

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

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**Proposed No Waiting & Loading at Any Time and No Stopping at Any Time on  
Footway and Verge Restrictions, Waterloo Road Area, Blyth**

**8th July 2016**

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### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding proposed

- a. No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) to be introduced on U9503 Waterloo Road Back Lane, Blyth.
- b. No Stopping at Any Time on Footway and Verge to be introduced on sections of, U9503 Waterloo Road Back Lane, Waterloo Road and Church Street, Blyth.

### **Recommendations**

#### **It is recommended that:**

- It is recommended that the following, No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) to be introduced on U9503 Waterloo Road Back Lane, Blyth.
- It is recommended that the following, No Stopping at Any Time on Footway and Verge to be introduced on sections of, U9503 Waterloo Road Back Lane, Waterloo Road and Church Street, Blyth.

### **Key Issues**

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

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## **BACKGROUND**

3. Concerns have been identified to Councillor Nisbet by residents of Blyth on a number of occasions with regard to the inconsiderate parking causing safety concerns in the Waterloo Road area.
4. It is envisaged the proposed No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (double Yellow Lines) would assist the flow of traffic and improve delivery access to the rear of business properties on Waterloo Road.
5. It is envisaged the proposed No Stopping at Any Time on Footway and Verge restrictions would increase the safety of pedestrians and would assist the flow of traffic by removing obstructive parking practises.

## **CONSULTATION**

6. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 21st June 2016. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 28 business premises and 26 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).
7. The consultation exercise ended on 5th July 2016 and responses were received from 3 consultees, with 0 in favour, 2 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

## **COMMENTS**

8. Councillor Nisbet was notified of the results of the consultation.
9. There were a number of useful suggestions and observations provided as a result of the consultation. Following discussions between Councillor Nisbet and Officers, a revision was proposed, attached as Appendix C. The Councillor confirms she wishes to proceed with a revised version of the proposal, consisting of the removal of one section of restriction, this will be funded through her allocation in the Members' Local Improvements Programme.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

10. It is recommended that the revised proposal as detailed in Appendix C should proceed. A further consultation was not deemed required as the revision takes into consideration the comments and observations provided within the original consultation.

11. 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 - Consultation 1 -Copy of Consultation Letter  
Appendix B - Consultation 1 - Summary of Responses  
Appendix C – Revised Waiting & Loading Restrictions

## Implications Arising Out of the Report

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| Policy                      | None   |
| Finance and value for money | Funded through the Members' Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Kath Nisbet  |
| Human Resources             | None   |
| Property                    | None   |
| Equalities                  | None   |
| Risk Assessment             | None   |
| Crime & Disorder            | Inconsiderate parking and obstruction  |
| Customer Considerations     | Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety in the area   |
| Sustainability              | None   |
| Consultation                | Blyth Town Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area. |
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## DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):**

Director of Local Services and Housing

**Subject:**

Proposed No Waiting & Loading at Any Time Restriction (revised) and No Stopping at Any Time on Footway and Verge Restrictions

**Consultation**

3 Responses  
0 For  
2 Against  
1 Neither for nor against

**Decision Taken:**

- a) Introduce No Waiting & Loading at Any Time Restriction (revised).
- b) Introduce No Stopping at Any Time on Footway and Verge Restrictions

**Signature of Director**



**Date**

17/8/16

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Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time and No Stopping at Any Time on Footway and Verge Restrictions, Waterloo Road Area of Blyth**

County Councillor Nisbet and Blyth Town Council have expressed concerns, about indiscriminate parking on footways in the Waterloo Street area of Blyth town centre, and this is causing potentially serious road safety issues.

Councillor Nisbet has therefore requested that the following restrictions (as detailed on the attached plan) be considered to alleviate these concerns:

1. No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) to be introduced on U9503 Waterloo Road Back Lane.
2. No Stopping at Any Time on Footway and Verge to be introduced on sections of, U9503 Waterloo Road Back Lane, Waterloo Road and Church Street.

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 Parking and No Stopping on Footway and Verge Restrictions, Waterloo Street Area of Blyth 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.

