

# North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 8 April 2013

**ITEM 6(a)**  
Title: Traffic Regulation  
Order - Proposed parking  
restrictions in North  
Shields Town Centre

**Portfolio(s):** Transport and the  
Environment

**Cabinet Member(s):** Cllr E Hodson

**Report from Directorate:** Chief Executive's Office

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**Wards affected:** Riverside

## **PART 1**

### **1.1 Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to detail, and request Cabinet to set aside, one objection received to the proposal to introduce parking restrictions on Rudyerd Street, Lower Rudyerd Street, Bedford Street, Little Bedford Street, Saville Street, Saville Street West and Gardener Place, North Shields.

### **1.2 Recommendation(s):**

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- i. consider the objection;
- ii. set aside the objection and agree the proposed Traffic Regulation Order in the interests of improved parking management for the residents and businesses in the area.

### **1.3 Forward Plan:**

This report appears on the Forward Plan for the period 1 January to 31 March 2013.

### **1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework**

This report does not directly relate to any of the priorities in the Council Strategic Plan 2012-2015.

## **1.5 Information:**

### **1.5.1 Background**

Following repeated complaints from residents/businesses on Lower Rudyerd Street and Lower Bedford Street and at the request of Ward Councillors for the Riverside ward and the North Shields Chamber of Trade, officers undertook site surveys of the parking patterns in these streets. The surveys confirmed high levels of parking, with many of the vehicles parked for long periods of the day. There were also a number of vehicles parked close to the junctions, which impeded the free flow of traffic and pedestrians. The surveys also identified a lack of consistency with regard to the restrictions on parking provision along Saville Street, which the North Shields Chamber of Trade felt contributed to confusion for visitors to North Shields town centre.

The Authority's established parking strategy within residential streets adjacent to commercial centres is to implement a shared use facility, consisting of pay and display restrictions with a permit exemption for adjacent residents. This has proven to be effective in encouraging a high turnover of parking which is essential to support the vitality and viability of the town centre. In accordance with established permit policy, businesses are also eligible to purchase permits for vehicles that are essential to the operational need of the business.

The proposals were discussed with the Ward Councillors for the Riverside ward prior to displaying them in North Shields library at the junction of Saville Street and Howard Street. Letters were distributed to all residents and businesses in the named streets, notifying them where the plans could be viewed. The consultation exercise generated a reasonably good response across all the streets affected, with 30 respondents in favour and 2 against. All comments received were collated and discussed with the Ward Councillors for the Riverside ward.

In accordance with the statutory process, a Notice of Intention was displayed on site, in the local newspaper and on the Council website outlining the proposed restrictions.

One objection was received in response to the statutory Notice of Intention. A summary of the objection is provided at section 1.5.3 below.

### **1.5.2 Statutory Consultation**

Parking proposals are subject to a statutory legal process. Schemes must be advertised on site and in the local press. This enables members of the public and businesses to object to the proposal. Any objectors are sent a detailed response and invited to reconsider their objection. Any objections not withdrawn are referred to Cabinet for its consideration.

### **1.5.3 Summary of Objector**

Mr F is concerned that the introduction of further pay and display facilities will be detrimental to the businesses in North Shields.

In subsequent correspondence, the Council Officer explained that the proposal was necessary as the current situation was creating a safety issue for pedestrians and road

users. The Officer also explained that the scheme was promoted by Ward Councillors and by the North Shields Chamber of Trade to support the commercial vitality of the town centre.

The Officer also explained that the proposals had been displayed in the area prior to advertising the legal notice, and that the Authority had received significant levels of support for the scheme both from residents and businesses.

## **1.6 Decision options:**

Cabinet may:

Option 1

Approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2.

Option 2

Not approve the recommendations set out in section 1.2.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

## **1.7 Reasons for recommended option:**

Option 1 is recommended as the proposals are intended to encourage a higher turnover of the parking space, which will support the vitality and viability of North Shields town centre. The proposals will also aid traffic and pedestrian movements and improve road safety.

The scheme is also consistent with practice in other town centre areas in the borough.

## **1.8 Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Letter of objection and associated correspondence

Appendix 2: Legal Notices of Intention as published in local press

Appendix 3: Plan of scheme will be displayed in each group room and will be available for inspection at the Cabinet meeting.

## **1.9 Contact officers:**

Derek Smith, Senior Manager (0191) 643 6106

Kevin Ridpath, Network and Transportation Manager (0191) 643 6089

Garry Hoyle, Parking Manager (0191) 643 6599

Alison Campbell, Financial Business Manager (0191) 643 7038

## **1.10 Background information:**

North Tyneside Council Parking Strategy 2012 – 2016

[http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC\\_PSCM.PSCM\\_Web.download?p\\_ID=543518](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=543518)

## **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

### **2.1 Finance and other resources**

The implementation of pay and display restrictions can be funded from the 2013-14 Parking Control (Parking Review) Local Transport Plan capital budget.

### **2.2 Legal**

The Traffic Management Act 2004 requires the Authority to design its parking policies with particular regard to managing the traffic network to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic, including cyclists and pedestrians. To that end parking restrictions apply to certain areas of the borough.

Parking proposals that involve revocations or variations to existing parking orders and any new parking restrictions are subject to a statutory legal process and the procedure for making or varying a traffic order is set out in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996 . All proposed traffic orders are formally advertised by a notice appearing in a local newspaper circulating in the area of the proposed order, as well as by the display of notices on the roads being affected by any order.

