



Northumberland County Council

**DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING DELIVERY IN
CONSULTATION WITH PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS, HOTSPUR HILL, ALNWICK

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise, regarding a proposal to provide parking restrictions in Hotspur Hill, Alnwick.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

Given the results of the consultation it is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are not provided.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the *Places and Environment Aim* in the Corporate Plan:

"Our aim is to maintain and further improve the quality of our towns, villages and countryside and make it easier for residents to access services and high quality, affordable homes and to travel using different modes of transport. To achieve this, we will keep Northumberland clean, green and safe from detrimental impacts of climate change, build more houses to benefit those most in need and provide a convenient, integrated public transport network."

Key Issues

1. The County Council has received concerns from local residents via Homes for Northumberland about indiscriminate parking in Hotspur Hill, Alnwick.

Background

1. The County Council has received concerns from local residents via Homes for Northumberland about indiscriminate parking in Hotspur Hill, Alnwick.
2. These concerns relate to parked cars making it difficult for residents to manoeuvre their vehicles in and out of their garages.
3. The photo below shows Hotspur Hill with parked cars.



Consultation

1. In response to the concerns raised a consultation was carried out in July 2017 on a proposal to provide double yellow lines (No Waiting at Any Time) along the west side of Hotspur Hill to prevent cars parking opposite the garages. A copy of the consultation plan is shown in Appendix A.
2. The responses to this consultation were:
 - a. For: 0 (0%)
 - b. Against: 7 (64%)
 - c. Neutral: 4 (36%)

A copy of the responses is shown in Appendix B.

3. Those against the proposal stated that parking opposite the garages does not cause an obstruction.

4. This is borne out by an approximate measurement which shows that the road is almost 6 metres wide in Hotspur Hill, and the garage forecourt area is a further 6 metres wide, giving a total width of 12 metres.
5. A number of residents of the adjoining street, Dovecote Lane, also responded to the consultation, stating that there were no issues in Hotspur Hill, and that restricting parking there would further exacerbate parking issues in Dovecote Lane.
6. The local Ward Councillors support the recommendation.

Recommendation

7. Given the results of the consultation it is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are not provided.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	None
Legal	None
Procurement	None
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	None
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None

Wards	Alnwick
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Background papers:

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Report sign off.

