



Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones

**Proposed Amendment of existing Waiting and Loading Restriction and
Extension of Resident Parking Zone in Haldane Street, Ashington**

15th June 2017

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise, regarding the proposed amendment to the existing Waiting and Loading Restriction, and the extension of the Resident Parking Zone in Haldane Street, Ashington.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the existing waiting and loading restrictions be amended as proposed in Appendix C, on the grounds of road safety.
2. It is further recommended that in view of the consultation exercise the Residents Parking Zone (RPZ) should remain unchanged and not be extended to the whole of Haldane Street, Ashington.

Key Issues

1. This area has been the subject of parking concerns over a long period of time i.e. indiscriminate parking obstructing access to residential properties causing concerns for the residents and the local County Councillor.
2. The Scheme was to be funded and supported by County Councillor Thomas Wilson.
3. Following discussion between NCC Officers and Councillor Wilson the decision has been made not to proceed with the R.P.Z. element of the proposal.

Background

1. Concerns were identified to Councillor Wilson by residents on a number of occasions, with regard to indiscriminate parking in the area.
2. A residents parking zone was introduced to Haldane Street in September 2016 but only to the east end of the street with the result that, non-residential parking has migrated to the west end of Haldane street, compounding their original parking issues.
3. It was proposed to extend the Residents Parking Zone (RPZ) at all times, as shown on the consultation plan attached.
4. This would help provide parking for the residents of Haldane Street at all times.
5. There is an existing car park on Haldane Street, which would not be included within the RPZ and can be used by other road users and residents to park.
6. It was also proposed to amend the existing traffic regulation order with the addition of corner protection on the junction of Haldane Street and Duke Street Back Lane to allow unobstructed access by delivery lorries and refuse collection vehicles.

Consultation – No 1

1. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 13th January 2017. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 14 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 13th February 2017 and responses were received from 12 consultees, with 5 in favour, 4 against and 3 who was neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

Consultation – No 2

3. A second consultation was conducted after the design was modified in line with comments received from the first consultation and with Cllr. Wilson's agreement, regarding the proposed traffic regulation order to the north side of the street.
4. The second consultation was conducted on the 16th May 2017. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to the same 14 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 C).

5. The consultation exercise ended on 9th June 2017 and responses were received from 8 consultees, with 5 in favour, 3 against. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix D.
6. Councillor Wilson was notified of the results of the consultation.
7. Councillor Wilson after discussions with Council Officers regrettably confirms he does not wish to proceed with the Residents Parking element of the scheme.

Recommendations

1. The proposal was made by Councillor Wilson who understood there was a good level of local support for the scheme; However, in view of the feedback received from the consultation, Councillor Wilson no longer wishes to proceed with the Residents Parking Zone element of the proposal.
2. Councillor Wilson wishes to proceed with the amendment to the Waiting and Loading restrictions as shown in appendix C.
3. Councillor Wilson 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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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Thomas Wilson
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	The introduction of a Residents Parking Permit Zone has been considered alongside existing restrictions and the needs of the local community.
Crime & Disorder	Indiscriminate parking and obstruction
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve parking provisions for residents in the area
Carbon reduction	
Wards	Ashington Central

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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Monitoring Officer/Legal	
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Procurement	
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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio Holder Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject: Proposed amendment to waiting and loading restrictions, introduction of a resident parking zone (RPZ) and resident parking places in Haldane Street, Ashington.

Consultation 1 12 Responses
5 For
4 Against
3 Neither for nor against

Consultation 2 8 Responses
5 For
3 Against

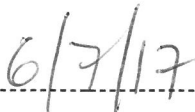
Decision Taken:

1. To amend the waiting and loading restrictions as proposed in the second consultation.
2. Not to extend the Residents Parking Zone as proposed.

