



Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,
Solingen Estate Road, Blyth**

18th August 2017

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction at Solingen Estate Road, Blyth.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the following restrictions are introduced on Solingen Estate Road, 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 Solingen Estate Road.
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 Solingen Estate Road, Blyth.

Consultation

1. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 7th July 2017. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 14 residents and 24 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 4th August 2017 and responses were received from 12 consultees, with 9 in favour, 1 against and 2 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the response is attached as Appendix B.

Comments

1. Councillor Cartie was notified of the results of the consultation.
2. Councillor Cartie confirms she wishes to proceed with the proposal, this will be funded through her allocation in the Member 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 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

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 restriction
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. obstruction
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for residents and pedestrians 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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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, Solingen Estate Road, Blyth

Consultation

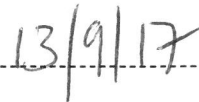
12 Response
9 For
1 Against
2 Neither for nor against

Decision Taken: Introduce No Waiting at Any Time Restriction

Signature of Director



Date



Appendix A



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The Occupier

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Friday 7th July 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions,
Solingen Estate Road, Blyth**

Safety concerns have been raised with County Councillor Cartie regarding indiscriminate parking on Solingen Estate 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, 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 Solingen Estate 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 Friday 4th August 2017. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

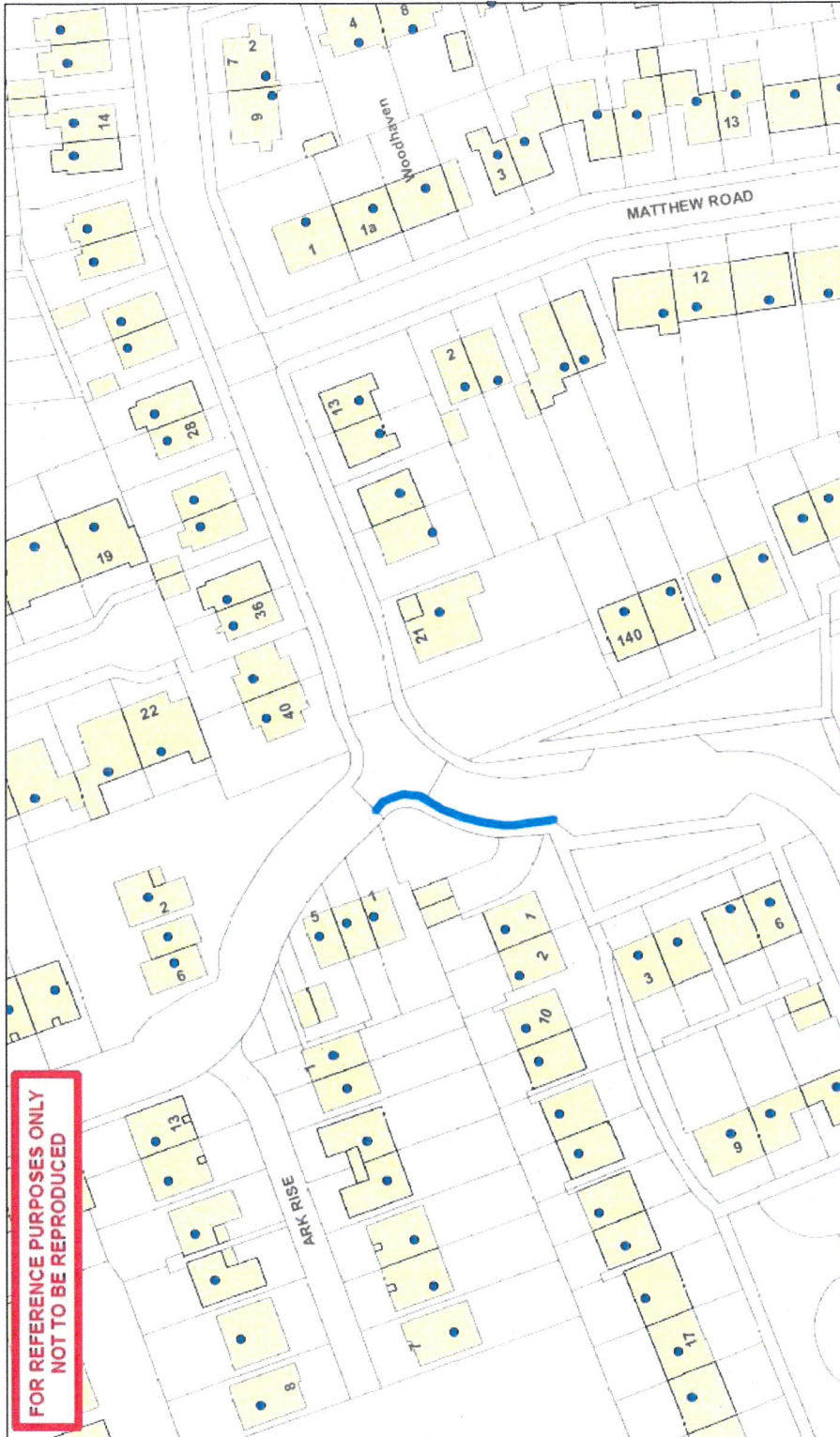
I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

