



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES**

**PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS
ST MICHAELS LANE, ALNWICK**

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding changes to parking restrictions on St Michaels Lane

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The "No waiting 8am – 6pm" parking restrictions are removed and "No Waiting at Any Time" is introduced as proposed.

Key Issues.

1. Scheme to be funded by the LTP
2. Two contradicting restrictions on same section of highway
3. Restrictions causing confusion to motorists wishing to park
4. Scheme is supported by Councillors Gordon Castle and Heather Cairns

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Background

1. Concerns have been raised by Parking Services regarding two contradicting parking restrictions running along the same stretch of carriageway which is causing confusion to motorists wishing to park. It has been requested that officers consult residents on the possible removal of the "No waiting 8am – 6pm" parking restriction (single yellow line) and the introduction of a "No waiting at any time" parking restriction (double yellow line) in between the limited waiting/resident parking bays on the west side of St Michaels Lane.

Consultation

2. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 39 residents and approximately 30 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).
3. The consultation exercise ended on 4th September 2015 and responses were received from 3 consultees, with two in favour of the proposals, one response did not express a preference. A summary of the responses is attached as an appendix B.
4. The North East Ambulance Service was the only statutory consultee that responded and they did not express a preference.

Comments

5. One of the comments received during the consultations stated that the double yellow line at the north side of St Michaels Square should be removed. These lines are in place to keep the road clear on one side to allow for the free flow of traffic without obstruction.

Recommendations

6. 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 result of the consultation exercise shows that all residents who responded support the proposals. It is therefore recommended that the proposed parking restrictions be introduced.
7. 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.

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Appendix A – Copy of Consultation Letter

Appendix B - Summary of Responses

Implications Arising Out of the Report


Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded by LTP
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Residential area, inconsiderate parking issues.
Crime & Disorder	Scheme will alleviate inconsiderate parking in the area, promoting a safer environment.
Customer Considerations	None
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Alnwick Town Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Alnwick

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):	Executive Director of Local Services
Subject:	Proposed Parking Restrictions St Michaels Lane, Alnwick
Consultation	3 Responses 2 For 0 Against 1 Neither
Decision Taken:	Remove "No waiting 8am – 6pm" parking restriction and to introduce a "No waiting at any time" parking restriction as proposed.

Signature of Corporate Director

Date


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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Parking Restrictions – St Michaels Lane, Alnwick

Concerns have been raised by local residents and Parking Services about the dual restrictions on St Michaels Lane in Alnwick. At Present there are 2 restrictions in place (single yellow line and restricted bays) that cover the same stretch of carriageway and seem to be causing some confusion. It is proposed that the single yellow line will be removed completely and a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction (double yellow line) is introduced on the west side of St Michaels Lane in between the existing bays to alleviate these concerns. Please see attached plan. It is anticipated that the introduction of this restriction will removed any confusion that there may be over the parking restrictions on St Michaels Lane.

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 proposed removal of the "No Waiting - Every day- 8am - 6pm" (Single yellow line) and the introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" (double yellow line) parking restrictions at St Michaels Lane as shown 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 may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Friday 4th September July 2015. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

