



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,
Park Road Back Lane, Blyth**

18th August 2017

Purpose of Report

To consider the consultation exercise regarding proposed introduction of no waiting at any time parking restrictions at Park Road Back Lane, Blyth.

Recommendations

It is recommended that in view of the results received from the consultation exercise, the parking restrictions should not be introduced as proposed.

Key Issues

1. Indiscriminate parking in the back lane of Park Road is an issue which has been raised with the Councillor on a number of occasions.
2. The Scheme was to be funded and supported by County Councillor Eileen Cartie.
3. In view of the results of the public consultation Councillor Cartie no longer wishes to proceed with the proposal.

Background

1. Concerns have been identified to Councillor Cartie by residents about indiscriminate parking on Park Road Back Lane, Blyth is obstructing access and egress from garages causing a potential road safety issue
2. It was envisaged that the proposed introduction of parking restrictions would improve this issue.

Consultation

1. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise. This was conducted on the 29th June 2017 and involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 26 properties and 25 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations.
2. The consultation exercise ended on 12th July 2017 and responses were received from 12 consultees, with 4 in favour 4 against and 4 were neither for nor against the proposals. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B
3. Councillor Cartie was notified of the results of the consultation.
4. Councillor Cartie confirms she does not wish to proceed with the scheme.

Recommendations

1. The proposal was made by Councillor Cartie as she understood there was a good level of support for the scheme. However, in view of the results from the consultation exercise this has been proven not to be the case.
2. Therefore following discussions between Councillor Carte and Officers it is recommended not to proceed with the proposal.
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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Schemes\HO166169_BLYTH_Quay Area, Park View TRO_CARTIE

Appendix Index

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

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	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	None
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. obstruction
Customer Consideration	Scheme was anticipated to improve access to residential off-street parking 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 No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions, Park Road Back Lane, Blyth

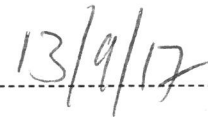
Consultation 12 Responses
4 For
4 Against
4 Neither for nor against

Decision Taken: Not to introduce 'No waiting at any time' parking restrictions as proposed.

Signature of Director/
officer/Portfolio Holder



Date



Appendix A

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The Occupier

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Thursday 29th June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions, Park Road Back Lane, Blyth

Residents have raised concerns with County Councillor Cartie regarding access issues with regard to their garages on Park Road Back Lane, Blyth caused by parked vehicles. 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, 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 No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions at Park Road Back Lane 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





— No Waiting or Loading Restriction
(Double Yellow Lines)

 Northumberland County Council	Network Management Information System <small>This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey materials with the permission of Ordnance Survey. It is not to be used for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared. Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction without Crown Copyright and Ordnance Survey's permission may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. License No. 100048041 (2003).</small>	Title: Proposed Parking Restrictions Park Road - Back Lane Blyth
Northumberland County Council County Hall Morpeth Northumberland NE21 2EF Tel: 01670 533000		Drm: 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	
			Other Relevant Comments
1			I Support this proposal as you often cannot even get out of the back gate when cars are parked.
		1	I live at number xxx plessey road which is the corner house at the top of park road back lane at the junction with plessey road, my front door is on plessey road where i cant park my vehicle as there is a zebra crossing, i have no access to park road and my back door is on park road back lane, i park my vehicle at my back gate which is on park road back lane as there is no other spot to park, for insurance purposes and where i can keep an eye on it, if both sides of park road back lane have a no waiting restriction i will have no place to park my car, ive parked the vehicle in the same spot for 3yrs with no issues, ive had a look and the closest garage to me is 4 houses down, thanks for reading,
		1	There is no problem with parking in the back lane as a rule. I seldom see cars parking there, and it is certainly not enough of a problem to warrant restrictions. However, on sunny summer days when Ridley Park is busy there is a problem with parking on all the surrounding streets, including around our shop (Ken's Auto Parts) which has an adverse effect on our business, and imposing restrictions on the back lane would only increase the problem. The improvements to Ridley Park have been, and deserve to be, fantastically popular, and are a credit to the area. But this popularity has created parking problems in the surrounding streets. Extending the existing car park, or creating some over-flow facilities would be the real, permanent solution to the problem.
		1	According to the proposal (HC166169_06) you want to put double yellow lines down the back lane of Park road on the Crofton mill pit field side of the lane. I am totally against this for the following reasons:- 1. If some one is parked opposite my garage I can usually squeeze out, but if there are yellow lines then they will then park on the houses side of the lane where I stand ZERO chance of getting out. 2. If this is done it will not be policed at the important times i.e. when people are leaving for work in the early mornings, plus there seems to be very little traffic warden activity in Elyth (I have seen busses failing to gain entry the bus station due to the cars on yellow lines outside the post office parcel depot) 3. The front of Park road has a parking problem with the width of each house being approximately one and a half cars wide, so any family with two or more vehicles are obviously adding to the problem. Therefore quite a few of the "problem cars" in the back lane are the residents of Park road (and their visitors) who cannot park at the front.
		1	Park Rd is a nightmare to get parked at your front door and sometimes I have to park at my back gate, also when family or friends visit they park at my back gate. If this proposal goes ahead I think it will cause a huge problem on Park Rd. Can the person affected by this problem be given signs saying no parking in front of their garage door
		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			no comment
		1	I am disabled I need to park outside my back door as there is never any room on the front of Park Road also how are we expected to clean our car on the front street I have lived in my home for nearly 30 years. I need to park in the back street.
		1	I live on Park Road and due to the amount of cars parked on the main road I sometimes have to park at my back gate, also when family visit they have to park at my back gate. I do not think it is feasible to have no parking at any time restrictions in Park Road back lane. The people affected by this problem should have no waiting at any time in front of their garages. If this goes ahead I will be contacting county councillor Cartie as I do not have a garage and want my space available for my visitors.
		1	I was hoping something could be done about the parking situation. Every Time there is a fireworks display or something at the park people park on the footpath at the back of our houses and block the footpath and access to the garages. The footpath is main route to the park for people with children and prams and wheelchairs coming from Plessey Road, when these cars park on the pavement up against the wall people have to move onto the road which is dangerous with cars parked on both sides. When a fireworks display was held at the quayside cars were parked at both sides of the back street and the fire engine could not get up the back street to attend a fire on the field, my car was outside my house and I was asked to move and I couldn't get parked till late at night. The other problem is the junction at Stannington Street where cars drive straight up the back street from Plessey Road without stopping, it is dangerous since the grass at the end of the street was fenced off making a blind spot. I have photograph of an accident and arguments at this junction. I think stop signs would be appropriate as at the other end of the backlane.
		1	I live on Plessey Road, which is on the junction with Park Road Back Lane, my front door is on Plessey Road which also has a parking restrictions on (zebra crossing) I have no access to Park Road, and my back gate is on Park Road Back Lane. I have parked my vehicle in the same spot for 3 years with no issue, the first closest garage to my house is 4 houses down, on Park Road Back Lane. The rear of my house is the only place I have to park my vehicle for security and insurance purposes. If the parking restrictions applies to both sides of Park Road Back Lane there is nowhere to park my vehicle. Could this be taken into consideration. I have tried to mark on the diagram my dilemma. But also I understand if the double yellows only go where the blue line is there is no issue.
1			I support this 100%, as I am one of the residents who often gets blocked in by people parking their cars over my back gate even though there's no parking sign there other drivers park on the opposite side of the lane directly opposite car garage/gates which again block us in. As we live next to the park, this is almost every weekend it happens they can sometimes be parked there all day which means our plans stop as we cannot get out of the garage/garden.
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