



Reference: FOI-102

Request:

There is currently a proposal to implement permit parking on our street.

We understand there to have been a private meeting held between local councillors and a residents in relation to the scheme.

We would like to have released the following information

1. Minutes of any meeting held around the subject of parking on Ballast Hill Rd and details of any attendees between September 2018 to date.
2. Any other information that is held by North Tyneside Council in all forms (digital or physical) including site visits, plans, photographs, emails and communications or any documented observations that were made by council staff that document the existence of parking problems on Ballast Hill Rd.

Response:

1.
 - a. Meeting held on Ballast Hill Road on 17.9.20 to discuss parking issues. No official minutes were recorded but a brief summary is detailed on the attached document Meeting minutes 17 Sept 2020.

Attendees:

Nick Saunders – Senior Traffic Engineer, Traffic & Road Safety Team
Michael Burns – Highway Adoptions Engineer, New Developments Team
David McCall – Team Leader, New Developments Team
Frank and Wendy Lott – Riverside Ward Councillors
Several residents of Ballast Hill Road

- b. The permit parking scheme was also discussed at a briefing session with the Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport on 26th October 2020. Agenda Item 4, minutes shown below:

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To: Cllr C Johnson **From:** John Cram

cc: Phil Scott, Colin MacDonald, Christine Lee, Andy Flynn

Date: 9th November 2020

Title of Briefing: **Cabinet Member Briefing Session, Environment & Transport on 26th October 2020**

Attendees: Cllr Johnson, Phil Scott, Sam Dand, Colin MacDonald, John Cram, Nick Bryan, Nick Saunders

Apologies: John Sparkes, Andy Flynn

The purpose of this briefing note is to provide you with a summary of our discussions and agreed actions for reference purposes.

		Action
4.0	Ballast Hill Road Parking Nick Saunders provided an update. You confirmed your approval for the introduction of a residents' parking permit scheme in this area, funded by the developer.	
5.0	LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) <u>Sustrans</u>	

- c. This was again discussed with the Cabinet Member for Environment on 24th May 2022. Minutes show below:

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To: Cllr S Graham **From:** Sam Dand / John Sparkes

cc:

Date: 24 May 2022

Title of Briefing: **Cabinet Member Briefing Session, Environment
On 24 May 2022**

Attendees: Cllr Graham, Sam Dand, Kim Pye, Alun Parfitt, Nick Preston, Duncan Bennett, Andy Flynn, Paul Nelson, Nick Saunders, Mark Newlands, Louise Ferguson

Apologies: John Sparkes, Paul Youlden, John Cram

The purpose of this briefing note is to provide you with a summary of our discussions from 24 May 2022 and record our agreed actions for reference purposes.

	report.	
6.0	<p>Cabinet Member decision report – TRO Ballast Hill Road</p> <p>Nick Saunders provided you with an outline of the proposals as set out in the report.</p> <p>You agreed to make the order and set aside the objections as set out in the report.</p>	
7.0	AOB	

- Responses to the consultation is withheld under Section 40(2) of the Act. Information is exempt from disclosure if it is the personal data of an individual other than the requester and where the disclosure of that personal data would be in breach of any of the data protection principles. However, the Authority can confirm 18 out of 34 responses (53%) from residents of Ballast Hill Road were in favour of permit parking scheme.

Attached is the Ballast Hill Road – Proposed Permit Parking Zone document dated 15/03/2021.

Much of the additional correspondence around this scheme was direct with individuals. Personal data or any data from which an individual could be identified is

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withheld under Section 40(2) of the Act. Below are the comments/emails which have been redacted.

Any photographs and videos are withheld under Section 40(2) of the Act.

Please also see attached document FOI-102 ME relating to members enquiries. Personal data or any data from which an individual could be identified is withheld under Section 40(2) of the Act.

From:

Sent on: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 8:52:00 AM

To: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject: Permit Parking at Ballast Hill, Albert Edward Dock

EXTRNL

Dear Mr Saunders, I'm sending you this email to request if it's possible, to urgently implement the new permit parking system that was passed for Ballast Hill residents. We've had a few nice days as far as weather is concerned and sure enough we've had parking in the street and parking on the verges alongside the apartments from drivers who do not want to pay the new charges being implemented at the Marina.

