

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

INTRODUCTION OF PERMANENT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - VARIOUS PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT QUEEN STREET, AMBLE

Purpose of report:

To consider the introduction of a permanent Traffic Regulation Order to cover various parking restrictions at Queen Street, Amble.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that a permanent Traffic Regulation Order is introduced at Queen Street, Amble

Key issues

- 1) An Experimental Order covering various parking restrictions on Queen Street has been in place for a period of 12 months.
- 2) An Experimental Order is effectively a 12 month consultation with feedback welcomed throughout the Order therefore there is no need for further consultation.
- 3) Feedback from County Councillor Arckless, County Councillor Watson and Amble Town Council has been positive.
- 4) There are some minor amendments to the Experimental Order which will assist in aiding future enforcement.
- 5) Permanent Order being funded by 2015/16 Local Transport Plan.

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BACKGROUND

- 1) Amble Town Council and local businesses initially raised concerns about the number of No Waiting parking restrictions in the Queen Street area of Amble. Regular requests have been for this space to be utilised to increase parking capacity on Queen Street, it was felt that this would also improve business turnover in the town. As such it was agreed to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, for a period of 12 months.
- 2) Unlike a Permanent Order where a formal consultation is undertaken, the experimental order offers a more flexible approach. An Experimental Order is effectively a 12 month consultation, as such feedback was welcomed throughout the duration of the Order in order to collate information and make an informed decision at the end of this experiment.
- 3) Positive feedback has been received by County Councillor Arckless, County Councillor Watson and members of Amble Town Council at regular monthly meetings to discuss the details of this proposal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4) From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concerns raised in this area and it is inevitable that some sections of the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. The Experimental Order has been a success and positive feedback has been received from Local County Councillors and Amble Town Council. It is therefore recommended that a Permanent Traffic Regulation Order is introduced as proposed.
- 5) 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 by way of Experimental Traffic Regulation Order 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.

APPENDIX INDEX

none

BACKGROUND PAPERS

none

IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy:	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed by 2015/16 LTP None
Human Resources:	
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Residential / town centre area, route to schools, speeding traffic and associated visibility issues.
Crime & Disorder	Scheme will promote a safer environment.
Customer Considerations	Residents, businesses and pedestrians will benefit from parking restrictions.
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Experimental Order has been in place for 12 month. Councillors Arckless and Watson together with Amble Town Council have requested that a permanent Order is introduced.
Wards	Amble Amble West with Warkworth

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Director:

Acting Director of Local Services and Housing
Delivery

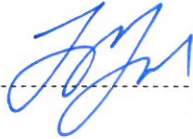
Subject:

Introduction of Permanent Traffic Regulation Order,
Queen Street, Amble

Decision Taken:

To approve the introduction of a permanent Traffic
Regulation Order at Queen Street, Amble.

Signature of Director



Date

18/3/16