

North Tyneside Council

Report to Director of Regeneration and Economic Development

Date: 8th May 2025

Title: Traffic Regulation Order – Waiting Restrictions – Cromwell Terrace, North Shields

Report by: Nick Saunders, Senior Traffic Engineer

Report to: John Sparkes, Director of
Regeneration and Economic
Development

Wards affected: Preston with Preston Grange

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

This report seeks agreement from the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development to advertise and, in the event that no objections are received, make a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce 'no waiting at any time' (double yellow line) restrictions on rear Cromwell Terrace, North Shields.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development agrees

- (1) that notices for the proposal set out in this report should be prepared and advertised in line with relevant legislative requirements;
- (2) that in the event that no objections are received following the period of consultation required by statute, that the circumstances do not warrant the holding of a Public Inquiry; and

(3) that if no objections are received following the period of consultation required by law, the Traffic Regulation Order shall be made.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Seeking delegated decisions to advertise and, in the event that no objections are received, to make Traffic Regulation Orders is a standing item on the Forward Plan.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

The proposals in this report relate to the following priority in Our North Tyneside, the Council Plan 2021 to 2025:

- A secure North Tyneside
 - We will continue to invest £2m per year in fixing our roads and pavements.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background

The proposal to introduce parking restrictions on rear Cromwell Terrace was developed to address concerns from residents regarding obstructive parking restricting access to the rear lane.

The proposal was amended due to feedback received during informal consultation with residents in the area. This involved the extent of the proposed double yellow lines being reduced to allow residents to park to the rear of their properties where the carriageway is sufficiently wide to accommodate this.

The Authority has undertaken parking assessments in accordance with Annex 6 of the North Tyneside Parking Strategy. These assessments were undertaken in 2023 and identified that obstructive parking was taking place at the above location.

This proposal necessitates variations to the waiting and loading restrictions contained in existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs).

1.5.2 Proposal in relation to waiting restrictions

It is proposed to implement 'no waiting at any time' restrictions (double yellow lines) at the entrance to the rear lane as set out on the plan at Appendix 1 to this report.

It is anticipated that the proposed introduction of waiting restrictions will improve vehicle and pedestrian access to the rear lane for residents.

1.5.3 Consultation

Ward members were updated on the proposal by email and residents directly affected by the proposed restrictions were consulted by letter in January 2025. As a result of feedback received from residents, the proposal was amended and another consultation exercise carried out in February 2025. No concerns were raised about the amended proposal.

1.5.4 Proposed next steps

Proposals that restrict traffic movements are subject to due legal process as described in section 2.2 of this report: this includes the Authority giving public notice of the proposals and taking such other steps as it may consider appropriate for ensuring adequate publicity. In North Tyneside, this includes notices advertising proposals being displayed on affected streets and on the Authority's website. This enables members of the public or businesses to object to the proposals and the proposed making of a TRO and/or varying of existing TROs. Any objectors are sent a response and invited to reconsider their objection. Any objections not withdrawn are referred to the Cabinet Member for Environment for consideration in accordance with the Mayor's Scheme of Delegation.

1.6 **Decision options:**

The following decision options are available for consideration by the Director of Regeneration and Economic Development:

Option 1

To approve the recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

Option 2

Not to approve the recommendations as set out in paragraph 1.2 above.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposal will discourage obstructive parking thereby improving vehicle and pedestrian access to residential properties.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix 1 Plan of scheme

Appendix 2 Equality Impact Assessment – Waiting Restrictions

1.9 Contact officers:

Nick Saunders, Senior Traffic Engineer, 0191 643 6598

Andrew Flynn, Integrated Transport Manager, 0191 643 6083

1.10 Background information:

- (1) [North Tyneside Transport Strategy](#)
- (2) [North Tyneside Parking Strategy](#)
- (3) [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984](#)
- (4) [Local Authorities' Traffic Orders Regulations 1996](#)

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

Funding to advertise and implement the proposal is available from the 2025/26 (Parking Management) Local Transport Plan capital budget.

2.2 Legal

Proposals that involve revocations or amendments to existing TROs and any new such orders are subject to statutory legal process set out in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Regulations that flow from that Act, namely, the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996. Details are formally advertised, including a 21-day period for objections. Before making a TRO the Authority must consider all objections made and not withdrawn, and can decide whether to make the TRO unchanged, to make the TRO with modifications or not to proceed with making the TRO.

The Authority is required to publish at least one notice detailing the proposals to vary traffic movement and/or waiting and loading restrictions in a local newspaper in addition to taking such other steps as it deems appropriate for ensuring adequate publicity is provided. The Authority is also required to make documents relating to the proposal available for public inspection. In North Tyneside, in addition to being advertised in a local newspaper, notices advertising the proposal are displayed on the Authority's website and on roads affected by the order. Documents relating to the proposal are also available for public inspection at the Authority's offices at Quadrant. Objections to the proposal may be made within a period of 21 days starting from the date the notice was published.

