



Northumberland County Council

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

**Paul Jones**

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**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,  
Hindmarsh Drive, Ashington**

**23rd August 2017**

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**Purpose of Report**

To consider the the introduction of a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction at Hindmarsh Drive, Ashington.

**Recommendations**

- I. It is recommended that the following restrictions are introduced on a section of Hindmarsh Drive, Ashington: 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. Residents were concerned at the high level of parked cars belonging to non-residents, visiting Wansbeck Hospital and using Hindmarsh Drive to park in rather than pay to park in the hospital car park.
3. The Scheme is funded and supported by County Councillor Ken Parry.

**Background**

1. Safety concerns have been identified to Councillor Parry by residents on a number of occasions with regard to indiscriminate and inconsiderate parking on Hindmarsh Drive, Ashington.

2. It is proposed to introduce no waiting at any time restriction in this area
3. This would help improve traffic safety for the residents, and road users of Hindmarsh Drive, Ashington.

### **Consultation**

1. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 4th July 2017. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 19 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 1st August 2017 and responses were received from 6 consultees, with 5 in favour, 0 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the response is attached as Appendix B.

### **Comments**

1. Councillor Parry was notified of the results of the consultation.
2. Councillor Parry confirms he wishes to proceed with the proposal, this will be funded through his allocation in the Member Local Improvements Programme.
3. This scheme will be carried out at the same time as another similar scheme in the Hirst Ward, Ashington, which has also been proposed and agreed with Councillor Parry. Thereby, making a saving in advertising costs for the traffic regulation order and programming.

### **Recommendations**

1. It is recommended that the proposal as detailed in Appendix A, should proceed.
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

## Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	None
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Ken Parry
<b>Legal</b>	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
<b>Procurement</b>	
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Introduction of no waiting at any time restriction
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Traffic safety concerns i.e. obstruction
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for residents and pedestrians in the area
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	
<b>Wards</b>	Hirst

### 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 introduction of No waiting at any time restriction, Hindmarsh Drive, Ashington

### Consultation

6 Response  
5 For  
0 Against  
1 Neither for nor against

**Decision Taken:** Introduce No Waiting at Any Time Restriction

Signature of Director



Date

13/9/17

## Appendix A

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Tuesday 4th July 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed Extension to No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions,  
Hindmarsh Drive, Ashington**

Residents have raised concerns with County Councillor Parry regarding inconsiderate parking on Hindmarsh Drive, Ashington causing obstruction and safety issues. County Councillor Parry has therefore agreed to fund the extension of No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions, subject to favourable consultation with affected residents, 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 further No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions at Hindmarsh Drive 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 1st August 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.**

