

Local Waiting Restriction Programme

Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that:

- (a) work on the local waiting restriction programme is noted; and**
- (b) the recommendations contained in Appendix II to this report are agreed.**

1. Summary

This report is to consider the submissions to the statutory consultation on the restrictions proposed in the North Devon area, as part of the local waiting restriction programme.

2. Background

In early 2020, a list of requests for new or amended waiting restrictions for the North Devon area was collated by the council. These requests have been considered by officers and proposals drafted. Officers have consulted the relevant local County Councillors and Chair/Vice Chair before they were advertised from 23 December 2020 until 27 January 2021.

A summary of the proposals advertised can be found in Appendix I and the associated plans have been attached as supplementary information to this report.

3. Consultations/Representations

Details of the objections received to these proposals, and the County Council's response are shown in Appendix II to this report.

Following advertisement:

- Proposals which did not attract objections will be implemented.
- Proposals that received objections are detailed in Appendix II to this report with recommendations for each location.

4. Financial Considerations

The total costs of the scheme will be funded from the Minor Traffic Management Improvements budget, funded by Local Transport Plan grant.

There is a cost to the Council in advertising a new Traffic Order for each Committee Area, this will be approximately £1,500. In addition, the costs of any changes to signing or lining will be attributed to that Order.

5. Legal Considerations

The lawful implications and consequences of the proposal have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

When making a Traffic Regulation Order it is the County Council's responsibility to ensure that all relevant legislation is complied with. This includes Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that states that it is the duty of a local authority, so far as practicable, secures the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and provision of parking facilities. It is considered that the proposals comply with Section 122 of the Act as they practically secure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic.

6. Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)

The proposals are intended to rationalise on street parking and improve mobility and access within the district and are designed to:

- Enable enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encourage commuters to make more sustainable travel choices e.g. Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.
- Assist pedestrians and other vulnerable road users in crossing the highway.

The Environmental effects of the scheme are therefore positive.

7. Equality Considerations

There are not considered to be any equality issues associated with the proposals. The impact will therefore be neutral.

8. Risk Management Considerations

No risks have been identified.

9. Public Health Impact

There is not considered to be any public health impact.

10. Reasons for Recommendations

The proposals rationalise existing parking arrangements within the HATOC area by:

- Enabling enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encouraging those working in the town to make more sustainable travel choices e.g. Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.
- Assist pedestrians and other vulnerable road users in crossing the highway.

The proposals contribute to the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in North Devon and therefore comply with Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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Electoral Divisions: All in North Devon

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
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Nil

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Details of Proposals Advertised

Councillor	Plan Reference	Location	Parish/Town	Proposals	Statement of Reasons
Brian Greenslade	ENV5809/001	Pilton Lawn	Barnstaple	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time around turning head.	To prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking.
Brian Greenslade	ENV5809/002	Castle Street (The Strand)	Barnstaple	Introduce section of No Waiting on Footway.	To prevent obstructive parking on footway along length of building housing the café.
Brian Greenslade	ENV5809/003	Victoria Road	Barnstaple	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time.	To prevent obstructive parking around depot area.
Brian Greenslade	ENV5809/004	Westaway Heights	Barnstaple	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time.	To prevent obstructive parking.
John Mathews	ENV5809/005	Wrey Avenue	Barnstaple	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time.	To prevent obstructive parking on junction.
John Mathews	ENV5809/006	Newport Road	Barnstaple	Modify section of existing No Waiting 8am-6pm to Limited Waiting 8am-6pm 2 Hours No Return 4 Hours.	To relax current restrictions to allow on-street parking.
John Mathews	ENV5809/007	Sticklepath Hill	Barnstaple	Remove section of Buses Only bay and replace with Residents Parking only.	To relax current restrictions to allow priority of on-street parking for residents only.
John Mathews	ENV5809/008	Bowering Court, Cyprus Terrace	Barnstaple	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time.	To protect access to sheltered accommodation improving access for refuse lorries getting to the flats.

