



Northumberland County Council

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

**Paul Jones**

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**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,  
Junction of Milburn Road and Fourth Avenue, Ashington**

**20th September 2017**

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**Purpose of Report**

To consider the introduction of a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction at junction of Milburn Road and Fourth Avenue, Ashington.

**Recommendations**

1. It is recommended that the following restrictions are introduced on a section of Milburn Road, Ashington: No waiting at any time, (double yellow lines).

**Key Issues**

1. This area has been the subject of traffic safety concerns over a period of time i.e. indiscriminate parking at the junction, resulting in visibility and pedestrian safety issues, concerns by residents have been raised with their local Councillor.
2. The Scheme is funded and supported by County Councillor Thomas Wilson.

**Background**

1. Safety concerns have been identified to Councillor Wilson by residents on a number of occasions with regard to indiscriminate and inconsiderate parking on the junction of Milburn Road and Fourth Avenue, Ashington.
2. It is proposed to introduce no waiting at any time restriction in this area

3. This proposal is on traffic safety improvement grounds. The proposal will augment the Highway code, rule **243-5: DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.**
4. This would help improve traffic safety for the residents, and road users of Milburn Road and Fourth Avenue.

### **Consultation**

1. A formal consultation did not take place as this proposal is on traffic safety improvement grounds. The proposal will augment the Highway code, rule **243-5: DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space.**
2. Support for the proposal is provided by both Councillor Wilson, and Ashington Town Council. (See appendix B).
3. Statutory consultees have been notified.
4. Advertising of the scheme will be carried out via the legal process for the introduction of a new Traffic Regulation Order.

### **Comments**

1. Councillor Wilson confirms he wishes to proceed with the proposal, this will be funded through his allocation in the Member Local Improvements Programme.
2. This scheme will be carried out at the same time as another similar scheme in the Ashington Central Ward, which has also been proposed and agreed with Councillor Wilson. Thereby, making a saving in advertising costs for the traffic regulation order and programming.

### **Recommendations**

1. It is recommended that the proposal as detailed in Appendix A, 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 Index**

Appendix A – Residents Information Letter and Scheme Plans  
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## Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	None
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Thomas Wilson
<b>Legal</b>	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
<b>Procurement</b>	
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Introduction of no waiting at any time restriction
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Traffic safety concerns i.e. obstruction
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for residents and pedestrians in the area
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	
<b>Wards</b>	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	
Human Resources	
Procurement	
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Director	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

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## DECISION TAKEN

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

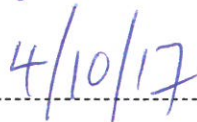
**Subject:** Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions, Junction of Milburn Road and Fourth Avenue, Ashington

**Consultation** Not required – proposal supported by Local County Councillor and Town Council.

**Decision Taken:** Introduce No Waiting at Any Time Restriction

Signature of Director

Date



## Appendix A



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Your Ref:  
Contact: Mr A Walker  
Direct Line: 01670 620420

E-mail: [HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk)  
Friday 7th July 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,  
Junction of Milburn Road and Fourth Avenue, Ashington**

Road users have raised concerns with County Councillor Wilson, regarding vehicles being parked too close to the junction of Milburn Road and Fourth Avenue, Ashington, causing traffic safety issues. Councillor Wilson has therefore requested that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced at this junction in order to alleviate these concerns.

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 advise you on the proposed introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions at Milburn Road / Forth Avenue, Ashington as shown on the attached plan.

If you have any comments or observations regarding this proposal please can you email or write to Highways Programme and Production, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF before the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Yours faithfully