Your help and involvement is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

From: Wendy Lott (Cllr) <Wendy.Lott@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Sent on: Friday, July 23, 2021 1:56:03 PM

To: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject: Ballast Hill Road

Hi Nick

Are we any further forward with the permit parking scheme on Ballast Hill Road. The situation down there is getting quite bad as people are coming down to see the numerous cruise ships that are coming into the Tyne and using this area as a viewing point and parking. I would appreciate it if you could let us know the outcome of the consultation.

Cheers

Wendy

Cllr W Lott

Riverside Ward

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From: Wendy Lott (Cllr) <Wendy.Lott@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Sent on: Friday, January 28, 2022 5:21:35 PM
To: ; Reagan Johnson
<Reagan.Johnson@northtyneside.gov.uk>
CC: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>;
Subject: Re: Ballast Hill Road Permit Parking

Hi Reagan,

I would just like to endorse what had said. I think the parking restrictions which have been recently implemented will cause a lot of problems for the area.

Cheers

Wendy

From:
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 5:07:20 PM
To: Reagan Johnson <Reagan.Johnson@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Cc: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>;
<Wendy.Lott@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Ballast Hill Road Permit Parking
EXTRNL

Hi Reagan,

Thank you for your update and your help in implementing the permit parking as soon as possible would be very much appreciated in light of the amount of recent comments on social media advocating 'free parking' on Ballast Hill Road, further to the Royal Quays Marina parking charges being brought in. There are numerous details and even maps on Facebook etc. being posted with highlighted areas around the marina which don't have parking restrictions, which is a huge concern.

As we expected, and the reason we applied for permit parking, is that the current parking issue we have is already a big problem, so your help in ensuring this scheme is implemented urgently is now more imperative than ever with the likely influx of vehicles about to happen.

Thanks again,

On Fri, Jan 14, 2022 at 3:43 PM Reagan Johnson
<Reagan.Johnson@northtyneside.gov.uk> wrote:

Good Afternoon

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

Following the statutory consultation for the proposed parking restrictions at Ballast Hill Road, I can now confirm that we received two objections. The next step is for officers to

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produce a cabinet report which is presented to the Cabinet Member for Environment. If approved, I will arrange for letters to be sent to all properties on Ballast Hill Road advising how and when to apply for parking permits. The relevant signage can then be installed soon after.

Although I cannot provide a specific timeframe, I can confirm that we are looking to progress this as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Reagan Johnson

Traffic Engineering Technician

Traffic & Road Safety

Quadrant West, The Silverlink North, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY

North Tyneside Council

Tel: 0191 643 6114

From:

Sent: 13 January 2022 10:53

To: Reagan Johnson <Reagan.Johnson@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Cc: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>;

; Wendy

Lott (Cllr) <Wendy.Lott@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject: Fwd: Ballast Hill Road Permit Parking

EXTRNL

Good morning Reagan.

Further to my previous email, I've still not heard anything from you and I now am aware that the paid parking starts at the Marina on week commencing 24th January.

Recent comments on social media and heard around the area regarding this, focus mainly on people's opinions that they will not pay and use the surrounding streets instead.

Of course this gives us a huge problem being the nearest street to the Lock pub as we already suffer from a parking problem as you are aware, so please can you update me with details of when the permit parking scheme will start on Ballast Hill Road.

I look forward to your reply,

Thanks,

Begin forwarded message:

From:

Date: 1 November 2021 at 16:49:53 GMT

To: reagan.johnson@northtyneside.gov.uk

Cc: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject: Ballast Hill Road Permit Parking

Hi Reagan,

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would you be able to give me an update regarding the timescale for the permit parking scheme to be implemented please after the positive outcome to the consultation nearly 2 months ago?

The road is still suffering from the parking issues so all residents are eager to have the scheme in place to deter non residential parking as soon as possible.

