



Northumberland County Council

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

**PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS
BONDICAR TERRACE**

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the relocation of Resident Permit Parking Bays from the south side of Bondicar Terrace.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) The Resident Permit Parking on the south side of Bondicar Terrace are removed and relocated to the west end of the of the Loading Bay on the North side of Bondicar Terrace

Key Issues

- 1) Only 2 Resident Parking Bays located on the south side of Bondicar Terrace
All other properties have vehicular accesses to their property.
- 2) A recent request has been made by both properties owners who have Resident Permit Parking Bays outside their properties to introduce a vehicular access.
- 3) The scheme is supported by Councillor Kath Nisbet

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Background

1. Requests have been made by two separate property owners on Bondicar Terrace regarding the construction of a vehicular access to their property. All other properties on Bondicar Terrace have been granted permission for vehicular crossing points and have a 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm parking restriction outside of the access. To enable vehicular crossings to be constructed, the two remaining Resident Permit Parking Places will need to be removed and relocated to an alternative location, and the 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm will need to be continued for the full length of the street. Residents were canvassed for their comments on two alternative locations where Resident Permit Parking may be permitted. A plan showing the proposals is attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix A). Therefore, it has been proposed that the west end of the Loading Bay on the North side of Bondicar Terrace be reduced to accommodate 2 Resident Permit Parking Bays, allowing the 2 remaining properties vehicular access.

Consultation

2. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 56 residents/businesses and approximately 30 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations.
3. The consultation exercise concluded on Wednesday 28th September and responses were received from 8 consultees with 3 being in favour, 1 against of the proposal, and 4 consultees did not indicate a preference. (See Appendix B).

Comments

4. A number of consultees suggested that the proposed Resident Parking Bay were in the wrong location and would be best positioned on the west side of the loading bay as this area is the least used by loading vehicles.
5. One consultee stated that Plan 2 would be the better option as a reduction in the loading bay would encourage HGV's to park on the footway on Waterloo Road. This would not be the case as a parking restriction has recently been introduced on Waterloo Road which prevents vehicles from parking on the footway.
6. One consultee suggested that more of the loading bay should be given up for residents parking as a lot of the time there is no loading taking place. As stated above, restrictions have recently been imposed on Waterloo Road that prevents vehicles pulling onto the footpath to unload. This in turn will increase demand for loading on Bondicar Terrace, preventing any more of the Loading Bay being used for Resident Parking.

Conclusion

7. From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concerns raised in this area and it is inevitable that some sections of the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. The comments received from the consultation exercise highlighted that the

majority of residents who responded supported the introduction of Resident Permit Parking on the north side of Bondicar Terrace, but stated that it would best be positioned on the west side of the Loading Bay. It is therefore recommended that the Resident Permit Holders Parking Places on the south of Bondicar Terrace be removed and replaced with a 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm' parking restriction. The Loading Bay on the north side of Bondicar Terrace should be reduced to allow for the introduction of Resident Permit Holders Parking Places, as shown in Appendix C.

8. 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.

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Appendix A – Copy of Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B – Summary of Consultation Responses

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Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded by LTP
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Shopping Area, inconsiderate parking issues.
Crime & Disorder	Scheme will alleviate inconsiderate parking in the area, promoting a safer environment.
Customer Considerations	None
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Blyth Town Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the county councillor for the area.
Wards	Croft

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):

Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject:

Proposed parking restriction in Guide Post Square

Consultation

8 Responses

3 For

1 Against

4 Neither

Decision Taken:

To approve the Removal of the Resident Permit Holders Parking Places on the south of Bondicar Terrace and replace with a 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm' parking restriction. The Loading Bay on the north side of Bondicar Terrace should be reduced to allow for the introduction of Resident Permit Holders Parking Places.

Signature of Director



Date

16/11/16



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Wednesday 17th August 2016

Dear Sir/ Madam

Resident Permit Parking Places – Bondicar Terrace, Blyth

Northumberland County Council has received requests from two separate residents on Bondicar Terrace regarding the construction of a vehicular access to their property. To enable these accesses to be constructed, the two remaining Resident Permit Parking Places will need to be removed and relocated to an alternative location.