Councillor	Plan Reference	Location	Parish/Town	Proposals	Statement of Reasons
John Mathews	ENV5809/009	Victoria Street/ Orchard Road/ Cyprus Terrace	Barnstaple	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time.	Junction protection to help prevent obstruction of service vehicles.
John Mathews	ENV5809/010	Ladies Mile (Rock Park)	Barnstaple	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time in place of Limited Waiting bay which is preventing access.	To remove obstructive parking across access.
Caroline Chugg	ENV5809/011	Church Street	Braunton	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time.	To prevent obstructive parking preventing people entering/exiting the Church.
Caroline Chugg	ENV5809/012	Cloutmans Lane	Croyde	To extend an existing section of No Waiting At Any Time.	To prevent obstructive parking preventing emergency vehicles and refuse collection lorries.
Andrea Davis	ENV5809/013	Hillside View	Combe Martin	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time.	Junction protection to aid refuse collections.
Andrea Davis	ENV5809/014	Wet Lane	Combe Martin	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time outside of the Combe Coastal Practice gates.	To prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking.
Frank Biederman	ENV5809/015	Beechfield Road	Fremington	To extend existing section of No Waiting At Any Time.	To prevent obstructive parking on south side.
Frank Biederman	ENV5809/016	Beechfield / Yelland Road	Fremington	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time.	To prevent inappropriate parking obscuring visibility and movement at the junction.

Councillor	Plan Reference	Location	Parish/Town	Proposals	Statement of Reasons
Frank Biederman	ENV5809/017	Bickington Road	Fremington	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Paul Crabb	ENV5809/018	Fore Street	Ilfracombe	Update the existing 10am-4pm restriction to 10am-6pm.	To match other limited waiting in town.
Paul Crabb	ENV5809/019	Arcade Road	Ilfracombe	Update the existing 9am-6pm restriction to 10am-6pm.	To match other limited waiting in town.
Paul Crabb	ENV5809/020	Hillsborough Road	Ilfracombe	Update the existing 9am-6pm restriction to 10am-6pm.	To match other limited waiting in town.
Paul Crabb	ENV5809/021	Hillside Road	Ilfracombe	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time.	To prevent obstructive parking obscuring visibility.
Paul Crabb	ENV5809/022	Horne Park Road	Ilfracombe	Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time.	To prevent inappropriate parking obscuring visibility and movement at the junction.
Paul Crabb	ENV5809/023	The Promenade	Ilfracombe	Introduce section of No Loading 10am-4pm between 15 March – 31 October.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Paul Crabb	ENV5809/024	Mill Head	Ilfracombe	Introduce section of No Loading At Any Time.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Paul Crabb	ENV5809-025	St Brannock's Road	Ilfracombe	Introduce section of No Loading 10am-6pm between 15 March – 31 October.	To prevent obstructive parking.
Paul Crabb	ENV5809-026	Ropery Road	Ilfracombe	To shorten existing bus cage.	Section of Bus parking to be introduced.
Jeremy Yabsley	ENV5809/027	East Street	South Molton	Introduce two sections of No Waiting At Any Time.	Introduce two passing places.

Summary of Submissions

Plan ENV5806/003 Victoria Road, Barnstaple 16 respondents – 5 Residents of Victoria Road, 8 residents of Barnstaple and 3 residents from Bideford	
Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>Support 16 respondents support the proposals on the grounds that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 respondents commented that it will prevent obstructive parking and improve access. • 9 respondents commented that it will increase safety along the road. • 7 respondents commented that it will improve safety for pedestrians. • 12 respondents commented that it will improve visibility along the road and at turnings. • 7 respondents commented that it will prevent people parking on the footway. <p>1 respondent commented that Victoria Road is a dangerous rat run.</p>	<p>Reason for Proposal Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time to prevent obstructive parking around depot area.</p> <p>Officer comments Support noted.</p> <p>There are no collisions on this road to support the statement that the road is dangerous with the traffic that is currently using it.</p>
<p>Recommendation: Implement restrictions as advertised.</p>	

Plan ENV5806/004 Westaway Heights, Barnstaple 8 respondents – 8 Residents of Westaway Heights	
Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>Object 5 respondents object to the proposals on the grounds that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 respondents commented that it will further reduce parking in the area for residents. • 1 respondent commented that it will restrict parking and access to their property. • 1 respondent commented that it would prevent the installation of a vehicular charging point near their property. • 1 respondent commented that the restrictions will not prevent obstructive parking in the area. • 2 respondents commented that it will further restrict parking for residents in the area. • 1 respondent commented that it will force the issue into surrounding areas. • 1 respondent commented that it will be unaesthetically pleasing. • 1 respondent commented that the restrictions will force the need for an unwanted residents parking scheme. 	<p>Reason for Proposal Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time to prevent obstructive parking.</p> <p>Officer comments Parking is permitted at locations where it does not cause a problem. The carriageway is only wide enough to park on one side and the restrictions propose to manage this and ensure that visibility around the bends and junctions in the road is secured and unhindered.</p> <p>We do not currently allow private EV points on the highway.</p> <p>It is recognised that parking will displace but this is not sufficient reasoning to allow parking at this location.</p>