I look forward to your reply,

Kind regards,

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From:

Sent on: Monday, September 21, 2020 11:32:44 AM

To: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject: Ballast Hill Road traffic issues

Attachments: image0.jpeg (128.83 KB), ATT00001.txt (4 Bytes), image1.jpeg (105.41 KB), image2.jpeg (118.6 KB), image3.jpeg (138.4 KB), image4.jpeg (106.23 KB), Video.MOV (931.67 KB), Video_1.MOV (1.14 MB), ATT00002.txt (21 Bytes)

Follow up: Follow up

Follow up status: Completed

Completed on: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 3:43:00 PM

EXTRNL

Hi Nick,

This weekend has been really busy again with the visitor spaces taken up by fishermen etc and the turning hammer head blocked along with the usual rubbish left behind which we've cleared up again. The last 3 nights have had cars parked up in the early hours with obvious drug taking so I'm contacting the local police regarding this.

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Any help you can be to move this proposal on as quickly as possible would be really appreciated as it is causing all residents problems with the street being excessively busy for a no through road leading to dead end which really should only have residents & visitors using.

Kind regards,

From:

Sent: 25 March 2021 18:20

To: Frank Lott (Cllr) <Francis.Lott@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject: Ballast Hill Road

EXTRNL

Dear Councillor Lott,

I live at

I am writing to ask for you help with three problems with the development.

1.

2.

3. The road is a cul-de-sac. Over 600 cars were logged coming up & down the street on a recent weekend. There is very little parking space on the street so the cars come in, turn round, go out! My guess is that most of these cars are looking for the marina to have a walk and to look at the Azura. There is a riverside walkway alongside our development. Once the road is adopted I am hoping the council may be able to take some measures to prevent such a flow of traffic in to the street (eg double yellow lines, resident only parking, appropriate signs etc). In the very short term, I have twice written to the council to point out that there is a sign at the top of Ballast Hill Road which reads "Access to Marina Only". In fact, there is NO access to the marina. The road leads to the boatyard. Could you do something to have the sign changed as I have had no response at all about this? (Possible wording, eg "No access to marina. Cul-de-sac", or whatever wording is deemed appropriate by the Highways Department).

Thank you for your time.

From:

Sent: 28 March 2022 14:52

To: Reagan Johnson <Reagan.Johnson@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Cc: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>;

;

Subject: Re: Ballast Hill Road, (NE296UY) Parking Permit Implementation

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EXTRNL
Hi Reagan,

Also, this afternoon we've just had a passenger bus (317) mistakenly drive into Ballast Hill Rd, said he didn't see any signs saying it was a dead-end etc. The bus got totally stuck at the end of the street

This could all be avoided with permit parking to keep the turning area clear and better signage.
Regards

On 28 Mar 2022, at 14:36, Reagan Johnson <Reagan.Johnson@northtyneside.gov.uk> wrote:

Good Afternoon

The proposed permit parking restrictions on Ballast Hill Road received two objections at the statutory consultation stage, therefore as you say, officers are currently preparing a report to be presented to and considered by the Cabinet Member for Environment. It is anticipated that a decision will be reached by next month.

If the objections are set aside, all properties on Ballast Hill Road will receive a letter advising when the scheme is expected to be installed and how to apply for parking permits.

Kind regards,

Reagan Johnson

Traffic Engineering Technician

Traffic & Road Safety

<image001.jpg>

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Tel: 0191 643 6114

From:

Sent: 25 March 2022 17:48

To: Reagan Johnson <Reagan.Johnson@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Cc: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject: Ballast Hill Road, (NE296UY) Parking Permit Implementation

EXTRNL

Hi Reagan,

As a resident of Ballast Hill Road, North Shields, I had hoped that the Permit Parking Scheme we voted to implement in our street last year, would now have been in place?

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The sunny weather and paid parking arrangements at the Marina car park, have inevitably led to a great deal of 'free' overspill parking in our street, causing chaos for all residents and pedestrians of Ballast Hill Road. The situation is frankly dangerous, with Lock cafe visitors crowding the bend at the end of the street as well as all of the Visitor parking spaces. Not to mention the fishermen blocking the turning area at the other end as well as Lick visitors!