We have decided to canvas residents, asking for comments on two alternative locations where Resident Permit Parking may be permitted, as shown in the attached plans.

Plan 1 – Remove existing Resident Permit Parking Places from the south side of Bondicar Terrace and replace with single yellow line. Relocate Resident Permit Parking Place to the north side of Bondicar Terrace. This will reduce the existing Loading Bay by 10 metres to allow the Resident Permit Parking Place to be introduced.

Plan 2 - Remove existing Resident Permit Parking Places from the south side of Bondicar Terrace and replace with single yellow line. Change two parking places on Croft Road to shared use Resident Permit Parking and Time Limited Parking Places. This would allow both short stay parking for non-residents and all day parking for residents permit holders.

If you wish to comment on the proposals, please do so before 28th September 2016. You can either:

- Send your comments in using the attached Free Post Response form.
- Send an email to HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk
- Go online at <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>, to view all the relevant documentation.
- Write in to Highways Programmes, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, 2EF

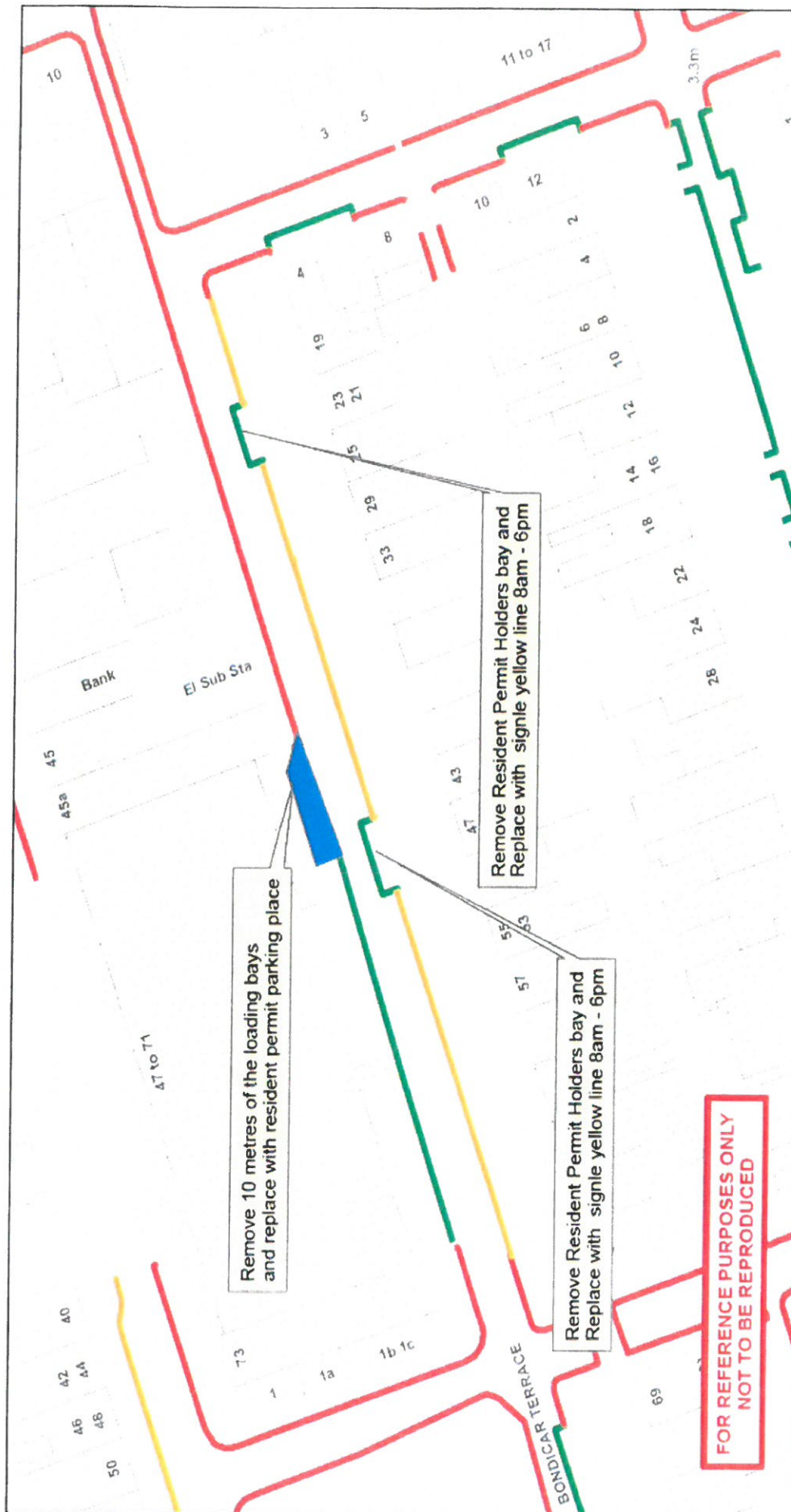
Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a report, to the Director of Local Services and Housing and may be available for public inspection.

