



Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones

**Proposed Resident Parking Zone,
Sea Road Spittal, Berwick upon Tweed
31st January 2017**

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of a consultation, for the introduction of a Resident Parking Zone (RPZ) on Sea Road and a section of North Greenwich road, Spittal.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that a residents parking zone be introduced on U115 Sea Road and a section of the U115 North Greenwich Road in Spittal.

Key Issues

1. This area has been subject to indiscriminate parking over a long period of time, which has had a significant impact on the residents of Sea Road and surrounding area.
2. The Scheme is funded and supported by Councillor James Smith.

Background

1. Concerns had been identified to Councillor Smith by residents on a number of occasions with regard to the indiscriminate visitor parking in the area.
2. Residents are unable to access or egress their garages due to visitors to the promenade / beach parking on Sea Road rather than the free public car park provided.
3. A proposal was drawn up to introduce a resident parking zone (RPZ) restrictions in the Sea Road area. This was consulted on and the results detailed below.
4. Councillor Smith has been aware of the residents' concerns for some considerable time and fully supports the proposals.
5. Councillor Smith is also funding additional car park directional signage to assist and complement this scheme.

Consultation

1. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, which was conducted on the 9th December 2016. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 13 residents and 28 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).
1. The consultation exercise ended on 13th January 2017 and responses were received from 10 consultees, with 8 in favour, 1 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that, in view of the results of the consultation exercise and with the full support of the local Councillor, we should proceed with the introduction of a resident parking zone (RPZ) in the Sea Road area of Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed
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 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 James Smith
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 Resident Parking Zone
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. indiscriminate parking and obstruction of access to garages.
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve parking provisions for residents in the area
Carbon reduction	
Wards	Berwick East

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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DECISION TAKEN

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

Subject: Proposed Resident Parking Zone (RPZ)

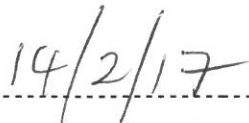
Consultation: 10 Responses
8 For
1 Against
1 Neither for nor against

Decision Taken: To introduce resident permit parking as proposed.

Signature of Director



Date



Appendix A

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Friday 9th December 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Residents Parking Zone **Sea Road Spittal, Berwick upon Tweed**

Concerns have been raised with County Councillor Smith regarding indiscriminate parking on Sea Road, Spittal causing residents access problems. Councillor Smith has therefore requested that a Residents Parking Zone be considered in order to alleviate these issues.

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the following proposals:

To introduce a 'Residential Parking Zone' at Sea Road and a small section of St Helens Terrace, Spittal, Berwick upon Tweed as shown on the attached plan.

Signs at the entry to the street would dictate 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 make this scheme enforceable, residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits. (Currently £15 a year per permit equivalent to less than 30p/week). 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.