Signature of Director/
officer/Portfolio Holder



Date



Appendix A

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The Occupier

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Monday 13th February 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Amendment of existing Waiting and Loading Restriction and Extension of Resident Parking Zone in Haldane Street, Ashington

Feedback from the consultation carried out in the summer of 2015, for the proposed residential parking zone Haldane Street, indicated a clear polarization of opinion, resulting in the original plan being split in two. Councillor Wilson has received subsequent information from some residents, suggesting the scheme should be extended to its original size, incorporating the whole of Haldane Street.

Signs would be erected as necessary indicating where Residents Permit Parking is in operation. Bays would not be provided within the zone as they are not required for this type of restriction. To cover administrative costs, residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits. (Currently £15 a year per permit, equivalent to £1.25 per month). A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking.

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.

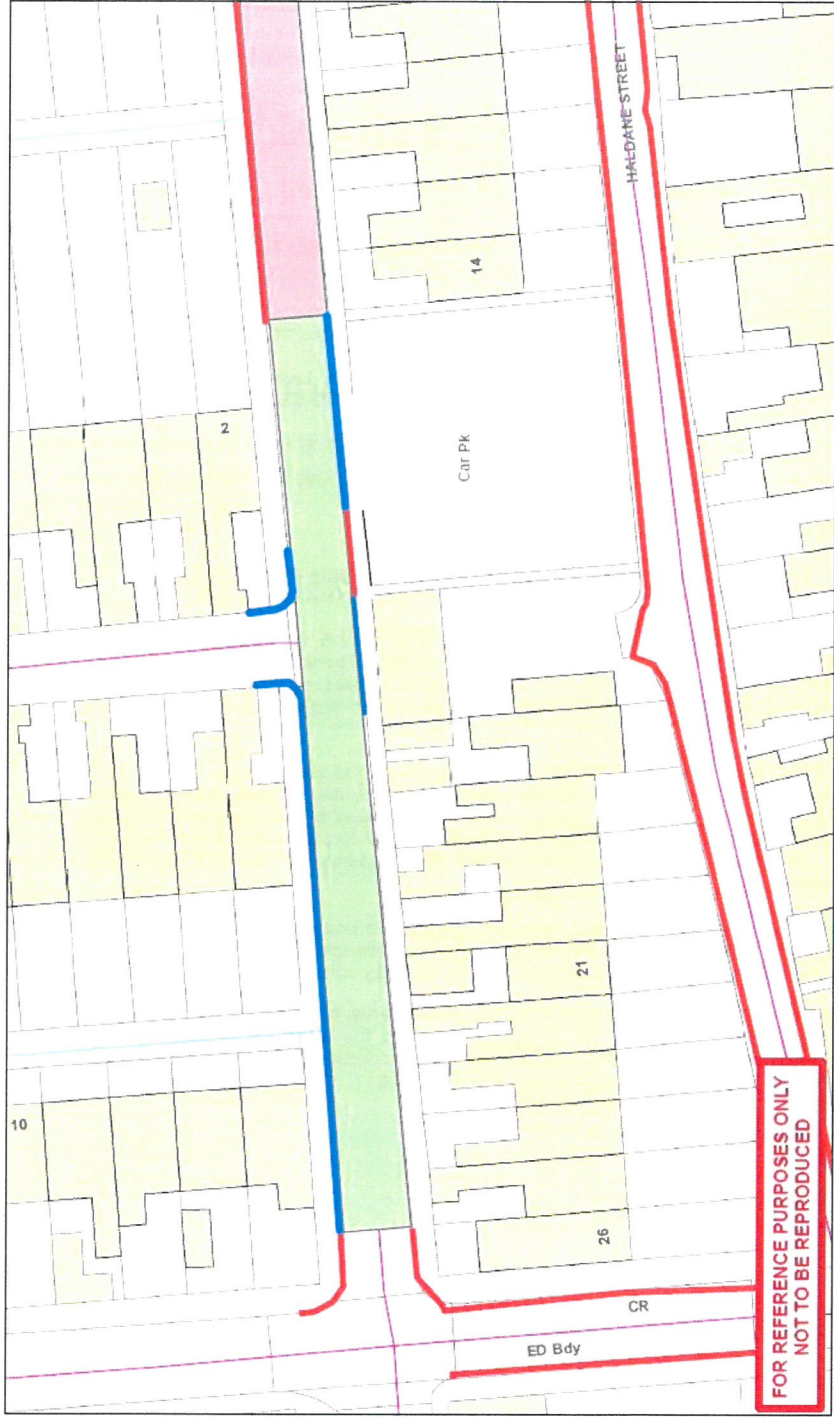
Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and Housing and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Friday 13th March 2017. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address:
<http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