We were told the scheme was being put to the Cabinet, but, that was well over a month ago. How much longer will it take to get the permit parking that was agreed by the majority of residents in Ballast Hill Road.

We need the agreed Permit Parking Scheme implemented as quickly as possible.

Kind Regards

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From:

Sent: 01 April 2022 12:33

To: Reagan Johnson <Reagan.Johnson@northtyneside.gov.uk>; Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject: Parking Permit Scheme Ballast Hill Road

EXTRNL

Good Afternoon,

It is now seven or eight months since we were told that a residents' only parking permit scheme had been approved for Ballast Hill Road. This followed a consultation with residents & a majority vote in favour.

I understand that two residents have objected to the scheme & this is causing a delay.

The number of vehicles parking in the street is increasing and several of them regularly completely block the pavement. The walkway along the river is now very popular and the number of visitors will increase as the weather improves.

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Can you tell me when the Council will make a final decision and, if approved, when the scheme will be implemented?

And will the signage at the top of Ballast Hill be changed? I have written to the Council several times asking that the sign at the top of the hill be changed. The sign reads: "Access to Marina Only" but cars cannot get access to the marina, only to the boatyard and Ballast Hill Road. This misleading sign encourages cars to come in to the street. They then have to turn and go back!

Yours sincerely,

From:

Sent on: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:05:51 PM

To: Reagan Johnson <Reagan.Johnson@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject: Ballast Hill Road

EXTRNL

Could you please advise when permit parking is going to be implemented at Ballast Hill Road. It has been some time since this was first raised.

The parking issues are still ongoing with parking charges at the marina making it more of a problem.

Thank you.

Sent: 20 December 2019 12:16

To: CAMPBELL, Alan <alan.campbell.mp@parliament.uk>

Subject: Ballast Hill Road NE29 6UY

On a different matter - we need double yellow lines near the bottom of BHR and round the bend leading to the houses. It is difficult to get round the bend leading to the houses some days because it is so narrow. There has already been one accident.

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I have contacted the Council regarding these matters but up to the time of writing nothing has been done. We are all paying our council tax and feel we are being badly neglected. Cars parking half on/half off the new pavements is not helping matters.

I would appreciate you looking into these matters.

From: Reagan Johnson

Sent: 19 March 2021 12:31

To: Frank Lott (Cllr) <Francis.Lott@northtyneside.gov.uk>; Wendy Lott (Cllr) <Wendy.Lott@northtyneside.gov.uk>; Bruce Pickard (Cllr) <Bruce.Pickard@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Cc: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject: Ballast Hill Road - Proposed Permit Parking Zone

Dear Councillors,

Please find attached a plan showing proposals to introduce a permit parking zone in Ballast Hill Road, North Shields. This follows representation from residents concerned about non-residential parking at this location and confirmation from the developer that funding for such a scheme will be made available.

The permit parking zone, which would operate at all times, is designed to prevent non-residents from utilising this area when visiting the marina during the day and evenings. Officers have proposed that the zone extends past the apartment block in anticipation of the displacement of vehicles that the permit restrictions will likely cause. The proposal can however, be amended if there is insufficient support from residents living in the apartments.

It is also anticipated that the restrictions will mitigate the issue of vehicles parking in the turning area, which is currently believed to be a result of non-residential parking.

We are aware that residents living on the north side of the road have already indicated their support for restrictions but now propose to consult all properties on Ballast Hill Road, including the apartment block, to seek their views. If it transpires, as we suspect may be the case, that the proposal receives support from residents of the houses on the north side of the road but not from those in the apartments, then the extent of the proposed scheme can be reduced to reflect this.

I would be grateful if you could let me have any comments relating to this proposal at your earliest convenience as it is our intention to consult the affected residents in the near future.

Kind regards,

Reagan Johnson

Apprentice Traffic Engineer

Traffic & Road Safety

Quadrant West, The Silverlink North, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY
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Tel: 0191 643 6114

From:
Sent on: Thursday, March 3, 2022 12:02:16 PM
To: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Subject: Ballast Hill Road Parking

EXTRNL
Morning

I live at _____ and was wondering when the permit parking was going to be implemented. It has been a while since this was first raised.