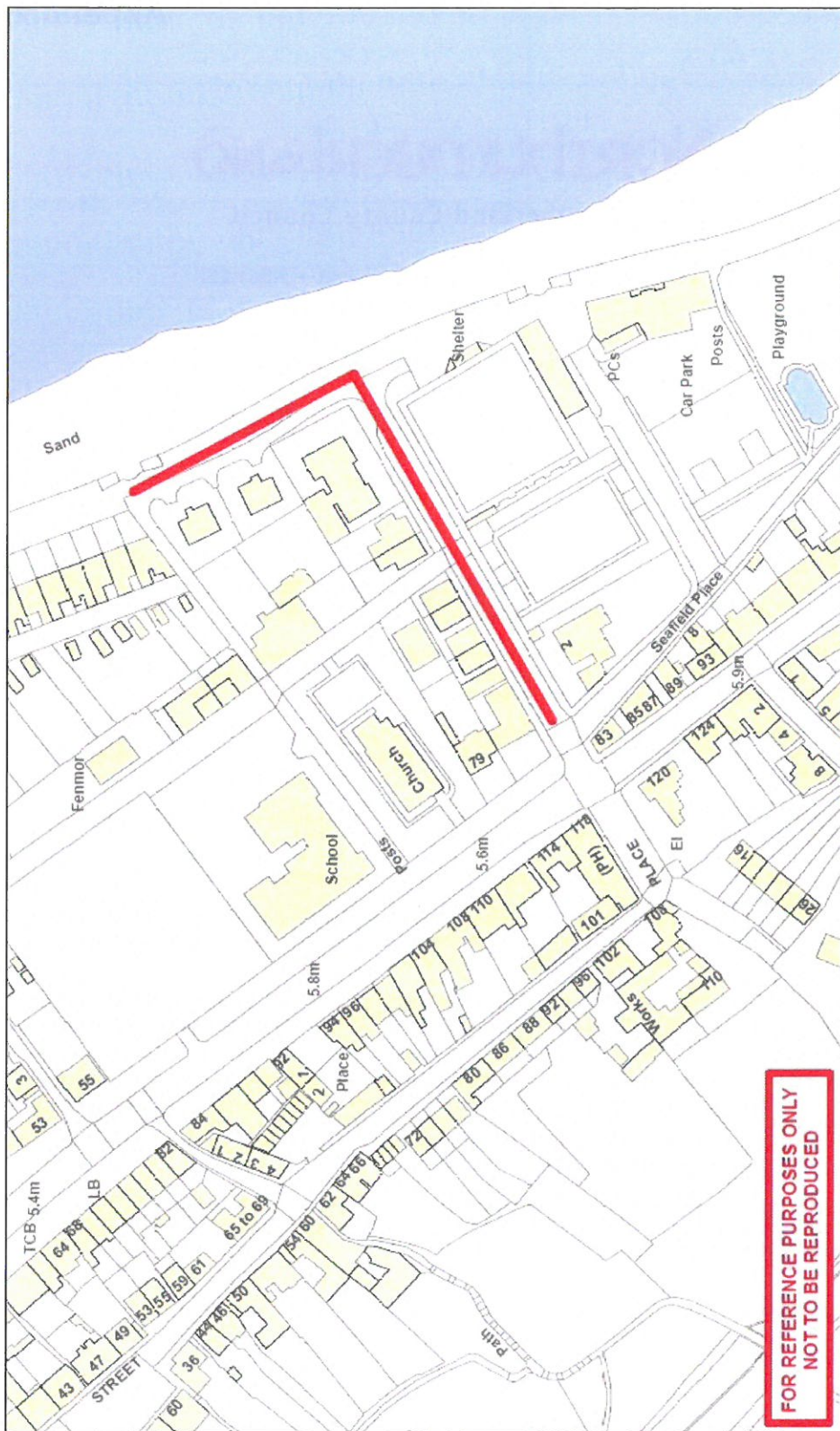
Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and Housing and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Friday 13th January 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 (Member Schemes)





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PROPOSED RESIDENTS
PARKING ZONE

Appendix B

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
			Thank you for your letter dated 9th December 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 ongoing road safety programme.
1			Having visited the site with Cllr Smith and spoken with a couple of local residents I do think this scheme will be welcomed by the people who live in this area. I have not seen the problems first hand as I have not been patrolling this area long enough to have a fully formed opinion. Given what people have told me I would recommend the scheme however I would also recommend that the parking spaces on South Greenwich Road (East side) be enforced. I think that people will migrate to this area from Sea Road and we should be able to manage the issues at this location as and when they arise.
1			I really welcome the proposed parking zone. Thanks.
1			Support proposal for Residents Parking.
1			We are in full agreement with your proposal as it is long overdue. We spoke with Councillor J Smith and a Highways officer about the problem with very large HGV traffic traveling along North Greenwich Road and trying to turn sharp corner onto Sea Road. Twice my boundary wall has been knocked down. They said it was in hand and they were going to stop the HGV traffic with signage can you advice please.
1			I openly moved here from Berwick in September so I have not been here in the height of summer. However I have never seen any parking on my section of the Terrace similarly, I have not observed careless parking in front of garages or Sea Road in any event some double yellow lines in front of garages would solve the problem. Spittal TS on Leisure and holiday destination and I feel it is important that visitors should be welcomed here and so residents parking would be a retrograde step. Therefore it's far less going on in Spittal now than many years ago - let's not **** up the drawbridge.
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1			My husband was very very ill with cancer and lately died there were times we could not get the car out of our garage for other people parking.
1			I'm told the plans mean residents all the time. Mon-fri, 9-5 is no good at all even worse than now. Summers are awful for parking and numbers 1, 3, 5 The Gables have garages to which access is required at all times. They are not holiday lets we are all permanent homeowners and numbers 1 + 3 have both needed lot of medical/nurse visits.
1			no comment
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