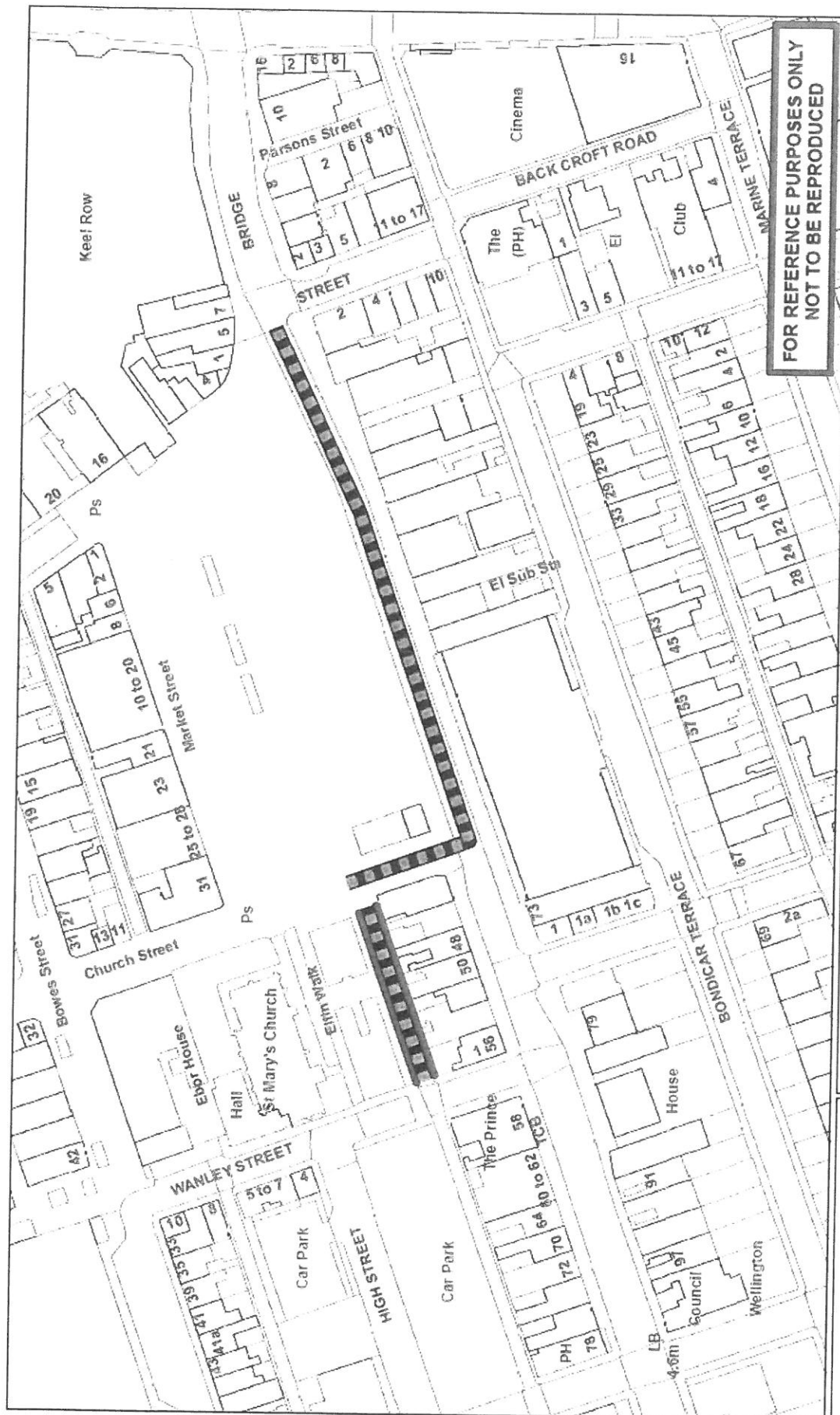
Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and Housing and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Tuesday 5th July 2016. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Terry Luck', with a stylized loop and a horizontal stroke.