It is becoming more of a problem due to parking charges on the marina. As well as fishermen parking at the end of BHR and trampling over private land, parking is becoming more of an issue .

I hope permit parking can be urgently implemented and look forward to hearing when this might occur.

Thank you.

From:
Sent: 09 February 2021 12:55
To: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Ballast Hill Road Permit Parking Application

EXTRNL
Hi Nick,

Would you be able to update me as to where things stand please regarding the proposed resident permit parking scheme as I know you did say January was the likely start date of moving things forward and we really need this in place before the good weather hits as our street will once again become the free car park it has been for the last 18 months.

Kind regards,

From:
Sent: 13 April 2021 09:55
To: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>

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Hi Nick,

Regarding the residents permit parking scheme we are heading towards, hopefully the road/path which has been dug up a few weeks ago is sorted soon so we can move to consultation.

Regarding the residents permit parking scheme, any help to speed along would be fantastic.

King regards,

From: Nick Saunders

Sent: 03 March 2021 16:27

To:

Subject: RE: Ballast Hill Road Permit Parking Application

Hi

Yes, I discussed the possibility of a barrier with colleagues in our New Developments team who agreed with _____ that this would be incompatible with the road becoming adopted by North Tyneside Council as per the agreement with the developer. In terms of the permit parking scheme, we're hoping to consult with residents later this month.

Regards,

Nick Saunders

Senior Traffic Engineer

Traffic & Road Safety

Quadrant West, The Silverlink North, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY

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From:
Sent: 01 March 2021 17:24
To: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Ballast Hill Road Permit Parking Application

EXTRNL
Hi Nick,

Further to my previous email, I've spoken to [redacted] who has pretty much ruled out the barrier option to our street as he explained the implications of residents having to adopt the road etc, so my apologies for rambling on and no need to look into this.

Any help you can be though with the permit parking scheme would be fantastic though as the parking problems are causing us a lot of problems and we'd really like to sort as soon as possible.

Thanks again,

From:
Date: 1 March 2021 at 16:07:39 GMT
To: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Ballast Hill Road Permit Parking Application
Hi Nick,

Thanks for your reply and could I please ask if you could pass this message on to the relevant department please. It is a request that bollards or some kind of barriers are put in place in front of the he new huge gap which has been opened as we've had kids on motorbikes down onto the street already with cars to no doubt follow soon.

Separately to this, and after discussing with the residents in our street, the feeling is that should we able to fit a barrier to entrance to the street with either keypad or fob access, it would be undoubtedly the best way of stopping the issues with have with the huge volume of traffic, parking problems, anti social behaviour etc. This would also save costs to the council as we then wouldn't need all of the parking restrictions put in place.

As always, thanks for any help as we are all desperate to sort something before the summer traffic causes us issues.
Kind regards,

On 15 Feb 2021, at 11:43, Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk> wrote:

From:
Sent: 14 February 2021 16:17

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Reference: FOI-102

To: Nick Saunders <Nick.Saunders@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Ballast Hill Road Permit Parking Application

EXTRNL

Hi Nick,

Thanks for your reply and your urgent help with this matter is really appreciated. With the cruise ship currently being berthed at Northumbrian Quay, we are experiencing around 100 to 150 vehicles per day in the street with many parking up, so once the weather improves it will again become the main free car park in the area which it has been for the last 18 months.

Kind regards,

From:

Sent: 07 July 2021 11:32

To: trafficconsultations <trafficconsultations@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject: Ballast Hill Road - permit Parking

EXTRNL

Firstly, apology for late reply but I have only just picked up the letter.

I am in favour of a permit parking scheme but think that it needs to also include a scheme to restrict parking on the hill leading down to the private houses. Stopping parking on the street will lead to people parking on the hill. This will be especially dangerous in the winter when this road becomes icy and slippy, perhaps double yellow lines would be a solution.

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