The legal notice of intent was published in the local press on 19 October 2012 and notices of intent were also placed at prominent locations on the roads affected by any order that is made. The notices gave notice of the Authority's intention to vary the North Tyneside Council (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2010 and the North Tyneside Council On Street Parking Places Order 2011.

The notices stated that any person wishing to object to the making of the order had 21 days in which to do so. The objection has to be in writing and state the reason for objecting to the order being made. One objection has been received. Before making an order the Authority has to consider the objection and determine whether or not to make the order.

The decision whether or not to make a traffic order when an objection is received is a matter for Cabinet.

### **2.3 Consultation/community engagement**

Consultation carried out with residents and Ward Members during the development of the scheme is outlined in section 1.5.

### **2.4 Human rights**

The proposals within this report do not have direct implications in respect of the Human Rights Act 1998.

## 2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no adverse equalities or diversity issues arising from this report. There are potential positive equal opportunity implications in that physical accessibility, particularly for people with disabilities, may be improved.

## 2.6 Risk management

There are no adverse risk management implications arising from this report.

## 2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no direct crime and disorder issues arising from this report.

## 2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no direct environment and sustainability issues arising from this report.

## PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive  X
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)  X
- Chief Finance Officer  X
- Monitoring Officer  X
- Strategic Manager,  
Policy, Partnerships,  
Performance and Communications  X

**From:** Mr F  
**Subject:** Parking Restrictions

**Details of Objection**

Dear Sirs

I am writing to object to the above order, to introduce paid parking in the areas covered by said notice.

In this current economic climate I can not understand why you would want make a precarious situation worse. Namely the introduction of paid parking which will affect the business community of North Shields. I would have thought a relaxing of the charges would give greater benefit to the future of the town centre.

Apart from harming the businesses of North Shields you are spending public money on expensive machines when I believe the current situation is working, that of timed parking. Will you please explain the rational behind this ill conceived plan, also the cost of implementing your proposals? Including the running costs which will be incurred in the future i.e. maintenance, repair and replacement.

As town planners I thought your job/remit was to plan for prosperity and well being of your area of responsibility and not for its gradual destruction, which you seem to be achieving with singular success. I would suggest you take time out and walk through the streets of North Shields and take note of your failings.

I hope this does not fall on deaf ears or end up in the waste bin as it often perceived and would like a considered response.

Yours sincerely

Mr F

**Response to the Objection**

Dear Mr F

Thank you for your recent correspondence dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

Regarding the proposed parking changes to Bedford Street, Little Bedford Street, Rudyerd Street and Saville Street, North Shields.

I must advise you that the scheme was promoted by your Local Councillors and by the North Shields Chamber of Trade to support the commercial vitality of the town centre.

The proposals were displayed in the area prior to advertising the legal notice and received significant levels of support for the scheme both from residents and businesses.

Charge parking is to encourage a quicker turnover of available parking spaces within the town centre. We have the same procedures in other town centres within the borough which have demonstrated it is the most effective system.

Since your objection I have contacted the ward members who have asked to contact you, explain the reasons for the proposals and ask whether you wish to retract your objection.

I hope I have answered your concerns and ask whether you wish to retract your objection.

If you have any queries relating to this letter or any other issues you wish to discuss please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Robbie Redpath  
Senior Parking Officer

**NORTH TYNESIDE COUNCIL  
RUDYERD STREET AND SURROUNDING AREA, NORTH SHIELDS**

**THE NORTH TYNESIDE (ON STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2011 VARIATION  
ORDER No.11 2012  
THE NORTH TYNESIDE (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING)  
(CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2012 VARIATION ORDER NO.10 2012**

North Tyneside Council gives notice that it proposes to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 32, 35, 45, 46 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers.

The effect of the Orders, if made, will be to:-

- A. Vary the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside (On Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2010 as follows:
1. Revoke various existing limited waiting restrictions on Little Bedford Street, Saville Street, Saville Street West and parking places with charges in Saville Street, North Shields.
  2. Introduce a limited waiting restriction from Monday to Saturday between 8.00am and 6.00pm for 1 hour maximum stay with no return within 2 hours and no permit exemptions on various lengths of road in Saville Street West and Saville Street, North Shields.
  3. Introduce a 50p per hour charge for parking from Monday to Saturday between 8.30am and 5:30pm with an exemption for permit holders on various lengths of Rudyerd Street, Lower Rudyerd Street, Little Bedford Street and Bedford Street North Shields.
  4. Introduce permit holders parking places in Gardener Place, North Shields to apply on all days at all times.
  5. Include parts of the following streets in the list of streets eligible for parking permits: Little Bedford Street, Saville Street West, Saville Street, Rudyerd Street, Lower Rudyerd Street, Rudyerd Court, Bedford Street and Bedford House.
- B. Vary the existing Council of the Borough of North Tyneside (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading) (Consolidation) Order 2010 as follows:
1. Revoke existing no waiting at any time restrictions on various lengths of Saville Street, North Shields.
  2. Introduce no waiting at any time restrictions on various lengths of Saville Street West, the road to the rear of Saville Street West (south), Rudyerd Street, Lower Rudyerd Street and Little Bedford Street, North Shields.

Full details of the proposals, together with a map showing the restriction, may be examined at the address below between 8.30 am and 4.30 pm on Mondays to Fridays. If you wish to object to the proposed Orders, you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to the undersigned by 9 November 2012. Any objections received will be placed in the working file and can be viewed by the public if requested.

19 October 2012

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