Yours faithfully



Terry Luck
Programme Officer (Member Schemes)





<p>Northumberland Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Northumberland County Council County Hall Morris Northumberland NE1 2EF Tel: 01670 633000</p>	<p>Network Management Information System</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. Crown Copyright and Ordnance Survey (UK) 2004. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced or stored in a retrieval system without the prior written permission of Ordnance Survey. Licence No. 100049064 2004.</small></p>	<p>Title: Proposed (Extended) Residents Parking Permit Scheme Haldane Street Ashington</p> <p>Dm: AW</p> <p>Date: Feb 17</p> <p>Scale: NTS</p>	<p>Existing Double Yellow Lines</p> <p>Proposed New Double Yellow Lines</p> <p>Existing Residents Parking Zone</p> <p>Proposed extension to the Residents parking Zone</p>
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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	I would be in favour of the RPZ if the DYL can be extended in the lane to my rear as far as the back of my garage and marked parking bays be placed between my garage door and the no entry signs
		1	I would be in favour of the RPZ if a bay could be provided on my side of Haldane street a few meters from the junction with Duke street back lane
1			I support these restrictions. In my opinion we should have implemented this when we introduced the existing scheme at the east end of the street.
	1		You have put yellow lines outside my garage making my parking difficult as I am unable to put the car in the garage. Now with the new proposals I will not be able to park next to my home at all as it will be surrounded by double yellow lines. I believe this will affect the value of my home making it impossible to sell. The only parking available will be outside a neighbor's garage blocking their access. Ridiculous! Turn the whole area into residents only parking without any double yellow lines. This will free up parking to residents!!!
1			Needs doing as soon as possible.
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 2nd March 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		You have put double yellow lines on both sides of my property, so I already have problems parking my car. To put double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road is ridiculous as it would half the parking spaces. I think you need to remove the yellow lines on both sides of the road on the north side of Haldane Street and give residents permits. Leave the yellow lines on the south side of Haldane Street though. Because there are more residents cars that proposed spaces, would it not be better not to put DYL's on either side of the road. If the double yellow lines were left off the scheme we would support residents parking permits.
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	1		1-Install a raised pavement at the west end of Haldane Street to discourage speed and through traffic (this was done at the entrance to the Eighth Row opposite and adjoining Seventh and Ninth Row over twenty years ago). 2- Impose 20mph speed limit. 3-Cul-De-Sac the access road north of Charlton Street Gardens to prevent through traffic. 4-The road marked "Haldane Street" on the map accompanying the proposals is "Back Station road" "Haldane Street" is the street colored green and pink on the map
	1		I do not support the proposal. There is not enough parking spaces for residents if you are only issuing 1 permit & 1 visitor per household - and putting yellow lines across the road. We have 2 or 3 cars at the household and need to park opposite as well as in front of the property in the back land. Two doors up have 2 cars and a works van and there is a minimum of 1 car per household with the exception of 1 have along this street. So can you please explain where everyone is going to park. If our back lane was not used as a car park by non residents using the main street congestion would be reduced. Resident only parking without permits would be fine. Restricted access signs would be a better solution. This congestion has been caused by the parking restrictions imposed as the East end of Haldane Street. This is a tax of parking at your own home intended to create congestions elsewhere. Yellow lines will increase congestion NOT resolve it yellow lines are simply another way to increase revenue. There are insufficient permits for the number of cars per household. I understand that the councillor proposing this amendment does NOT have these restrictions at his address. Is this equality? you first councillor!
	1		Let's hope you get this right this time. I want to park my car outside my own house, I don't agree with the plan. But have seen (Tom Wilson) and we have shown him what we would like. I also would like residents parking put on road outside my home as they will still park here. I don't want to have to phone the police every day I come home and please remember we are paying for this residents parking now, so I would like this back up. Us The Residents R Sick of All This Now!
	1		This proposed amendment for the residents parking zone in Haldane Street Ashington will not help solve the existing parking problems that we are having to deal with every day. In fact it will most certainly intensify the situation. The amount of space to be allocated would not cover the number of residents cars. What of residents who garage their cars? Would they have any guaranteed access? I think not I therefore object to this proposal.
5	4	3	