In accordance with the Mayor's Scheme of Delegation, if any objections cannot be resolved, then the Cabinet Member for Environment is asked to consider any objections made and not withdrawn and to determine if a TRO should be made.

Within 14 days of the making of the proposed TRO varying the existing TRO in respect of the proposals set out in the report, the Authority must notify any objectors, publish a notice of making in a local newspaper and take such other steps as it deems appropriate for ensuring adequate publicity is given to the making of the TRO. In North Tyneside, in addition to being advertised in a local newspaper, notices of making are displayed on the Authority's website and on roads affected by the TRO. Documents relating to the order are also available for public inspection at the Authority's offices at Quadrant.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal consultation

Ward members' views on the proposal were sought as described in section 1.5.3.

2.3.2 Community engagement

Views on the proposal were sought as described in section 1.5.3. The proposal is to be advertised in line with statutory process as set out in section 1.5.4.

2.4 Human rights

Any human rights implications must be balanced against the duty that the Authority has to provide a safe highway for people to use. It is not considered that the proposed restrictions will have a negative impact on individuals' human rights.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

An Equality Impact Assessment for waiting restrictions has been undertaken and is attached as Appendix 2 to this report. This identifies positive potential impacts: these relate to improved accessibility for people who currently experience difficulty negotiating footways and crossing the road. Actions are specified to reduce the potential negative impact relating to access arrangements during construction work.

2.6 Risk management

There are no risk management implications arising directly from this report. Strategic and operational risks associated with transport matters are assessed via the established corporate process.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

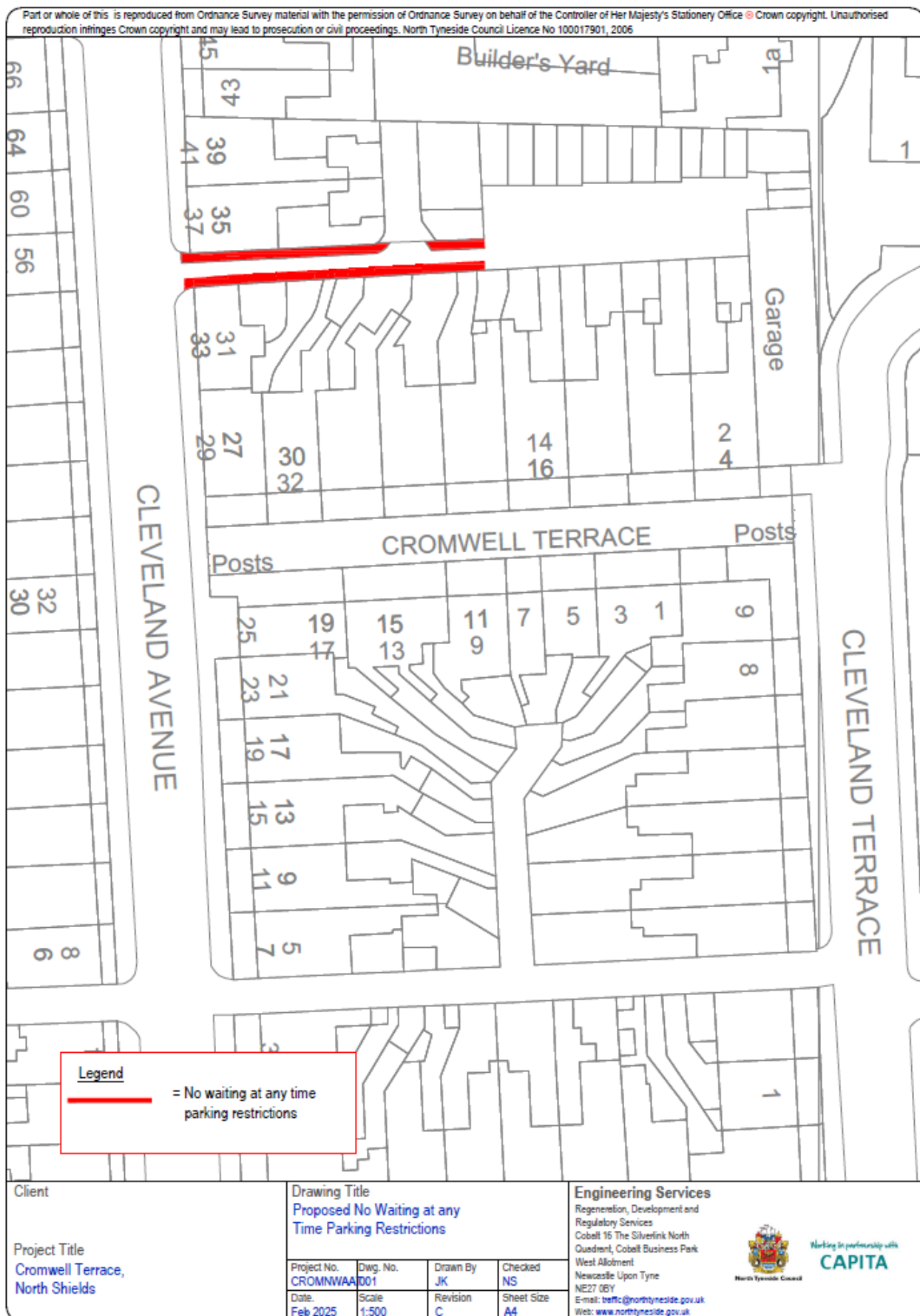
2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are potential positive implications in that by contributing to a reduction in obstructive on-street parking, the proposals support the use of more sustainable modes of transport in preference to car use.

