



Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones

**Proposed Parking Restrictions and Regulated Disabled Bays,
East Park View / Park View, Blyth**

8th August 2017

Purpose of Report

To consider the the introduction of a combination of "No Waiting at Any Time" & "Timed" parking restrictions with 2No regulated disabled bays at East Park View and Park View, Blyth.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the following restrictions are introduced on East Park View, Blyth: No waiting at any time, (double yellow lines), Two, 2 Hour maximum timed disabled bays and 2 Hour maximum Parking restrictions (Single yellow lines)
2. It is also recommended that the following restrictions are introduced on Park View, Blyth: No waiting at any time, (double yellow lines).

Key Issues

1. This area has been the subject of traffic safety concerns over a period of time i.e. indiscriminate parking , resulting in visibility and pedestrian safety issues, concerns by residents have been raised with their local Councillor.
2. The Scheme is funded and supported by County Councillor Eileen Cartie.

Background

1. Safety concerns have been identified to Councillor Cartie by residents on a number of occasions with regard to indiscriminate and inconsiderate parking on East Park View and Park View.
2. It is proposed to introduce a combination of parking restrictions in this area
3. This would help improve traffic safety for the residents, and road users of East Park View and Park View, Blyth.

Consultation

1. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 29th June 2017. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 24 properties 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 12th July 2017 and responses were received from 8 consultees, with 5 in favour, 2 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

Comments

1. Councillor Cartie was notified of the results of the consultation.
2. During the consultation a suggestion to provide a passing place by restricting the parking on a further 12m section of Park View was made. Following discussions between Councillor Cartie and Officers, a revised proposal, incorporating this suggestion was prepared, attached as Appendix C. Councillor Cartie confirms she wishes to proceed with the revised version of the proposal this will be funded through her allocation in the Members' Local Improvements Programme.
3. This scheme will be carried out at the same time as a other similar schemes in the Wesleydale Ward, Blyth, which has also been proposed and agreed with Councillor Cartie. Thereby, making a saving in advertising costs for the traffic regulation order and programming.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the revised proposal as detailed in Appendix C should proceed. A further consultation was not deemed necessary as the revision is of a minor nature and is not located adjacent to any property.
2. The Council has the power to hold a public inquiry before making any traffic regulation order. Such an inquiry might enable disputed evidence

to be tested under cross-examination and the need for an order to be critically examined by an independent inspector. In this particular case, officers believe that the extensive consultation process and involvement with interested parties, means that such an inquiry is unlikely to bring any fresh information to light and it is therefore recommended that an inquiry is not held.

File References

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Appendix Index

Appendix A – Consultation Letter and Plan
Appendix B – Consultation Response
Appendix C – Revised Plan

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Eileen Cartie
Legal	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
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	Introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions / Timed Parking and Timed Disabled Bays
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. obstruction
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for residents in the area
Carbon reduction	
Wards	Wensleydale

Background papers:

None

Report sign off.

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DECISION TAKEN

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

Subject: Proposed Parking Restrictions and Regulated Disabled Bays, East Park View / Park View, Blyth

Consultation

8 Response
5 For
2 Against
1 Neither for nor against

Decision Taken: Introduce Parking Restrictions

Signature of Director



Date

13/9/17

Appendix A

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Thursday 29th June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Parking Restrictions and Regulated Disabled Bays, East Park View / Park View, Blyth

Safety concerns have been raised with County Councillor Cartie regarding indiscriminate parking on East Park View and Park View, Blyth. County Councillor Cartie has therefore agreed to fund the introduction of No Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions, Timed parking restrictions and two regulated parking bays for disabled persons, subject to favourable consultation with affected residents / businesses, which should assist in improving the current situation.

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 Parking Restrictions at East Park View and Park View 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 Wednesday 12th July 2017. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

