



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,
Percy Street South 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 Percy Street South 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 Percy Street South 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 Percy Street South Back Lane, Blyth which is 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 47 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 10 consultees, with 5 in favour 4 against and 1 was 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, although there was support for the scheme, the comments and observation made indicated that the proposal would have a major impact on residential parking which is already under severe pressure.
2. Therefore following discussions between Councillor Carte and Officers it is recommended not to proceed. It is felt that it, would be more productive to alleviate the parking issues, rather than introduce restrictions,
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 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 the traffic flow 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 No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions, Percy Street South Back Lane, Blyth

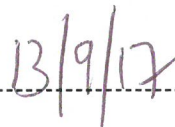
Consultation 10 Responses
5 For
4 Against
1 Neither for nor against

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,
Percy Street South Back Lane, Blyth**

Residents have raised concerns with County Councillor Cartie regarding access issues on Percy Street South 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 Percy Street South 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AW", written over a horizontal line.

Andy Walker
Programme & Production Team





— No Waiting or Loading Restriction
(Double Yellow Lines)

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Appendix B

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
			Other Relevant Comments
	1		Parking problems are caused by visitors to the Care Home parking in street and by delivery lorries for the Care Home. At night sheer number of cars owned by residents means that there is often not enough space in Forster St for all the cars so the back lane has to be used
1			no comment
1			When friends and relatives come to visit me it is very difficult to find a parking space. When going shopping cars and vans are sometimes parked half on the footpath and half on the road this means I have to walk in the middle of the road not safe.
	1		Thank you for your letter dated 5th 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		As a long term resident I have seen the increase of car ownership making it difficult, but not impossible, to accommodate all residents. The main pressure on parking is due to visitors to the care home and multiple car ownership per household. As a result the back lane is often the only available parking. Removing this facility will make it impossible to park close to home making the situation worse. There has also been a substantial increase in commercial traffic in Forster Street which use the back lane. Had the care home stuck to their original plans for parking and deliveries (changed after the original consultation) this would not have happened.
1			Over the past two years the back lane in question has been a nightmare for access in and out the Percy Street back lane forster street back lane most cars are abandoned for the 12 hr shift that the nurses work in the home blocking path access for bin wagons and delivery to home it was never this bad when there was a school tier beforehand.
1			Since the care home opened the parking in Forster Street, and surrounding streets is ridiculous. I feel as though it's Percy Street south back lane and Forster Street which is most affected. I personally like to see permit only parking in Forster Street from say 9am - 6pm as I think this would benefit all residents on Forster Street as there isn't currently enough parking spaces at the care home.
1			This is a very good plan of action as this is a fire exit for the care home and there are cars constantly blocking the gate leaving us unable to access our emergency services to use. The delivery for the kitchen can't come through as gate blocked. The bin lorry and recycling have also at time no been able to access causing a disruption to the service and an environmental hazard.
	1		There is insufficient parking in Forster Street to start with nevermind taking away the side lane. If this was taken away most nights I come home from work I would have to park in another street which is ludicrous as there is no problem what so ever with parking in the side lane. Thanks The Lane is mainly used on an evening when most residents are at home and other traffic is at a minimum passing through. It is often difficult to park on the street as visitors to Ridley Park Care Home use the street to park during the day. When a car is parked in the lane there appears to be no access issues as there's enough room for vehicles to pass and in terms of turning into the lane cars would slow down to negotiate the turn regardless, which would also mean safely passing a parked vehicle. There are three access and exits on the lane which I consider adequate for any vehicle which uses the lane regardless of parked vehicle which suggests access issues are unfounded. A no waiting at any time parking restriction seems a rather extreme way to solve the problem unless that's because it suits whoever has raised the problem.
	1		We really have enough problems with neighbours and people generally using the surrounding area for parking, never mind friends and family trying to find a nearby parking space when visiting. As good neighbours we try if possible to work this situation out between ourselves. In my opinion I think any parking restrictions within this area would definitely disrupt the unwritten agreements we already have between us, causing unnecessary tension between residents.
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