Yours faithfully

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	W E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 7th 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	Traffic and parking concerns were raised on numerous occasions at the meetings held during the development of the new housing estate. Residents were assured at the time that adequate parking would be made available upon completion - this has quite obviously not happened. Targeting one small corner is not enough to relieve the issue. At times we are unable to park outside of our own home due to the indiscriminate parking of neighbours, or visitors to the estate, due to the inadequate number of parking places provided. More beneficial ideas may have been to have a solid white stop line at the exit to the estate, as well as addressing those who park partially on the path along the length of Gordon Road. It is impossible for wheelchair users, and parents with pushchairs, to get along the full length of Gordon Road without going onto the road at certain points as they are unable to pass vans/cars which have parked partially on the path.
		1	It has come to our notice that, that there has been a white xxxxt van parked on the pavement corner, as being a driver myself find it difficult to see oncoming traffic both ways, other drivers are the same as myself, this is an accident waiting to happen as it is on a double corner and junction you would the driver of the vehicle would seek better parking, anybody stepping out from the van would not see the oncoming traffic, people in wheelchairs or walking frames of any kind could not pass it as it is upon the pathway, Solingen Estate is not a dumping ground for anybody who wishing to just park up and walk away and come back when the feel like it, local people are getting a little restless about it.
		1	Drivers visiting their families which includes me have difficulty parking here as we have vans parked here from the new nearby estate Woodhaven etc.
		1	Apart from vehicles obstructing and parking on the corner of the estate we don't think it's acceptable for vans, cars etc from different estates parking in our already limited parking spaces in front of our bungalows overnight and weekends. We know this isn't against the law but a sign of some sort (might deter them) stating car parking is for residents, friends, family and care workers etc.
		1	Secretary of residents association. I have had a number of residents complaining about white van who is parking on the bend as you drive into Solingen Estate. There has been several near misses which have been reported to police, myself have had two near misses. It would be much appreciated if you would consider yellow lines. Then we have the problem with the millen homes residents parking in the lay by at Solingen, which elderly residents family members can't get parked for white vans which don't belong to the estate. Would it be possible to have permit holders only.
		1	Its very difficult on that corner as the corner is quite blind on leaving the estate. I personally have had a near miss as the car coming into the estate was going quite fast the van parked on the corner causes the problem.
		1	As you know there is only one way in and out of Solingen. The entrance is more like a truck stop than a housing estate (in which residents have always taken pride in). DateMiller resident using Solingen to parkMiller residents using parking bay on their estate. Mon 3 Jul3 vans 1 car0 Tue 4 Jul2 vans 2 cars0 Wed 5 Jul3 vans1 car Thu 6 Jul3 vans1 car Fri 7 Jul3 vans (never moved all weekend)0 Sat 8 Jul3 vans (never moved all weekend)0 Sun 9 Jul3 vans (never moved all weekend)0 We know if cars/vans are taxed they can park legally but in these circumstances it is causing a lot of trouble one of our older residents approached one of the ban drivers when she couldn't get parked and was met with abuse. Maybe parking permits would be a good idea. I would like to go on record as saying this situation is not only a great safety issue but is causing our more elderly and disabled residents a lot of street and worry. People from the new Miller Housing Estate are parking large work vans on the bend making it dangerous to drive in or out of Solingen Estate. Several near miss accidents have been reported. They are parking on the footpath so that wheelchairs, pushchairs and children are on the road. I, myself have had 3 near miss incidents. They are also using the parking facilities/bays in front of the bungalows, making it difficult for our disabled drivers and their carers to get parked. At the planning stage, we went to a meeting and brought up the subject of extra traffic and we were told it wouldn't be a problem as all new houses had driveways and a larger parking bay for excess cars at the bottom of the new estate, which at 8pm there was only one car parked but 4 vans on Solingen Estate. We can see this turning into a major problem when the winter comes in and the roads are bad. In anticipation of you being able to help.
		1	Don't want vans outside our doors.
		1	Whilst I can understand there may be local issues for this I have not received any concerns from any residents about this area of concern. I have concerns on how we will be able to enforce this area with the resources we currently have in the south east area. CEO's are being stretched as more restrictions are implemented.
		1	I don't have a problem with parking in that area but I can see how it may present problems for cars exiting from Pioneer Way.
		1	I would like to see no parking on all bends in Solingen Estate and also double parking triple parking etc. In cul de sac stopped and parking wardens patrol streets to stop this happening it is very bad in this cul de sac limiting access to driveways (32-46 Solingen Est)
3	1	2	