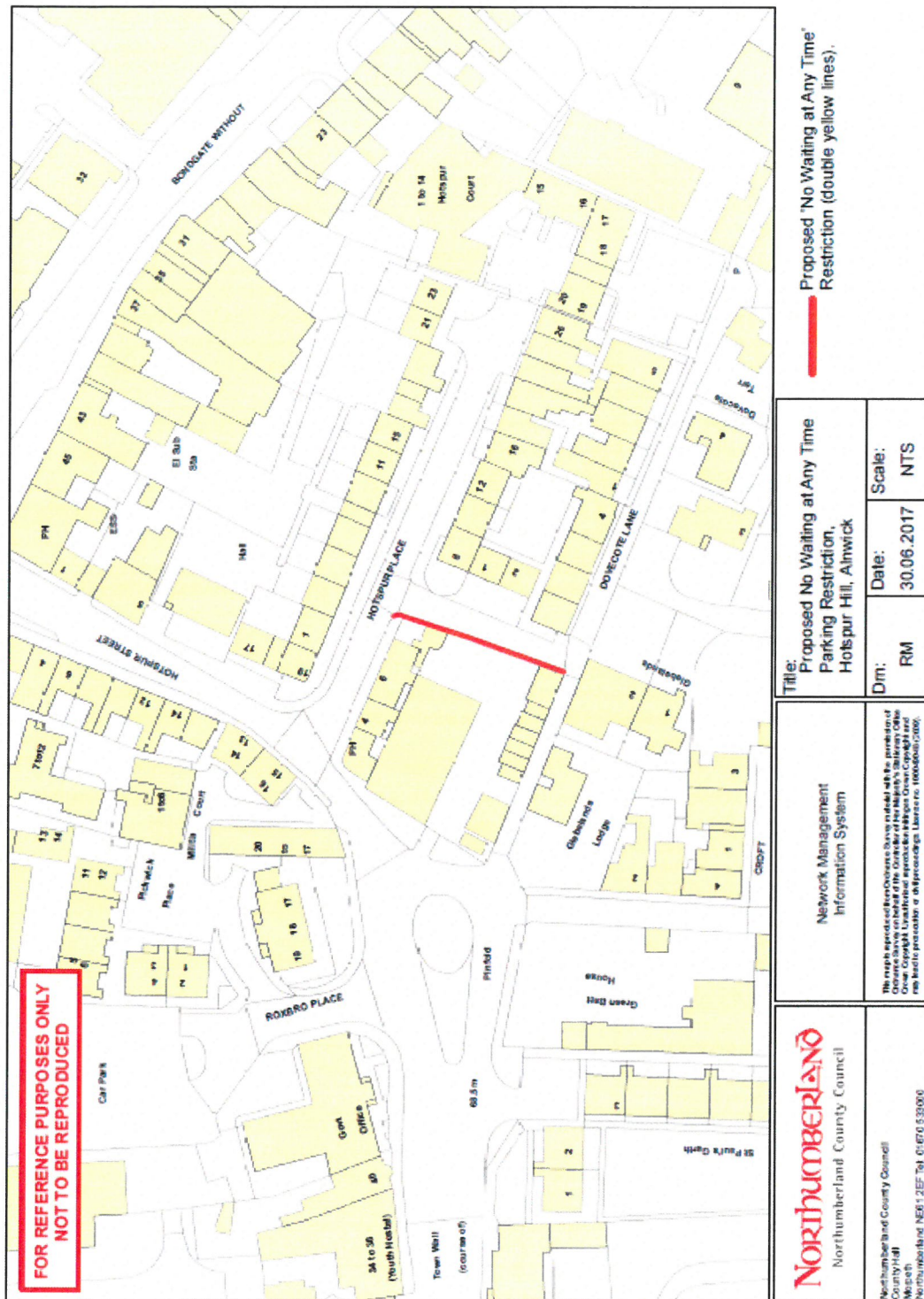
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Appendix A Consultation Plan



Appendix B Consultation Responses

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
			Other Relevant Comments
		1	<p>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.</p>
		1	<p>The garages are kept for storage, anyone parking in front of them are local people who could be informed to move. If there was a fire in my flat I could jump out onto a car below. car parking is a problem in Alnwick so please do not add to it.</p>
		1	<p>The problem is not caused by people parking on the area indicated on Hotspur Hill it is people parking in front of garage doors. I feel a Residents only parking permit system would be better option as parking is already limited in Hotspur Place/Hill.</p>
		1	<p>I'm writing to express my concern at the Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Parking Restriction, Hotspur Hill, Alnwick.</p> <p>It is true that there has been a long term problem with people parking in front of the two garages on Hotspur Hill but this is not caused by cars parked alongside the wall of my property. Parking near to the adjacent properties is already very limited and a much better solution would be a Residents parking scheme with appropriate policing.</p>
		1	<p>I am extremely concerned to learn today about a proposal to create a parking restriction on Hotspur Hill. I am a resident at 2, Dovecote Terrace where there is no possibility of parking due to the narrow width of the lane. I and the other residents park our cars on the hill where you propose to install double yellow lines. We have had no complaints from the owners of the garages and we certainly do not prevent access to these owners. I and my fellow residents of Dovecote lane and Dovecote Terrace feel most strongly that this plan should not be implemented as it will cause great inconvenience and distress to those of us who would have nowhere to park.</p> <p>I am also deeply concerned that we have not been informed about this plan and have only learned about it today from the neighbour at 1,Dovecote Lane who was the only recipient of the information. I would be grateful if a visit could be arranged for you or your representative to see for yourself the situation.</p> <p>We vehicle owners of Dovecote Lane and Terrace are in urgent need of the retention of the parking space that we currently use and I earnestly hope that this matter can be re-examined and that the plan will not take place.</p>
		1	<p>object to this as i will have nowhere to parking my car and this will make a huge upheaval to the streets around us to have to park in somebody else streets,our parking doesn't restriction the garages at all there is only 2 used for storage the chap who wants this lives in hotspur place and had a garage for his car he ask us to sign a letter for yellow lines on his garage not the street all will happen is your moving us onto hotspur place to park and then then will all complain and will your then put yellow lines there i think your should come out and look at the street to see what you are proposed wont work many think</p>