<p>Support 3 respondents support the proposals on the grounds that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 respondent supports the proposals however believes it will force the issue into surrounding areas. • 1 respondent supports the proposals in the main but would like to see the restrictions shortened. • 1 respondent would like to know how we will stop the issue moving up the road, particularly hospital staff using her designated parking space for health visitors. <p>Suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase parking for hospital staff. • Exclude the area outside No. 98-101 Westaway Heights from the proposal. <p>3 respondents suggest the introduction of residents parking.</p>	<p>Support noted.</p> <p>The provision for staff parking at North Devon District Hospital is outside the jurisdiction of the County Council.</p> <p>The introduction of a residents parking is outside the scope of the waiting restriction review and cannot be considered at this time.</p>
<p>Recommendation: Implement restrictions as advertised</p>	

Plan ENV5806/008 Cyprus Terrace, Barnstaple 2 respondents – 1 Resident of Cyprus Terrace, 1 Resident of Bowering Court	
Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>Object 1 respondent objects to the proposals on the grounds that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 respondent commented that it will restrict parking for residents in the area forcing them into surrounding roads. • 1 respondent commented that cars parked on the access into Bowering Court do not obstruct vehicles. <p>Support 1 respondent supports the proposals; however, believes it will force the issue into surrounding areas.</p> <p>Suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Bowering Court for overnight parking. 	<p>Reason for Proposal Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time to protect access to sheltered accommodation improving access for refuse lorries getting to the flats.</p> <p>Officer comments Parking is permitted at locations where it does not cause a problem for all vehicles at all times. The removal of parking will ensure that access in and out of the Bowering Court is secured and unhindered.</p>
<p>Recommendation: Implement restrictions as advertised.</p>	

Plan ENV5809/011 Church Street, Braunton

31 respondents – Church Street, Silver Street, North Down, East Street, Orchard Road, Hazel Avenue

Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>Objection</p> <p>31 respondents oppose the proposals on the grounds that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14 respondents commented that it restricts parking availability on the road.• 1 respondent commented that its unaesthetically pleasing.• 11 respondents commented that it restricts residents from parking outside their home or on their street.• 2 respondents commented that it reduces parking for the church or business users.• 5 respondents commented that it forces the issue up the road/displaces parking.• 1 respondent commented that its doesn't solve the issue, due to blue badge holders still being able to park.• 1 respondent commented that residents are more important than access for funeral cars.• 1 respondent commented that it will increase circling traffic, will hold up traffic due to illegally stopping to load.• 1 respondent commented that parked cars increase safety for pedestrian users.• 2 respondents commented that the proposal will increase the speed of the road.• 6 respondents commented that they don't see an obstruction and therefore disagree with the statement of reasons.• 4 respondents commented that they understand that there is an obstruction, but disagree with the extent of the restriction.• 1 respondent commented it encourages unsafe parking.• 1 respondent commented it doesn't solve the issue.• 1 respondent commented that consultation period was unacceptable. <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 respondents suggest reducing the length of the restriction, to focus only on the access issue to the gates.• Put in a timed restriction, allowing vehicles in the evening when the church doesn't need access.• Introduce white lines or bollards.	<p>Reason for Proposal</p> <p>Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time to prevent obstructive parking preventing people entering/exiting the Church.</p> <p>Officer Comments</p> <p>Parking is permitted at locations where it does not cause a problem. The removal of parking will ensure that access to the church and river is secured and unhindered.</p> <p>However, it is recommended that the proposed restrictions are relaxed by 5 metres to retain a parking space at the eastern end. Whilst retaining protection for the entrances and ensuring there is an area for vehicles to load/unload.</p> <p>No Waiting At Any Time does allow disabled badge holders to park, provided they do not cause an obstruction.</p> <p>A timed restriction would require a sign plate to be placed on the bridge structure which is not appropriate on a grade II listed structure.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>It is recommended that a (virtual) site meeting is undertaken with the local County Councillor to review objections and the site prior to making a decision on whether the advertised restriction (or any part of that restriction) should be progressed.</p>	

**Plan ENV5806/014 Wet Lane, Combe Martin
4 respondents – 4 Residents of Castle Street**

Comment

Devon County Council Response

Support

4 respondents support the proposals on the grounds that:

- 2 respondents commented it will improve access.
- 2 respondents commented it will reduce obstructive parking.
- 3 respondents commented that it will improve safety at the junction.