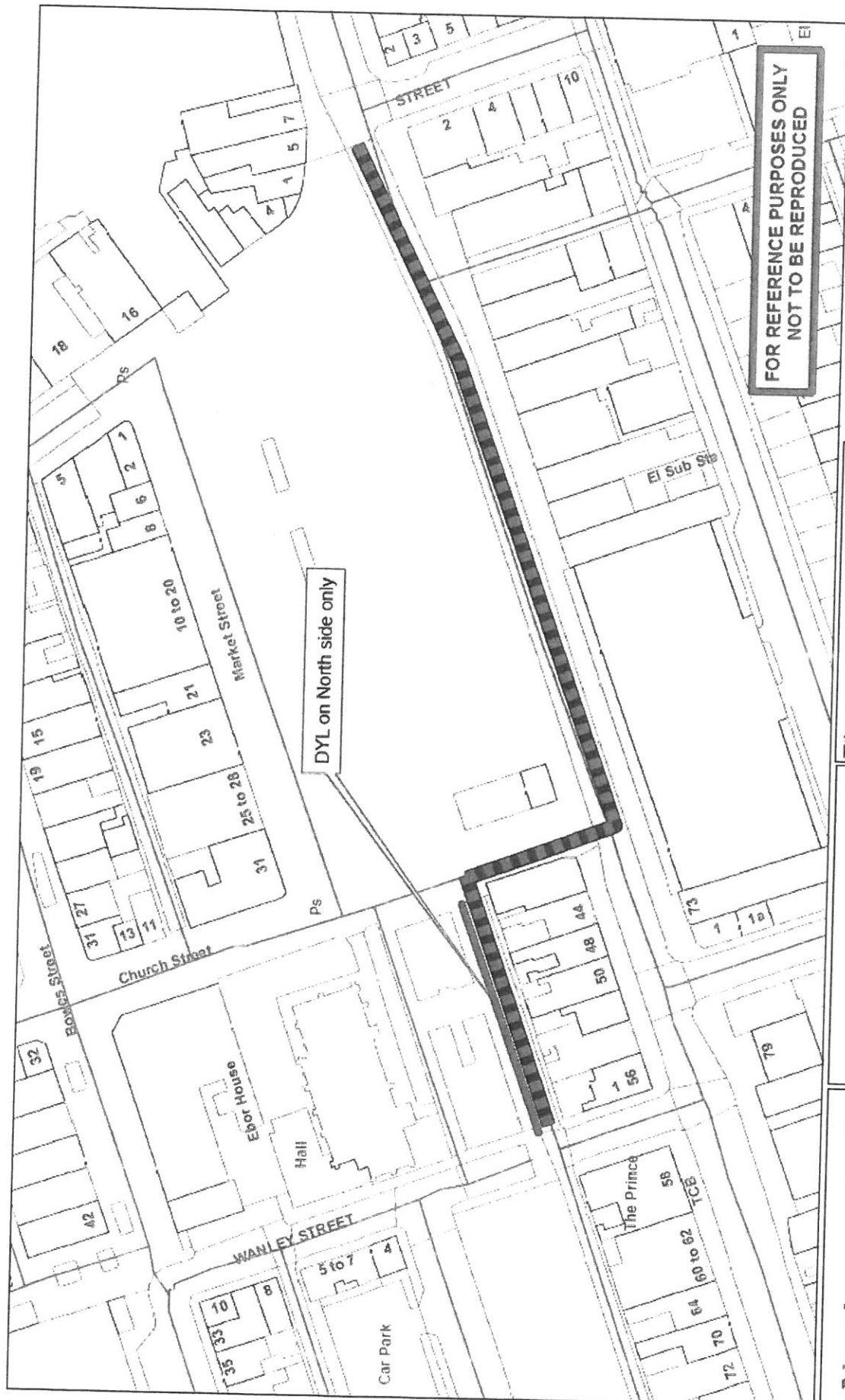
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# APPENDIX B

| FOR | AGAINST | NEITHER | Other Relevant Comments  |
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|     |         | 1       | Thank you for your letter dated 21st June 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 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 can't agree to double yellow lines in this back lane because it would prevent us from running our business. We've traded in Blyth for over 150 years and at this particular location since 1976 and have always had access to the rear of the shop. I am aware that something needs to be done in this area because on certain days I struggle to get access to the rear of the shop due to the amount of people using it as a public car park. This is a commercial back lane and the shops on this block use the lane in the day to day running of their businesses. In our case we load and unload our van several times each day to deliver stock to our other shop, to deliver to customers and receive deliveries. There is no parking at the front of the shop on Waterloo Road, so to put double lines at the rear would completely cut us off and prevent us from running our business. I think the solution would be to give each of the businesses on this block 1 permit to park in the lane. There are six shops on the block so that would mean a maximum of 6 vehicles been parked at any one time. This level of parking would not interfere with pedestrians wanting to use the back lane and having permit parking for the shop keepers would allow them to continue running their businesses. |
|     | 1       |         | To whom it may concern re – my comments on the proposal to introduce no waiting and no stopping at the rear of Waterloo Road, Blyth. I do agree about stopping vehicles from parking on the footpath on the North side of the lane I would appreciate it if you would leave the south side as that is the entrance used by my customers who require wheel chair access, and as I am a mobility shop a lot of my customers need to get as close to the shop as possible to park due to their restricted mobility. And not all of my customers will have blue badges. Another concern for me and my business is that I receive my furniture deliveries at the rear entrance and I also load up my own delivery van at the rear entrance as that is my stock delivery area. So please leave the south side as it is or at least make it permits only for the shop units. Please feel free to come and see my retail premises to get an understanding of what I am talking about or contact me.  |
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PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME  
RESTRICTIONS (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES)

PROPOSED NO STOPPING AT ANY TIME  
ON FOOTWAY AND VERGE

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