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/businesses who take time to return the canvassing form. If no comments are received by the closing date it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations.

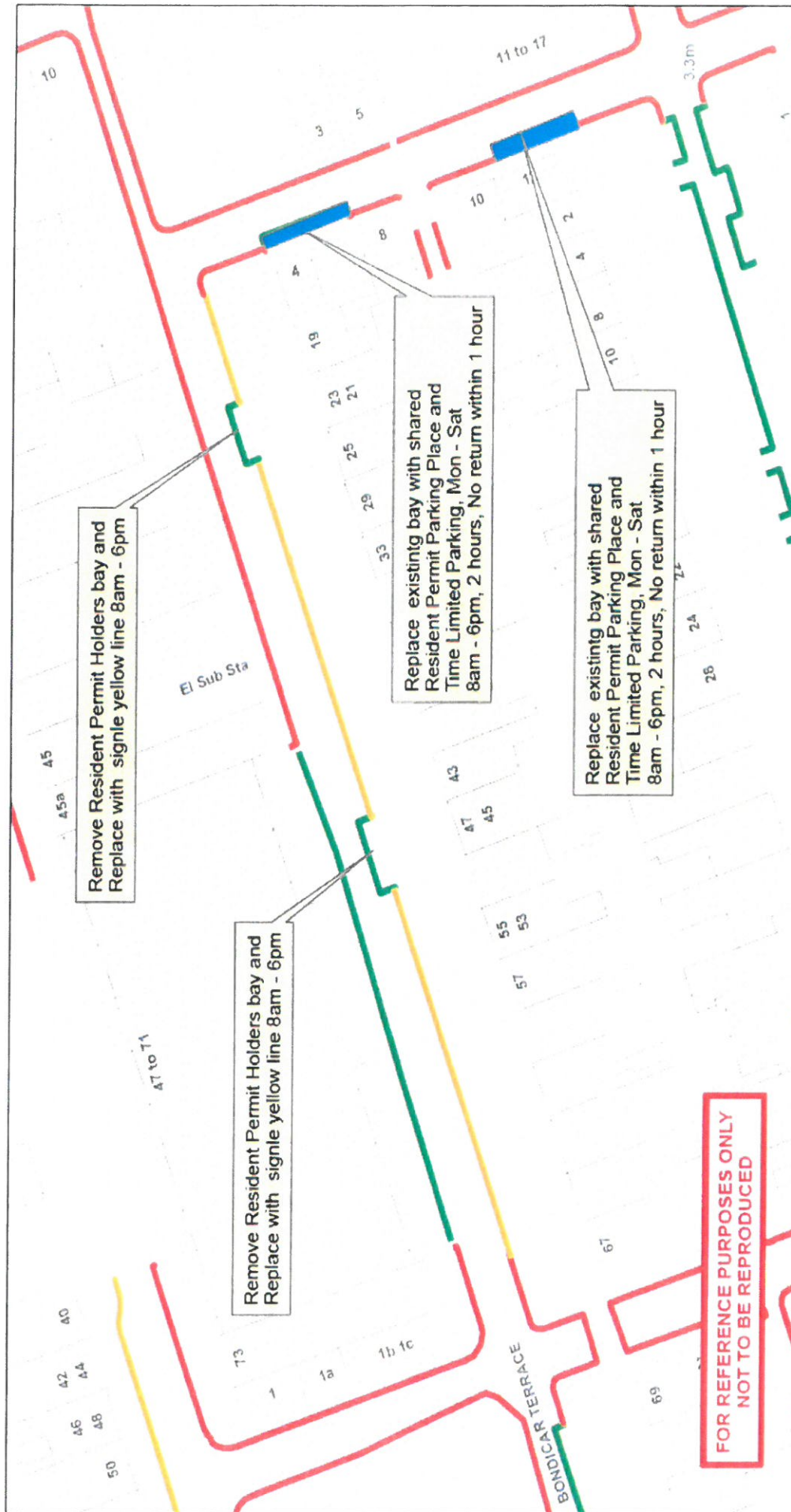
I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Dan Fraser
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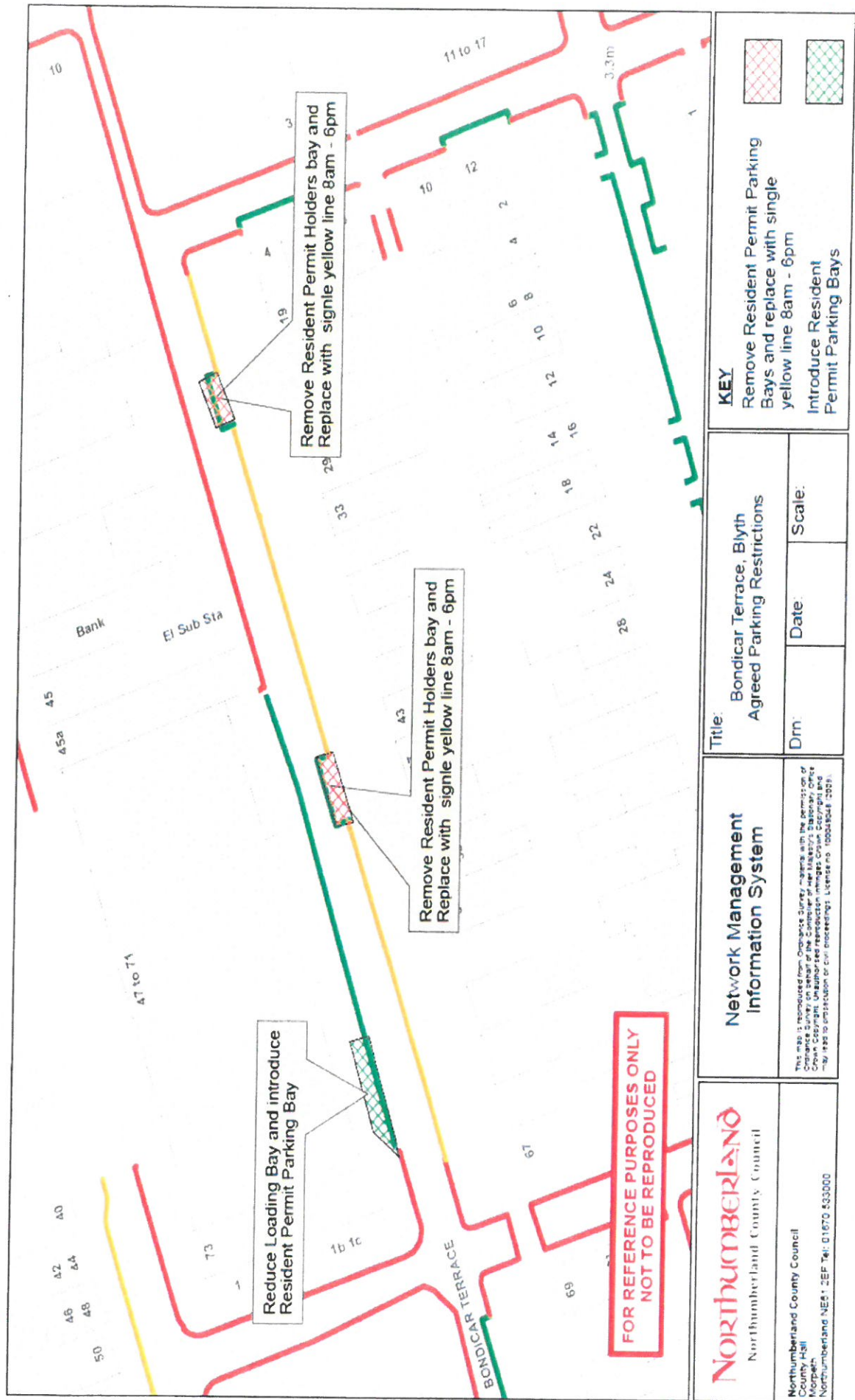