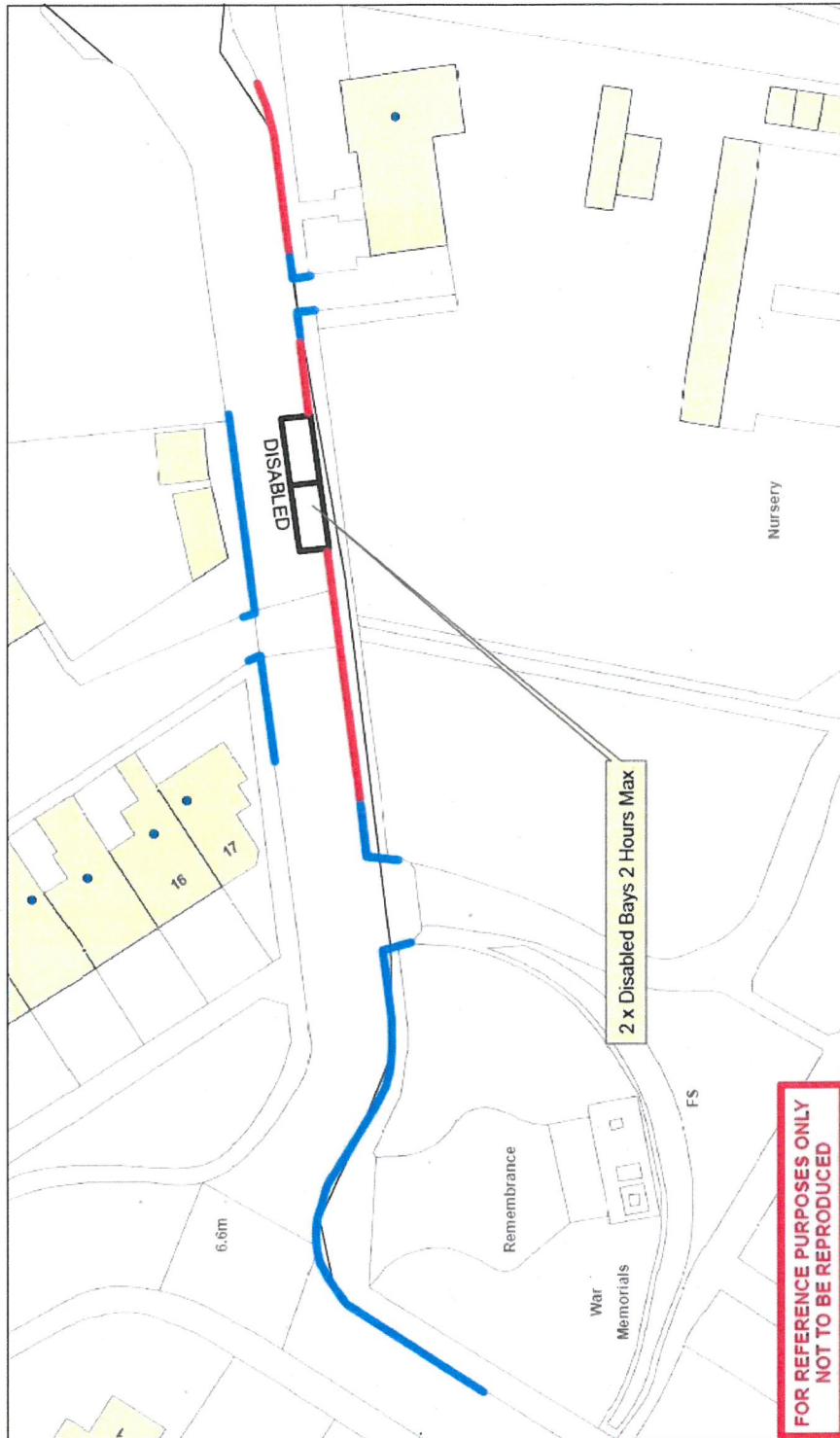
I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

Yours faithfully



Andy Walker
Programme & Production Team





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- No Waiting or Loading Restriction (Double Yellow Lines)
- 2 Hours Max. Timed Parking Restriction (Single Yellow Lines)

Appendix B

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
			Other Relevant Comments
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	1		1. Proposal will move car parking to front and rear of Bath Tce. 2. Make read of Bath Tce resident parking only. 3. Make land adjacent to commissioners in a car park to alleviate parking from commissioners quay, university, RNLI, Ridley Park and workspace. 4. Proposal for housing to be built will seriously add to the parking problem. 5. The present boarding around the land at the corner of the RNLI is a serious safety hazard.
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 29th 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 programme.
1			Would it be possible to extend the no waiting double yellow lines to opposite the entrance of Perennial favourites along East Park View towards the Quayside. In addition: - What about speed restrictions. - What about one-way proposal for Park View. Do we have to put up with another summer of misery; block traffic due to Park.
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	1		We feel that residents are getting the least consideration with your recent proposal. We live here 24/7, paying high rates and we are tired of visitors and tourists getting priority. On sunny days our lives are disrupted & can we get on/off our drive, can we park in front of our property or are we forced (by inconsiderate motorists) to park streets away. We have been unable to leave our property on occasions with vehicles being parked over or partially over our drive. More and more events are being held on the Quayside with arrangements very restricted for residents and promised procedures not carried out. ie Road closure not manned to allow residents only access. Your proposals to mark East Park View with single and double yellow lines will make parking at the front of our property more sought after and more difficult for us. Perhaps residents parking on the West side of Park View would help or at least H bars need to be lengthened and remarked.
1			The 2 hour max one and at the end of the back lane for Bath Terrace - cars parked here make turning out of Bath Terrace difficult. The most dangerous ones in my opinion is the corner of Quay Road where the lifeboats place is. People park both sides here and with the boarded off one you can't see round this corner. Cars coming from both directions need to be in the centre of the road and I have had many near misses on this bend. Parking for Ridley Park is necessary. Why not create a car park on this area behind the boards?
			The last week when we had good weather people were parking four wheels on the path not allowing pedestrian access, they were parking right up to the junctions making virtually impossible to see round the corners when coming into the street from Park View East then exiting at the other end onto Ridley Ave. the people from Bath Lane do not live in our street on a daily basis they are not the ones who have cars damaged or have to put up with the verbal abuse when road rage raises its ugly head. The police officer next door to me is adamant something must be done.
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Appendix C