PART 3 – SIGN OFF

- Chief Finance Officer ☒
- Monitoring Officer ☒
- Interim Director of
Corporate Strategy and
Customer Service ☒

Appendix 1 – Plan of Scheme



Appendix 2 - EqIA

Business as usual (BAU) Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA)

1. Business as usual service activity		
Name of the activity being assessed	Waiting Restrictions – Traffic and Road Safety	
Purpose of activity	<p>The business-as-usual activity is the installation of no waiting at any time restrictions (double yellow lines).</p> <p>The restrictions are intended to prevent obstructive parking thereby improving road safety.</p>	
Who is the activity intended to benefit?	Residents, visitors, local businesses, and local schools.	
Version of EqIA	1.0	
Date this version created	02/05/2023	
Confidential	no	
Directorate	Regeneration and Economic Development	
Service	Regeneration and Transport	
	Name	Service or organisation
Principal author	Samantha Lacy	North Tyneside
Additional authors	Nicholas Saunders	North Tyneside

2. Groups impacted		
Does the project impact upon?		If yes, what is the estimated number impacted and the Level of impact this will have on the group (high, medium, low)?
Service users	yes	Visitors to local businesses in the area – medium
Carers or family of service users	no	
Residents	yes	Residents in the immediate vicinity – low
Visitors	yes	Visitors to residential properties – low
Staff	yes	Staff within the local businesses – low
Partner organisations	no	

3. Evidence gathering and engagement		
	Internal evidence	External evidence

What evidence has been used for this assessment?	<p>Relevant objectives of the Authority, e.g. improve the street network, putting cycling and walking first (North Tyneside Transport Strategy); promote road safety alongside healthy travel (North Tyneside Travel Safety Strategy); and effectively manage demand for parking North Tyneside Parking Strategy.</p> <p>Responses to initial resident and stakeholder consultation completed by the team.</p>	
Have you carried out any engagement in relation to this activity?	yes	
If yes of what kind and with whom? If no, why not?	Consultation with local Ward Councillors, local residents, local businesses and local schools as necessary.	
Is there any information you don't have?	yes	
If yes, why is this information not available?	<p>Views of the wider public on the detailed notices/orders relating to the scheme – we will understand this by advertising the notices/orders following this report. Copies of the orders are printed and placed on site alongside being published in a local newspaper and on the North Tyneside Council website. Each notice gives detail on how the public can</p>	

	request information in other languages and formats.
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4. Impact on groups with different characteristics

Legally protected characteristics	Potential positive impact identified	Potential negative impact identified	Description of the potential impact and evidence used in the assessment (mitigations are not included here)
Age	yes	yes	<p>People for whom age makes negotiating footways and crossing the road more difficult may experience a positive impact from a reduction in obstructive junction and pavement parking.</p> <p>They may also experience a negative impact from a restriction on parking on the proposed waiting restrictions. However, we will always ensure there is alternative long stay parking available to all vehicles at nearby locations.</p>
Disability	yes	yes	<p>Footway users with a disability (e.g. wheelchair users and visually or audio impaired people) may experience a positive impact from a reduction in obstructive junction and pavement parking.</p> <p>People with a disability who hold a Blue Badge are permitted to park on the proposed single yellow lines for up to 3 hours. However, we will always ensure there is alternative long stay parking available to all vehicles at nearby locations.</p> <p>Temporary traffic management arrangements during construction have potential to have a negative</p>