Appendix B - Summary of Consultation Responses

Plan 1	Plan 2	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
		1	Although Plan one is the more favourable option the location of the proposed resident bay would cause a few issues. Firstly the space proposed is partially used by Iceland to store their delivery vans which means they would have to find somewhere else to park however I am not confident that they wouldn't just use that space anyway. The majority of deliveries to the shops on this street can take up to 45 minutes. The trucks in question normally park in the middle of the road in the exact spot the proposed parking bay is. Therefore any residents using this space would be blocked in at a time where most people are going to work. It would make more sense to put the parking bay at the opposite end of the loading bay where fewer deliveries are made.
	1		My preference would be for plan 2, on the grounds that the removal of loading bays (Plan 1) would encourage more delivery vehicles to use the footway on Waterloo Rd as is currently the case.
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 17th August 2016 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 on-going road safety programme.
		1	Plan one - not to use the East side of plan but use the West side and only two cars can park here. At the other end there are parking bays for HGV's , access required to make deliveries.
1			<p>Thank you for contacting me regarding the parking proposals on Bondicar Terrace. Apologies for not getting to you by the 28th August, I was unable to due to being away on holiday.</p> <p>I would like to support Plan 1, with parking spaces being created behind the shops.</p> <p>I would like to add that in my view those homes who have created front drives to fit as many as 2-3 cars, should not be given the option to purchase resident parking permits for their own cars. These households should only be given the option to purchase x1 visitor permit only. And stress that the visitor permit is not for their own use.</p> <p>It has been noted by many residents that parking spaces are being used by those who have empty drives! This is not only unfair but down right inconsiderate. There is a lack of parking available due to residents turning their front gardens into drives and then go park on the street leaving residents without drives with nowhere to park by those who created the problem.</p> <p>Therefore, I strongly feel these households should not be given 2 permits, instead one visitors permit for non-residents only. This rule should only be applicable to houses that are able to accommodate 2 cars on their drive, not flats which do not have this option.</p>
			You may include my comments in the report to the Director of Local Services and Housing for public inspection.
1			Whilst in support of plan one, I feel that more use should be made of the loading bays on the other side of the road. The space suggested in plan one will not support 4 vehicles as the current parking bays do. The loading bays as exist are hardly used except early mornings, therefore are largely wasted space in an area where space is at a premium. Re plan two - I would not wish to park my vehicles at such a distance from my property, out of sight on busy thoroughfare. Also, anyone who has watched a heavy goods vehicle negotiate that corner would consider this a viable option.
		1	<p>When proposals were first submitted to change the parking regime in the above area around 2006 residents were promised 19 parking spaces for permit holders and visitors. The reality is that on delivery only 3 residents parking spaces were provided. Even simple arithmetic tells us this will lead to a contention of 6:1. If visitors permits are introduced on the basis of one per household as proposed the contention then rises to 13:1 that is 13 drivers potentially competing for each space. Now you are proposing to reduce the residents parking bays to 1. To offset the loss the council is proposing 2 alternative schemes. The first is to allocate part of the Loading bay behind Westgate house to residents parking bays. If this is so practical why has this not been done before to reduce the contention mentioned earlier? If memory serves me correctly this was a proposal submitted by residents and dismissed by Mr Jim Long some years ago. So why should such a proposal now become acceptable? The alternative is to pay for a residents parking bay in Croft road, which is currently available to anyone with or without a valid permit and from my reading the proposal does not change that. Even were answers to these question acceptable what exactly will happened when an Iceland vehicle decides to deliver at the same time as a Poundland/Bargain buys Vehicle. Warburtons and Herons also use the loading bay whilst delivering to Herons? In the absence of an answer let me suggest a likely scenario. The vehicles will double park, this blocking the road and causing, at best, a degree of congestion your existing scheme we were told would be avoided. At worst heavy goods vehicles will mount the pavement at substantial risk to pedestrians. This is not an absurd or ridiculous scenario because this is what happened when the Coop occupied Westgate house. The alternative proposal deprives local business in Croft Road from customer parking facilities and allows residents to pay for the privilege of contending for parking spaces which are free to anyone else. It was the council who decided on the current regime and the objectives were threefold. • Parking restrictions consistent with other areas in Bondicar and Marine Terrace • Residents parking available for all residents and visitors to residents • Unimpeded traffic flow for all commercial and non-commercial vehicles Had the original 19 residents bays been provided or had, as was proposed 3 years ago, street markings been placed as in other blocks on Bondicar Terrace and in all of Marine Terrace it is likely these objectives would have been fulfilled. As it s none of the objectives have been achieved. Before making further comment on the proposals I need you to set out in clear and unambiguous terms exactly how your new proposals plan to achieve these objectives and if these objectives are now no longer the objectives set out in clear terms exactly what the</p>