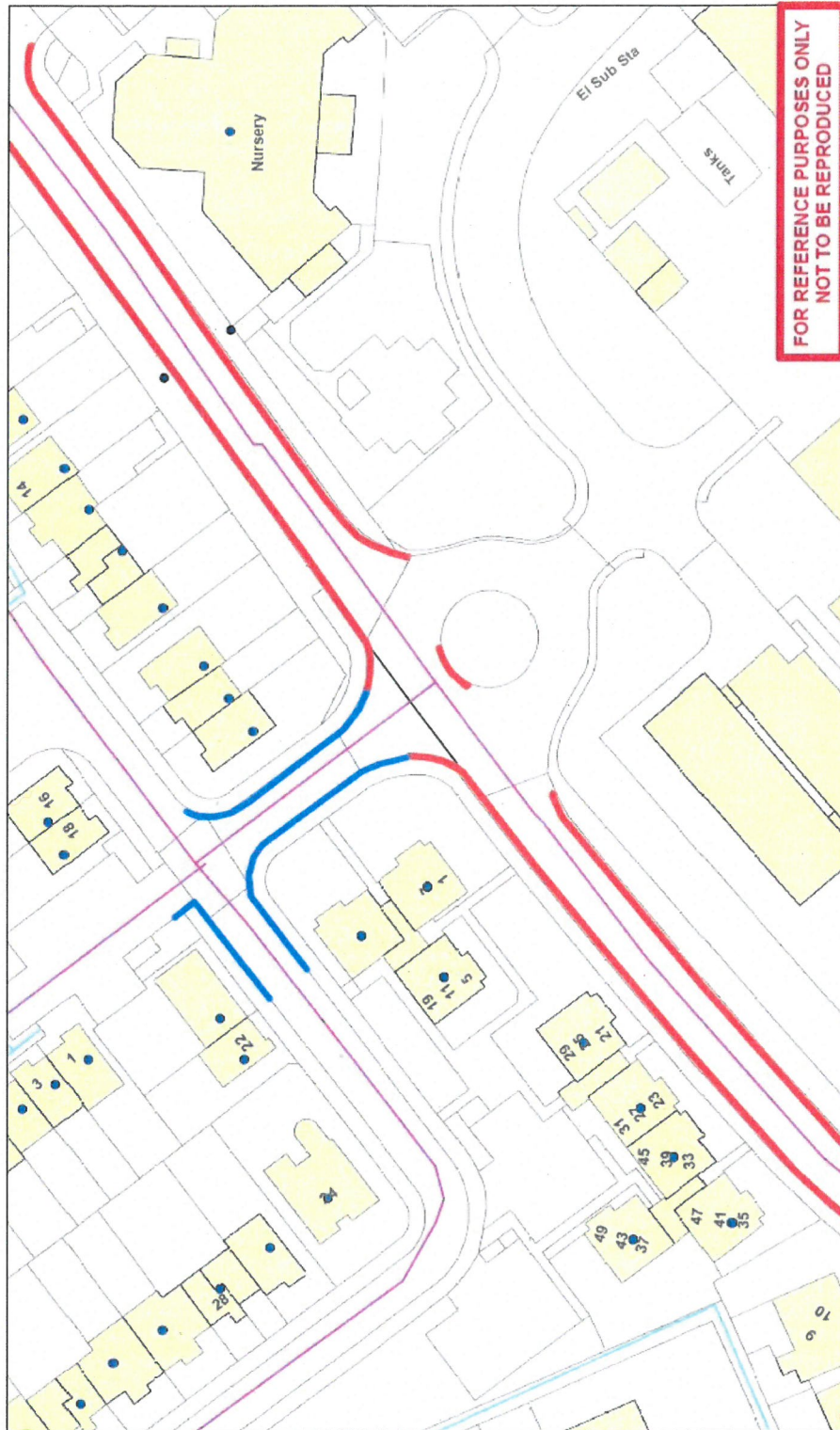
Yours faithfully



Andy Walker  
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<p><b>Northumberland</b></p> <p>Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Northumberland County Council County Hall Morpeth Northumberland NE21 2EF Tel: 01670 533000</p>	<p><b>Network Management Information System</b></p> <p><small>This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey, maps are the property of Ordnance Survey, on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. Licence No. 100048468 1209.</small></p>	<p><b>Title:</b> Proposed Extension to Parking Restrictions Hindmarsh Drive, Ashington</p> <p><b>Dm:</b> AW</p> <p><b>Date:</b> July 17</p> <p><b>Scale:</b> NTS</p>	<p><b>FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY NOT TO BE REPRODUCED</b></p> <p><b>Legend:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Parking Restrictions (DYL)</li> <li>Existing Parking Restrictions</li> </ul>
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F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
			Other Relevant Comments
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 4th July 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			The area has become very dangerous on the entrance with cars parking forcing my wife to walk in the middle of the road with my young son in a pram and a 3 year old daughter walking.
1			I am absolutely delighted that something is going to be done about the parking at the entrance to Hindmarsh Drive I personally have had 3 near car accidents due to the inconsiderate parking. I also know it is the staff at the hospital as they are wearing an NHS staff lanyard/ID badge. My only concern is that it will then filter into the estate itself and the houses from 2-10 and opposite already have staff and visitors parking all day in their private parking bays. I also hope this parking will be enforced with it comes into force. Well done though and thank you for listening.
1			Excellent News!!
1			I agree as they block both sides instead of paying parking at the hospital. Very dangerous situation.
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