Suggestion:

2 respondents suggest extra parking in the area.

3 respondents suggest further enforcement of existing restrictions to improve safety.

Reason for Proposal

Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time outside of the Combe Coastal Practice gates to prevent inappropriate and obstructive parking.

Officer comments

Support noted.

Parking is permitted at locations where it does not cause a problem. The removal of parking will ensure that access to Wet Lane and the off-street parking is secured and unhindered.

If the respondent can identify locations where restrictions could be relaxed to allow additional parking they can be considered as part of a future review.

Requests for enforcement can be submitted via the councils website with details of where and when problems occur to help us prioritise resources.

Recommendation:

Implement restrictions as advertised.

**Plan ENV5806/016 Beechfield/ Yelland Road, Fremington
2 respondents – 1 Resident of Beechfield Road, 1 Resident unknown address**

Comment

Devon County Council Response

Object

1 respondent objects to the proposals on the grounds that:

- 1 respondent commented that it will restrict disabled access to their property.
- 1 respondent commented that the extent of the restrictions completely removes easy access for loading/unloading.
- 1 respondent commented that there is no other suitable parking nearby.

Support

1 respondent supports the proposal.

Reason for Proposal

Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time to prevent inappropriate parking obscuring visibility and movement at the junction.

Officer comments

Parking is permitted at locations where it does not cause a problem. The removal of parking will ensure that access along Beechfield Road is secured and unhindered.

However, it is recommended that a virtual site meeting is held to review whether the restrictions could be relaxed to retain some parking.

A disabled resident may be eligible for an on-street disabled parking. Further details are available from the council's Customer Service Centre on 0345 155 1004.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a (virtual) site meeting is undertaken with the local County Councillor to review objections and the site prior to making a decision on whether the advertised restriction (or any part of that restriction) should be progressed.

Plan ENV5806/017 Bickington Road, Fremington**6 respondents – 3 Residents of Elm Cottages, 1 resident of Lodge Cottages, 1 resident of Babbages and Fremington Parish Council****Comment****Devon County Council Response****Object**

6 respondents object to the proposals on the grounds that:

- 4 respondents commented that it will restrict residents parking outside their homes.
- 2 respondents commented that it is a waste of public funds.
- 3 respondents commented that parked cars act as a traffic calming measure.
- 1 respondent commented that it will force parked cars further up the road causing safety issues.
- 1 respondent commented that the restriction will not be enforced.
- The Parish Council commented that it will displace too many vehicles.

Suggestion:

- Install residents parking (2 respondents).
- Reduce traffic congestion and vehicle pollutants.

Fremington Parish Council believes there is a small problem outside 1 Elm Cottage back towards the junction of Mead Park and the proposal should reflect this issue.

Reason for Proposal

Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time to prevent obstructive parking.

Officer comments

Parking is permitted at locations where it does not cause a problem. The removal of parking will ensure that access along Bickington Road is secured and unhindered.

However, it is recommended that a virtual site meeting is held to review whether the restrictions could be relaxed to retain some parking.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a (virtual) site meeting is undertaken with the local County Councillor to review objections and the site prior to making a decision on whether the advertised restriction (or any part of that restriction) should be progressed.

Plan ENV5806/018 Fore Street, Ilfracombe**2 respondents – 2 Residents of Fore Street****Comment****Devon County Council Response****Object**

1 respondent objects to the proposals on the grounds that:

- 1 respondent commented that it will restrict disabled access to their property.
- 1 respondent commented that it will restrict parking for residents to park outside their house.

Support

1 respondent supports the proposal.

Suggestion:

Further enforcement of restrictions is needed to enable residents to loading/unload near their property.

Reason for Proposal

Update the existing 10am-4pm restriction to 10am-6pm to match other limited waiting in town.

Officer comments

The changes to the limited will not affect parking for blue badge holders as they are exempt from the restriction.

The proposal is to adjust the times of operation to bring the bays into line with other time restrictions in the town centre for consistency, clarity and to aid the enforcement operation.

Recommendation:

Implement restrictions as advertised.

Plan ENV5806/021 Hillside Road, Ilfracombe
1 respondent – 1 Resident of Hillside Road

Comment

Devon County Council Response

Object

1 respondent objects to the proposals on the grounds that it will restrict parking for residents in the area.