Appendix C



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The Occupier

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Tuesday 16th May 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re-consultation for the
Proposed Amendment of existing Waiting and Loading Restriction and
Extension of Resident Parking Zone in Haldane Street, Ashington**

Following feedback received from the consultation conducted in February / March 2017, requesting your views on the proposed extension of parking restrictions on Haldane Street, Ashington. Councillor Wilson has instructed us to amend the original plans and re-consult the residents affected by these proposed parking restrictions.

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 proposals, once again.

To introduce a 'Residential Parking Zone' and amend the existing 'No Waiting at Any time' traffic regulation order at Haldane Street in Ashington as shown on the attached plan dated May 2017.

Signs would be erected as necessary indicating where Resident Permit Parking is in operation. Bays would not be provided within the zone as they are not required for this type of restriction. To cover administrative costs, residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits. (Currently £15 a year per permit, equivalent to £1.25 per month). A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking.

A freepost response form is enclosed for you to return your views, or you can email them to HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk. I would welcome a reply by **Friday 9th June 2017**. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to all individual comments. You may also wish to note that any comments received may be included in a Decision Report 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 who take time to return the consultation form.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AW' or 'Andy Walker', written in a cursive style.

Andy Walker
Technical assistant (Members Small Schemes)

Appendix D

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
			Other Relevant Comments
1			no comments
1			no comments
1			This is a much better plan. I would be please if this went ahead. This would ensure that I could park near my home without all the council workers and shop workers parking infront of my home stopping me from parking. I would be more that happy to pay for parking permits for myself and one for a guest. Fantasic.
1			I reject the proposals because: 1 we aready pay road tax we should not need to pay a parking tax to park at our own home. 2 We should not need (be forced) to pay a visitor tax for a permint to allow visitors. 3 The residents have aready rejected several variations on this tax Mr Wilson should accept our wishes. NO! to a parking tax. NO! to repeated surveys until Mr Wilson gets his own way! Restricted access signs would do the job.
1			I am pleased the double yellow lines opposite the houses on Haldane Street are no longer on the plan. However I do not support the proposal. We are a 3 car house hold so I resident & 1 visistor permit is not sufficient and I do not support the £15 charge for permits. The Situation at our end of the street has been made worse by the introduction of the residnts parking already in place at the lower end of Haldane street.
1			Without implementing a parking restriction (Double yellow lines) on the north side of Haldane Street the existing problem of double parking will continue. Had the proposals included the above we would have supported the proposals.
1			Would be better if it was marked on the road to. As I don't think they will take notice. I don't want to have to phone all the time because they park outside my house and in front of my garage day and night. Thanks. It's not much to ask as I will be paying to park outside my own home now. This all started because of the car park put outside my home. This car park has caused a lot of problems with wagons lin bin wagons and others. Who is going to check on these parking bays if I am to pay for parking. So please mark the parking bays it's the only way to.
1			It appears to me that this recent proposal is more than likely the best solution, compared with what has been suggested previously; However where some residents have two cars per household, can it be assumed that one of these cars should not be designated as a visitors permit?
5	3	0	