		<p>I was approached recently by a neighbour who lives at No 1 Dovecote Lane, Alnwick. She had received a letter from yourself with regard to putting yellow lines against the wall on Hotspur Hill. I understand the issues of parking on this street have come from a nearby resident who uses one of the garages opposite to repair his motorbikes. I live at 4 Dovecote Terrace Alnwick and park my car on Hotspur Hill and have done so regularly for the past 10 years and more. I no way do vehicles parked against the wall cause any obstruction to the garages. If yellow lines were to be put down then I would have no alternative but to use other already congested street parking around.</p> <p>I would be most grateful if you would come and view the situation and you will see that there is not a problem with access to the garages. I understand that the owner of one of the garages has also another garage rented from the council which he parks his car!</p> <p>I hope that you will review this measure and not proceed with totally unnecessary parking restrictions.</p>
1		<p>Concerning the plans of restricting parking on Hotspur Hill.</p> <p>Do you intend to provide the residents of Dovecote Terrace with parking permits for other appropriate venues?</p> <p>As you must be aware, we are unable to park on Dovecote Lane or Terrace and at age 70 need parking not too far away.</p> <p>Therefore, I'm totally against the changes.</p>
1		<p>I don't agree as I will have nowhere to park my car the parking here do not affect the garage at all, these are only used for storage I was asked to sign a form of the garage owner to agree to yellow lines on his garage not my parking site it would be better if you come out to view the street to see for yourself.</p>
1		<p>I am writing to you in relation to the parking at Hotspur Hill. I do not want double yellow lines painted outside the two garages the parking is enough of a nightmare as it is and the two garages are used purely for storage.</p>
1		<p>As the owner of 3 Dovecote Lane which is currently run as a holiday let I would like to express my views regarding the proposed parking/waiting restrictions on Hotspur Hill.</p> <p>I have the following grave concerns regarding the impact on the value of my property and the viability of my business should the proposal be implemented.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My property would be devalued on the open market. 2. The viability of my property as a holiday let business would be seriously compromised should guests find parking an even more difficult problem than it already is. Parking in Alnwick is at a premium and any reduction in available spaces will impact both residents and visitors. <p>No waiting restrictions would affect access to the property by cleaners and maintenance personnel. I may be a small cog in the wheel but the interests of small businesses which also contribute to the tourist industry in Alnwick need to be borne in mind by those making this kind of decision.</p> <p>Moreover, the points made above regarding property devaluation and restricted accessibility for service, delivery and maintenance vehicles would apply to all residents of Dovecote Lane and Dovecote Terrace.</p> <p>My understanding is that the problem arises from inconsiderate parking on the forecourt of the garages in question rather than the parking parallel to the wall. In the ten years of my ownership of 3 Dovecote Lane and the two previous years of my daughter's ownership of the property, parking along the wall on the west side of Hotspur Hill has not been a problem. Surely some indication that those not entitled to do so should not park on the forecourts of the garages in question should suffice.</p>
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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio Holder: Director of Local Services & Housing Delivery
Cabinet Member for Environment & Local Services

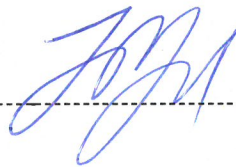
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Signature of Director/
officer/Portfolio Holder



Date