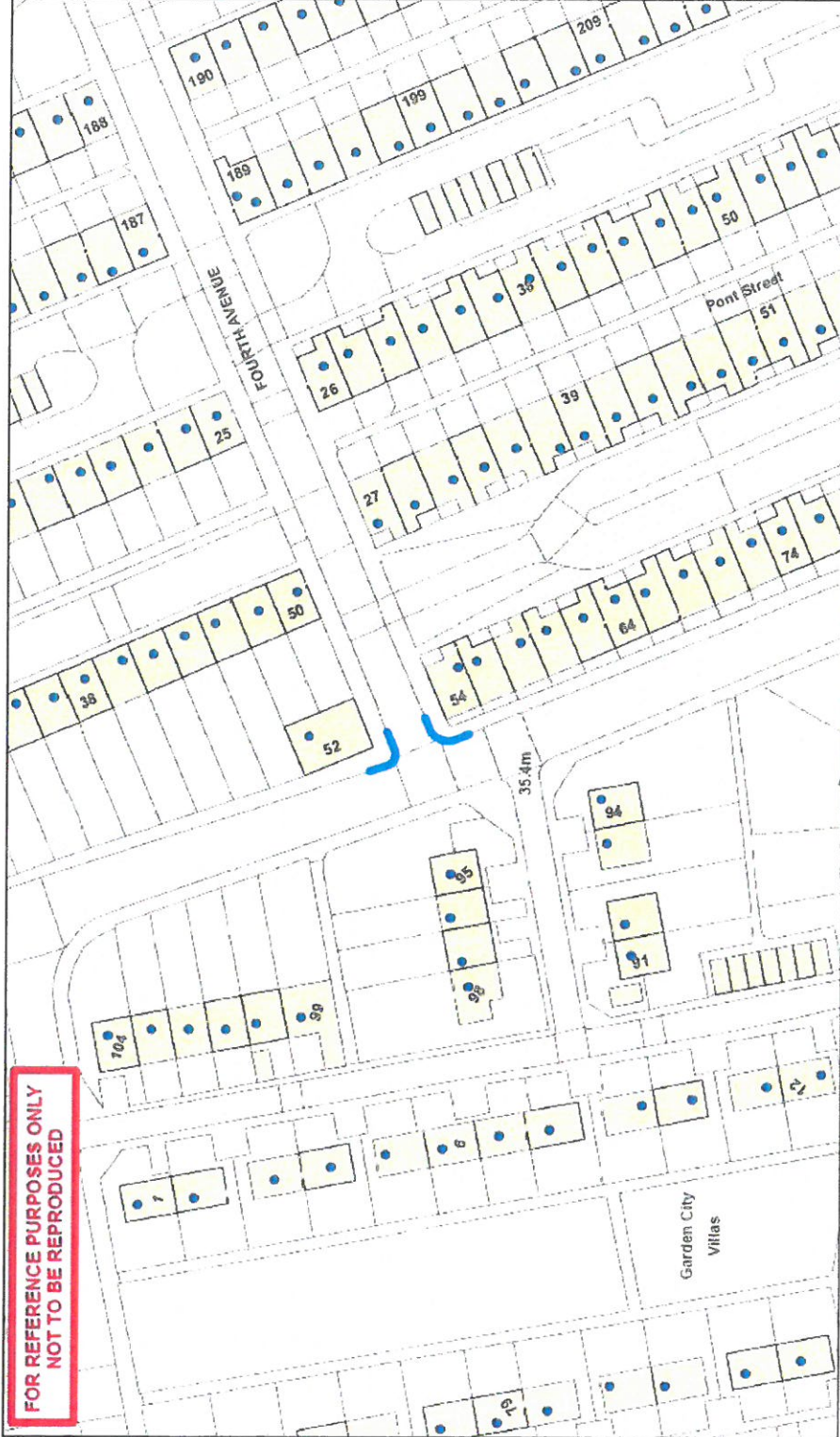
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Andy Walker  
Programme & Production Team





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— No Waiting or Loading Restriction  
(Double Yellow Lines)



## Appendix B



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Andy Walker  
Highways Programme and Production Team  
Northumberland County Council  
County hall  
Morpeth  
Northumberland  
NE61 2EF

Your Ref: 2016/270\_02  
19 September 2017

Dear Mr Walker,

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,  
Junction of Milburn Road and Fourth Avenue, Ashington**

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the above proposal.

I note that road users have raised concerns with County Councillor Tom Wilson, regarding vehicles being parked too close to the junction of Milburn Road and Fourth Avenue, Ashington, causing traffic safety issues. It is also duly noted that Councillor Wilson has therefore requested that 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions be introduced at this junction in order to alleviate these concerns.

Although not discussed by the Full Town Council, the issues are delegated to ward members for consideration. The Central Ward elected members were therefore made aware that, in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1998 (as amended), the Council was notified and advised of the proposed introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions at Milburn Road / Fourth Avenue, Ashington and forwarded an attached plan.

I would formally notify you that the Central Ward members of the Town Council are supportive of the proposals and have no formal objection to the introduction of the parking restrictions.

Yours sincerely,

*M. Slaughter*

Mike Slaughter  
Clerk to Ashington Town Council

**Re: Information Letter: Milburn Road Ashington**

1 message

**Martin Lindores** <martin.lindores@northumberland.gov.uk>

7 July 2017 at 12:17

To: HighwaysProgramme <highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk>

Cc: Parking Services <parkingservices@northumberland.gov.uk>, Rachael Harris  
<rachael.harris@northumberland.gov.uk>

Hi

I support this introduction as it will make sight lines at the junction much better and will also help vehicles to manoeuvre around the corner.

Regards

*Martin*

Martin Lindores

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