			impact on accessibility for people with a disability. This can be reduced by seeking to ensure that construction partners do not obstruct footways which remain open, and in the case of closures provide appropriate access arrangements such as temporary dropped kerbs and/or safe temporary walking areas.
Gender reassignment	no	no	
Marriage & civil partnership	no	no	
Pregnancy & maternity	yes	yes	Footway users who are pregnant may experience a positive impact from a reduction in obstructive junction and pavement parking. They may also experience a negative impact from a restriction on parking on the proposed waiting restrictions. However, we will always ensure there is alternative long stay parking available to all vehicles at nearby locations.
Race	no	no	
Religion or belief	yes	yes	People who visit nearby places of worship may experience a positive impact from a reduction in obstructive junction and pavement parking. They may also experience a negative impact from a restriction on parking on the proposed waiting restrictions. However, we will always ensure there is alternative long stay parking available to all vehicles at nearby locations.
Sex	no	no	
Sexual orientation	no	no	
Intersectionality	no	no	
Non-legally protected characteristic			

Carers	yes	yes	Carers who may be required to park in the proposed location may experience a positive impact from the reduction of obstructive junction and pavement parking., Carers are able to use the Blue Badge of the people they are caring for, if they hold one, which allows them to park on the proposed waiting restrictions for up to 3 hours. However, we will always ensure that there are alternative options for longer stay parking in the area.
Socio-economic disadvantage	no	no	

5. Achievement of the Authority's Public Sector Equality Duty		
Will the activity contribute to any of the following?		If yes, how?
Eliminate unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment	no	
Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not	yes	The schemes are designed to ensure that highway conditions are conducive to support walking, wheeling on-road cycling and public transport resulting in the potential positive impacts to the characteristics identified in section 4 above.
Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not	no	

6. Negative impacts		
Potential negative impact	Can it be reduced or removed?	If yes how? If no, why not and what alternative options were considered and not pursued?

Temporary traffic management arrangements during construction have potential to have a negative impact on accessibility for people with a disability.	yes- reduced	This can be reduced by seeking to ensure that construction partners do not obstruct footways which remain open, and in the case of closures provide appropriate access arrangements such as temporary dropped kerbs and/or safe temporary walking areas.
Blue badge holders can only park on double yellow lines for up to 3 hours.	no	Maximum parking times for blue badge holders are set nationally. The double yellow lines have been kept to the minimum length required to be effective and there is alternative unrestricted parking highlighted nearby.

7. Action plan				
Actions to gather evidence or information to improve NTC's understanding of the impacts on people with protected characteristics and how best to respond to them	Responsible officer name	Responsible officer service area	Target completion date	Action completed
Displaying notices and publishing details of the proposals in accordance with the Authority's usual procedure (as described in section 3 of this EqIA)	Nicholas Saunders	Traffic and Road Safety	31/03/2026	in progress

Actions already in place to remove or reduce negative impacts	Responsible officer name	Responsible officer service area	Impact		
Consideration of accessibility factors as part of the scheme design process particularly in relation to the extent of the road markings.	Nicholas Saunders	Traffic and Road Safety	reduce		
Actions that will be taken to remove or reduce negative impacts	Responsible officer name	Responsible officer service area	Impact	Target completion date	Action completed
Confirm that construction work takes account of accessibility factors, e.g., not obstructing footpaths which remain open, and in the case of closures providing appropriate access arrangements such as temporary dropped kerbs	Nicholas Saunders	Traffic and Road Safety	reduce	31/03/2026	in progress
Actions that will be taken to make the most of any potential positive impact	Responsible officer name	Responsible officer service area		Target Completion Date	Action completed
Inform the public of any positive	Nicholas Saunders	Traffic and Road Safety		31/03/2026	in progress

impacts as part of communications and publicity when the scheme is completed				
Actions that will be taken to monitor the equality impact of the activity	Responsible officer name	Responsible officer service area	Target Completion Date	Action completed
The impact of the scheme will be monitored through site observations by officers and feedback from residents and other stakeholders.	Nicholas Saunders	Traffic and Road Safety	31/03/2026	in progress
Date review of EqIA to be completed	Responsible officer name	Responsible Officer Service Area		
31/03/2026	Nicholas Saunders	Traffic and Road Safety		

8. Outcome of EqIA	
Outcome	Please explain and evidence why you have reached this conclusion:
The proposal is robust, no major change is required	Several identified potential impacts are positive. Actions are specified to reduce the identified potential negative impact.

9. Corporate Equality Group member approval	
Do you agree or disagree with this assessment?	yes
If disagree, please explain why?	
Name of Corporate Equality Group member	David Cunningham

Date	18/05/2023
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10. Director/Head of Service approval	
Do you agree or disagree with this assessment?	yes
If disagree, please explain why?	
Name of Director/Head of Service	John Sparkes
Date	19/05/2023

Please return the document to the Author and Corporate Equality Group member.