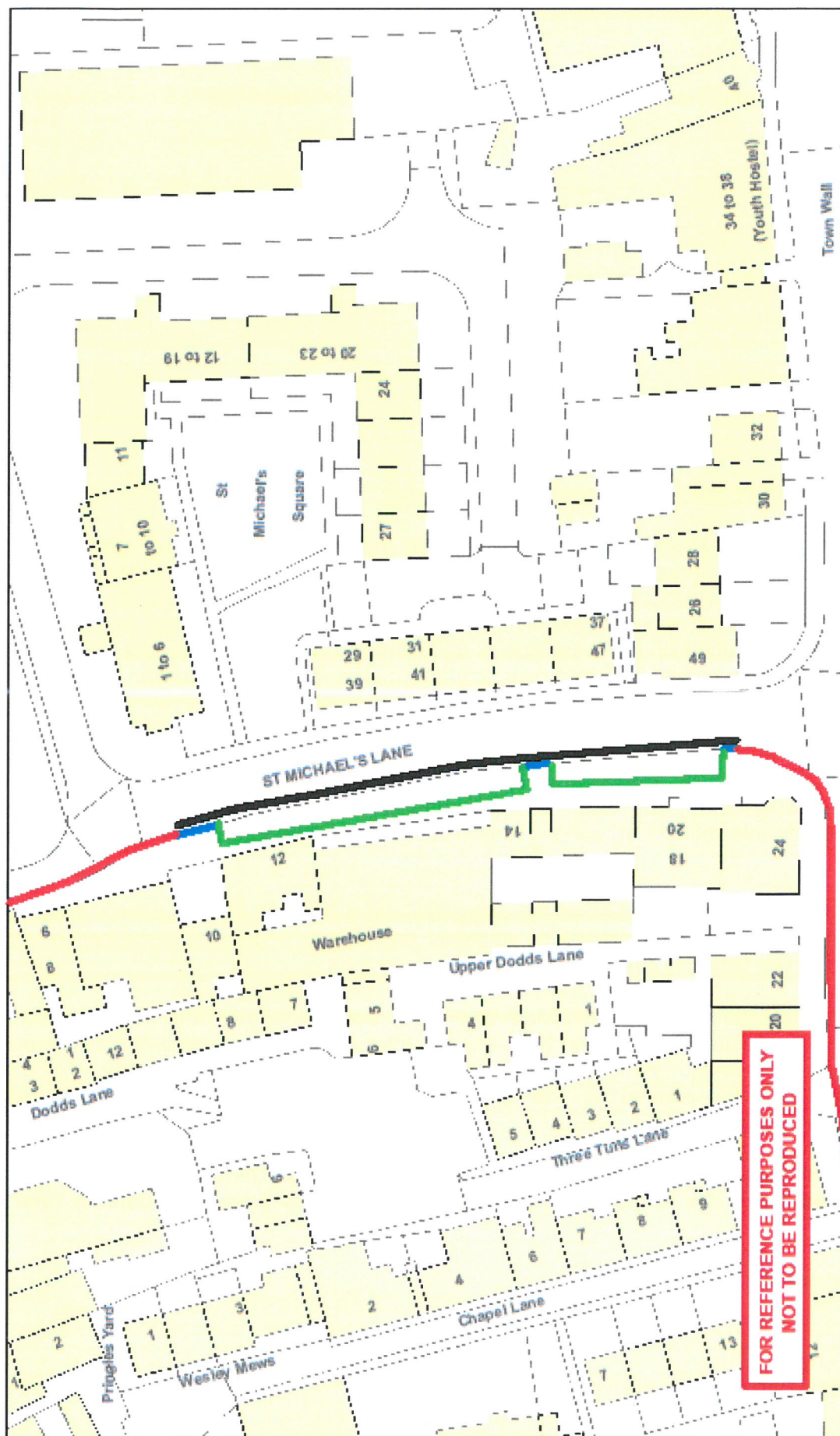
I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Fraser".

Dan Fraser
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<p>Northumberland Northumberland County Council County Hall Morpeth Northumberland NE61 2EP Tel: 01670 533003</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 Stationery Office. Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. Licence no. 100049046 (2009).</small></p>	<p>Title: St Michael's Lane Alnwick</p> <p>Dm:</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Scale:</p>	<p>KEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am - 6pm No Waiting" restriction to be removed Existing "No waiting at any time" restriction New "No waiting at any time" restriction Existing "Limited waiting and permit holders" restriction
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Appendix B - Summary of Responses

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
1			However, you should also put double lines on the northern side of St Michaels Square to match as there are no lines there and cars also park off-road. The double yellows to the north end should be changed to single yellow and allow people who live in the northern properties to park outside their homes between 6pm and 8am. In other words, people who live in Old Bank House should be allowed to park outside it after hours.
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 24th July 2015 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as an 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 out-patient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
1			I have lived in Saint Michaels Lane for nearly 8 years. I have always had a residents parking permit. Routinely The road is populated with many parking cars which do not display residents parking permit or the two hour clock badge. encouraged by some traffic warden presents I believe that the area
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