



Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,
Between 106 and 108 Woodhorn Road, Ashington**

4th September 2017

Purpose of Report

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

Recommendations

- I. It is recommended that the following restrictions are introduced on a section of Woodhorn Road, 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 at the junction, 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 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 Woodhorn Road, 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 Woodhorn Road, 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 25 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 8 consultees, with 6 in favour, 1 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. There were a number of useful suggestions and observations provided as a result of the consultation. Following discussions between Councillor Parry and Officers, a revision was proposed, attached as Appendix C. Councillor Parry confirms he wishes to proceed with a revised version of the proposal, consisting of an Increased length of parking restriction this will be funded through his allocation in the Members' 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 revised proposal as detailed in Appendix C should proceed. A further consultation was not deemed required as the revision takes into consideration the comments and observations provided within the original consultation.
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 A – Consultation Letter and Plan
Appendix B – Consultation Response
Appendix C – Revised Plan

Implications Arising out of the Report

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| Policy | None |
| Finance and value for money | Funded through the Member's Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Ken Parry |
| 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 | Hirst |

Background papers:

None

Report sign off.

Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the report:

| | initials |
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| Finance Officer | |
| Monitoring Officer/Legal | |
| Human Resources | |
| Procurement | |
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| Director | |
| Portfolio Holder(s) | |

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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 Restrictions, between 106 and 108 Woodhorn Road, Ashington

Consultation

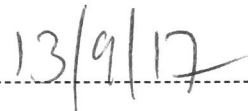
8 Response
6 For
1 Against
1 Neither for nor against

Decision Taken: Introduce No Waiting at Any Time Restriction (Revised)

Signature of Director



Date



Appendix A



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The Occupier

Our Ref: 2017/017_01
Your Ref:
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Tuesday 4th July 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions,
Woodhorn Road, Ashington**

Residents have raised concerns with County Councillor Parry regarding access issues to the rear of Woodhorn Road, Ashington caused by parked vehicles. County Councillor Parry 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 Woodhorn Road 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
Programme & Production Team





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| <p>Northumberland County Council County Hall Morpeth Northumberland NE31 2EF Tel: 01670 633000</p> | <p><small>This map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey, on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationary Office Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. Licence No. 100049464 12/09</small></p> | <p>Dm: AW Date: July 17 Scale: NTS</p> |

— New Parking Restrictions (DYL)

Appendix B

| F O R T | A G A I N S T | N E I T H E R | |
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| | | | Other Relevant Comments |
| | | | 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 | | | No Comment |
| 1 | | | No Comment |
| 1 | | | We support the proposed parking restrictions as long as they are not extended to the whole area at the side of our house. This is the only place we can park our vehicle safely, we already park behind the proposed lines. |
| 1 | | | I would like to see the lines extended as shown on diagram I have returned. <i>(Plan shows DYL from the front of Woodhorn Rd to the rear on both sides)</i> |
| 1 | | | I would like the No Waiting at any time parking restrictions the full length of the road. We all have great difficulty turning onto the main road, you cannot see out. The large lorries have great difficulty turning into the back of Woodhorn road if cars are parked, there have been a number of accidents over the years and a number of near misses it is long overdue. |
| | | | As we will be the first property that will have no parking restrictions imposed we feel as a knock on effect from the restrictions being proposed in front of 108 & 110 that we will begin to have issues with vehicles always being parked in front of our property making it difficult for ourselves or guests visiting our house to get parked. In addition I would like to add that I have never had any problem with access to the rear of my property as a result of vehicles belonging to or guests of the designated properties being parked. The only problem I have witnessed is that recently a large bus belonging to Phoenix Taxis has begun to park outside Numbers 104 and 106 and occasionally opposite numbers 108 and 110 (the driver does not I would hasten to add live at any of the affected properties). Due to the size of the bus it does affect the flow of traffic on Woodhorn road and impairs visibility into and out of the rear of Woodhorn road. It is particularly dangerous due to the proximity it parks to the road end in front of 104 and 106 obscuring a safe view of the oncoming Woodhorn Road traffic. Also due to the size of the bus it means oncoming traffic is having to move to the right of the road on the bend outside the affected properties which means they are on a collision course with any vehicles stationary waiting to turn right for access to the rear of the properties. It is particularly dangerous when articulated lorries are approaching and also Arriva double decker buses which struggle to pass safely and in control. This danger will be exacerbated by the absolutely ridiculous speeds that drivers use on Woodhorn road on a Daily basis which is another issue that I feel needs some drastic intervention from Northumberland County Council. I would like to add that I have no desire to lodge any complaint formally with Phoenix Taxis and do not wish my name to be used in any correspondence you may have with them to address the issue. |
| 1 | | | While we are talking about parking how about looking about speed limits on Woodhorn Road both back and fronts we have no pavement outside of our house we are straight on to the road the cars fly past it is a death trap. |
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Appendix C

