



Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones

**Proposed No Waiting & Loading at Any Time Restrictions,
Rye Terrace, Hexham**

25th April 2017

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding proposed No Waiting and Loading at any time restrictions between Rye Terrace and Rye Terrace / Millfield Terrace Back Lane, Hexham.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the following, 'No Waiting and Loading at any Time' restriction (double yellow lines) be introduced to the junction of U8290 Rye Terrace and U8290 Westbourne Grove Back lane, Hexham.

Key Issues

1. This area has been subject to indiscriminate parking over a period of time, causing an obstruction and traffic safety concerns.
2. The Scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Derek Kennedy

Background

1. Concerns have been identified to Councillor Kennedy by residents of Millfield Terrace, Hexham on a number of occasions with regard to the indiscriminate parking causing safety concerns in the area.
2. Officers therefore proposed the introduction of a No Waiting and Loading at Any Time restriction (double yellow lines) in Rye Terrace and Westbourne Grove Back lane, Hexham.

3. It is anticipated that this would help improve the sight lines at the junction and encourage residents to park a safe distance from the corner of Westbourne Grove Back Lane.
4. It is also anticipated that the access will be improved to Rye Terrace / Millfield Terrace back Lane by restricting parking at the rear of Westbourne Grove.

Consultation

1. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 30th January 2017. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 39 residents and 27 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 24th March 2017 and responses were received from 13 consultees, with 9 in favour, 3 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
3. Councillor Kennedy was notified of the results of the consultation.
4. Councillor Kennedy confirms he wishes to proceed with the proposal, based on the feedback received from the consultation, this will be funded from his Member's Local Improvements Programme allocation.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the proposal 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 A - Consultation 1 - Copy of Consultation Letter

Appendix B - Consultation 1 - Summary of Responses

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Derek Kennedy
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 and loading at any time restriction
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. obstruction
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety and traffic access in the area
Carbon reduction	
Wards	Hexham West

Background papers:

None

Report sign off.

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DECISION TAKEN

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

Subject: Proposed introduction of No waiting and loading at any time restriction Rye Terrace, Hexham

Consultation

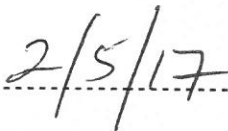
- 13 Responses
- 9 For
- 3 Against
- 1 Neither for nor against

Decision Taken: Introduce No Waiting and Loading at Any Time Restriction.

Signature of Director



Date



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Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions,
Rye Terrace, Hexham**

Residents have raised concerns with County Councillor Kennedy regarding access issues to the rear of Rye Terrace, Hexham caused by parked vehicles. County Councillor Kennedy 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 Rye Terrace 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 24th March 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


Terry Luck
Programme Officer





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— Double Yellow Lines

<p>Northumberland Northumberland County Council</p> <p>Northumberland County Council County Hall Morpeth Northumberland NE61 2EF Tel: 01670 533000</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. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. License no. 100045048 (2009).</small></p>	<p>Title: Rye Terrace, Hexham Proposed Parking Restrictions</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Dm: AW</td><td>Date: Jan 17 rev 2</td><td>Scale: NTS</td></tr> </table>	Dm: AW	Date: Jan 17 rev 2	Scale: NTS
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APPENDIX B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
	1		I do not think this is necessary, regularly park in the area highlighted and leave ample room for cars to pass. My girlfriend is disabled and needs a wheelchair to get about, we often drop her off around the back of Rye Terrace and have never had any problems getting past cars parked in the highlighted area. Parking on Rye Terrace is at a premium anyway so stopping parking on this area will just make another problem somewhere else. Also surely parking regulation is more important around the one day area of Cockshaw where parked cars make cars drive on the pavement in order to pass. A pavement used by hundreds of children and families daily.
	1		Thank you for your letter dated 1st February 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			This matter was referred to the Town Council's Planning & Infrastructure Committee at its meeting today. The Committee support the proposal.
	1		People generally park considerately and any problems are only intermitente the no waiting would only cause more problems on Rye Terrace. It also looks like I would not be able to park in front of my own house easily.
1			Please make no 8,9,10,11 Westbourne Grove residents only. Residents cannot get parked for cars and vans from Rye terrace taking up parking spaces. It's not nice looking out of windows seeing vans. Some people from Rye Terrace have 3 cars for 3 people in house (they should be made to pay plus people with more than 1 car + van). These vans take up 2 car spaces each vans should be left at work or in car park. I am a blue badge holder if goes out cannot get back in.
	1		Having lived at my current address for over sixteen years I feel that the proposal is flawed in several ways. Namely, to put no waiting at any time into action will cause more traffic parking issues than it will solve. Currently there are not enough spaces for residents cars to be parked in and around the area of Rye Terrace. Residents have illegally complained of access issues, however as a resident of many years I have never witnessed nor been made aware of such issues and when in consultation with neighbours they too are at a loss as to when these issues have occurred. During the day there are few cars parked in the area as most people are out at work. It gets busy from late afternoon and any cars parked in either lane are always parked with care ensuring there is adiquite space for vehicles to pass. It seems to me that the council want the parking restrictions purely for their own gain for free access for the bin lorries to go about their business without any hinderance which happens once in a while and will be the case in almost any street in Hexham from time to time. The introduction of parking restrictions of this type would be the tip of the iceberg and if it goes through would be quickly followed by more of the same causing utter chaos for residents wishing to park. The roads in the immediate area around Rye Terrace have already more than enough of a parking problem of their own and the addition of yet more cars seeking parking spaces will only exacerbate the situation. As a result I am totally against the preposal for no waiting at any time parking restrictions at Rye Terrace.
1			Great idea having had to phone the police in the past to move a car so I could gain access to the back lane.
1			As a resident who has experienced problems with cars parking here in the past I fully support this proposal.
1			No Comment
1			Often rear access to Millfield Terrace is severely restricted or blocked due to vehicles parked inconsiderately in the area of the proposed restriction.
1			No Comment
1			No Comment
1			5 pictures enclosed re parked cars causing obstructions in recent times and bins not being replaced which create obstruction. 2. Parking obstructions have been reported to Hexham Police on numerous occasions. Police advise that cars can be removed but this is not good for community relation. Yellow lines are friendlier. 3. A clear line makes emergency access possible 24/7. 4. Garages are amenities to residents properties. If the lane is blocked then the amenity is denied. 5. Parking is already difficult and residents who use their garages help to alleviate an existing parking problem. 6. There have been problems with car being vandalised and so safer to garage cars if possible.
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