Suggestion:

- Implement residents parking.

Reason for Proposal

Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time to prevent obstructive parking obscuring visibility.

Officer comments

Parking is permitted at locations where it does not cause a problem. The removal of parking will ensure that access between Hillsborough Park Road and the A399 is secured and unhindered.

Recommendation:

Implement restrictions as advertised.

Plan ENV5806/022 Horne Park Road, Ilfracombe
1 respondent – 1 Resident of Horne Park Road

Comment

Devon County Council Response

Object

1 respondent objects to the proposals on the grounds that:

- 1 respondent commented that they do not see an issue with the current situation.
- 1 respondent commented that it will restrict parking for residents in the area.

Suggestion:

- Implement residents parking.

Reason for Proposal

Introduce section of No Waiting At Any Time to prevent inappropriate parking obscuring visibility and movement at the junction.

Officer comments

Parking is permitted at locations where it does not cause a problem. The removal of parking will ensure that the junction of Horne Park Road and St Brannocks Park Road is protected.

Recommendation:

Implement restrictions as advertised.

Plan ENV5806/027 South Molton, East Street
16 respondents – 14 Residents of East Street, 1 resident of New Road and South Molton
Town Council

Comment	Devon County Council Response
<p>Object 16 respondents object to the proposals on the grounds that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 respondents commented that parked cars act as a traffic calming measure. • 10 respondents commented that it will restrict parking for residents in the area. • 1 respondent commented that these measures will not prevent obstructive parking forcing vehicles onto the footpath. • 1 respondent commented that the proposed passing places will not be adequate for large agricultural vehicles and HGV's. • 2 respondents commented that large vehicles waiting to pass will increase pollutants. • 4 respondents commented that large vehicles are unsuitable for the road. • 1 respondent commented that there is insufficient public transport in the area. • 1 respondent commented that displaced resident parking will increase contact during a pandemic. • 1 respondent commented that the proposal is not needed due to visibility along the road. • 2 respondents commented that it will restrict disabled access to their property. • 1 respondent commented that large vehicles are unsuitable for the road and cause noise pollution. • 2 respondents commented that they do not see a reason for the proposal. • 1 respondent commented that it will increase dangerous driving along the street. • 1 respondent commented that it will restrict parking for businesses in the area. • 1 respondent commented that passing places will reduce traffic flow. • 1 respondent commented that it will increase congestion - vehicles being unable to pull in. • 1 respondent commented that passing places could promote parking opposite creating a chicane causing further issues. • 1 respondent commented that parking for residents should be considered over the needs of motorists. • 1 respondent commented that it contradicts the holistic approach to parking in South Molton. • 1 respondent commented that this goes directly against the previous decision made at a Town Council meeting to increase parking in South Molton. 	<p>Reason for Proposal Introduce two sections of No Waiting At Any Time to introduce two passing places.</p> <p>Officer comments Comments submitted to previous restrictions in East Street identified concerns about the flow of traffic along East Street. This is why it was proposed to introduce restrictions to provide passing places.</p> <p>However, it is recognised that there is concern about a loss of parking. As a review of parking is taking place across South Molton, it is recommended that the proposals are not progressed and that parking on East Street is reviewed as part of that review.</p>

- 1 respondent commented that there is an ongoing parking review and this proposal is in contrary to everything suggested in that review.
- 1 respondent commented that it will increase the volume of traffic.
- 1 respondent commented that it will increase the speed of the road.
- 1 respondent commented that it will increase heavy vehicles passing.
- 1 respondent commented that it will decrease road safety.
- 1 respondent commented that it will not prevent large vehicles mounting the footpath.
- 1 respondent commented that it will not ease traffic flow.
- 1 respondent commented that it will not reduce the speed of large vehicles.

Suggestion:

- Introduce 20mph speed limit.
- Introduce a weight limit.
- suggest restricting and rerouting large vehicles (2 respondents).
- suggest weight and speed restrictions (2 respondents).
- Introduce traffic calming features.
- suggest a One-way traffic system (3 respondents).
- suggest better use of the Link Road (2 respondents).
- Address the volume of traffic using the road
- suggest Introducing residents parking (3 respondents).
- Additional spaces at the junction of North Road/East Street.

Recommendation:

That the restrictions are not progressed but the issue is considered as part of a future review of restrictions in South Molton.