine Terrace back lane for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the parking for residents will be severely restricted (roughly room for three to four cars) - the resident parking will overflow into the Belgrave Crescent back lane (already chaotic) resulting in the entrance point from Briarwood Road becoming congested as cars will park on both sides of the entrance (at its widest point) - as a resident, I am able to park my car on my property, which requires access via the Belgrave Crescent back lane. This access will be compromised as residents, care home visitors and park users compete for space - as a result of the above, I would wish for the council to clearly road mark (white lines) the access point to my property at the rear of Belgrave Crescent so that cars do not infringe upon the entrance and thus hinder access - the resident parking will also overflow into the other surrounding areas, thus affecting further household parking. Parking is a sensitive issue and can lead to conflict - Douglas Bader House should be approached and asked to consider offering parking for visiting families within the grounds that are accessible from the Briarwood Road entrance (room for a small number of cars that would reduce street parking) <p>I don't believe Councillor Carties recommendations will reduce the safety concerns if they are implemented in full. They will only create more safety concerns and potentially introduce conflict as a result of the reduction of on-street parking.</p> |
| 1 | | | <p>I have been shown a letter sent to only 2 residents in this street of 5 houses. You propose to restrict the parking at the exit on to Belgrave Terrace. This action will result in the vehicles being parked further down Briarwood Road where we live and we have difficulty parking at present which makes it a dangerous corner at the other end of Briarwood Road in front of our house. Part of the problem is the cars parked by Carers or Nurses visiting Bader House. There is a large car park at the rear of that building which is very rarely used. If Johnnie Johnson altered their access to that car park maybe that would alleviate a lot of the problem which does sometimes arise. In my own case my husband has difficulty walking and if we put our car on our own hard standing cars are parked across it and we cannot get out and due to his mobility problems and health can cause further problems.</p> <p>At the other end of the street we have a resident with a garage and people park in front of this too. Further restrictions will only exacerbate the parking problems which we have at present. I also note that you propose to restrict parking in the surrounding area too near Ridley Park and Park Road which again will exacerbate the problem as our street is nearest to the children's play park where parents with children want to be.</p> <p>When the Council have made improvements to Ridley Park and Blyth Beach which were very welcome they should have thought out the parking first as this will prove to be counterproductive if visitors are given parking fines when visiting if they are unable to find suitable parking.</p> <p>I do agree with putting more signage in respect of the Car Parking which is already there.</p> |
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