			objectives are an how they contribute to a clear, efficient and effective traffic management programme.
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Appendix C – Agreed Restrictions



RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

ADDENDUM

Proposed Parking Restriction Amendments, Bondicar Terrace, Blyth 21st March 2017

Original Decision Report

Proposed Parking Restrictions on Bondicar Terrace, Blyth
Signed by Director of Local Services and Housing on 16th November 2016

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Recommendations

It is recommended that:

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- 3) The scheme is supported by Councillor Kath Nisbet

Purpose of Addendum

Following an objection from a resident at the Decision Letter Stage, Council Officers examined an alternative proposal that had not been identified during the consultation. The alternative option was investigated and it was agreed that the Resident Permit Parking Place should stay on the south side of Bondicar Terrace, across the driveways, allowing additional parking for residents through the day, but would be introduce as an Experimental Order.

It was anticipated that this option would provide additional on street parking for residents, so long as driveways were not blocked by inconsiderate parking. However, once letters were sent to residents informing them of the council's intentions, a number of residents objected.

Background

At the Decision Letter stage a resident complained and suggested that the Resident Permit Parking Place should stay on the south side of Bondicar Terrace, across the driveways, allowing additional parking for residents through the day.

This option was discussed with Parking Services and it was agreed that this option would work if all residents agreed to use the bay considerately and not block other driveways in the street. However, there was a chance that if the residents did not respect neighbouring driveways, it could cause further issues and was therefore proposed to be introduced as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order.

Residents received letters informing them that the council intended to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order on Bondicar Terrace, which would introduce an Experimental Resident Permit Parking Bay between numbers 19 and 67 Bondicar Terrace.

Following the information letter being sent out, a number of residents contacted Cllr Nisbet, who were dissatisfied with the proposal and would not support the introduction of the scheme. They stated that residents did not want this scheme and if it went ahead, shoppers visiting the town centre would park across their driveways during busy periods. They wanted the single yellow line in front of their driveways as they thought that was the best deterrent for inconsiderate parking.

Therefore, the decision has been made to proceed as originally proposed, as detailed below.

- **Remove the Resident Permit Holders Parking Places on the south of Bondicar Terrace**
- **Introduce 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm' parking restriction on the south side of Bondicar Terrace.**
- **The Loading Bay on the north side of Bondicar Terrace should be reduced to allow for the introduction of Resident Permit Holders Parking Places.**

It has also been agreed that we will not be considering any further parking restriction or amendments to any existing parking restrictions along this section of Bondicar Terrace for the foreseeable future.

DECISION TAKEN (ADDENDUM)

Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):

Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject:

To approve the Removal of the Resident Permit Holders Parking Places on the south of Bondicar Terrace and replace with a 'No Waiting 8am – 6pm' parking restriction. The Loading Bay on the north side of Bondicar Terrace should be reduced to allow for the introduction of Resident Permit Holders Parking Places.

Consultation

Not required. Consultation took place on original proposal

Decision Taken:

To introduce parking restrictions as proposed.

Signature of Director



Date

