

Norfolk County Council

Record of Individual Cabinet Member decision

Responsible Cabinet Member: Councillor Martin Wilby (Cabinet member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport)

Background and Purpose:

A number of issues have been reported with parking within Winterton-on-Sea along Beach Road, including concerns of ambulances unable to get past parked vehicles and difficulty for businesses and disabled users to get access to the Beach Road car park. The local Member and the Parish Council are in support of the proposals as there is a problem with vehicles parking along Beach Road during the winter months.

Proposals are aimed at providing safe access for both pedestrians walking along Beach Road as well as other highway users in order to get access to the car park and in particular emergency vehicles, where parking prevents safe access.

Preliminary consultation letters were sent out to statutory bodies and frontages in August 2018

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Decision:

To implement the proposal as advertised as shown on drawing PMA319-LDN-TRO-001 attached in Appendix A.

Is it a key decision?

No

Is it subject to call in?

Yes

If Yes – Deadline for Call in

Date: 4pm - 24 December 2019

Impact of the Decision:

It would legally allow NCC to implement a waiting restriction, therefore successfully delivering the proposed scheme and making the road safer for access purposes to the beach and for pedestrians

Evidence and reason for the decision:

There have been a number of times where emergency vehicles have been

unable to get down to the beach front because of the number of cars parked along Beach Road, so therefore for safety reason this decision has been made.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

None within current funding constraints. The above proposal is seen as the best solution. Doing nothing would not improve road safety for all the road users.

Financial, Resource or other implications considered:

The scheme will be funded from the local members fund budget and delivered using existing resources within the Council.

Record of any conflict of interest:

None

Background Documents:

- Appendix A- Plan
- Appendix B -Order and Schedule

Date of Decision:

03/12/2019

Publication date of decision:

16 December 2019

Signed by Cabinet member:

I confirm that I have made the decision set out above, for the reasons also set out


Signed:

Print name: Cllr Martin Wilby

Date: 03/12/2019

Accompanying Documents:

The Report - The Norfolk County Council (Beach Road, Winterton) Waiting Restriction

Appendix A- Plan

Appendix B -Order and Schedule

Once you have completed your internal department clearance process and obtained agreement of the Cabinet Member, send your completed decision notice together with the report and green form to committees@norfolk.gov.uk

Individual Cabinet Member Decision Report

Report title:	Norfolk County Council (Winterton, Beach Road) Waiting Restriction
Date of meeting:	N/A
Responsible Cabinet Member:	Councillor Martin Wilby (Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport)
Responsible Director:	Tom McCabe (Executive Director, Community and Environmental Services)
Is this a key decision?	No
<p>Executive Summary</p> <p>Norfolk County Council promoted the implementation of a waiting restriction order on Beach Road, Winterton. This proposal is being delivered with response to requests from the Local Member and Parish Council.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is recommended to implement the Norfolk County Council (Beach Road, Winterton) Waiting Restriction Order 2019 as advertised in order to provide improved access, as well as pedestrian and vehicular safety along Beach Road. 	

1. Background and Purpose

- 1.1 A number of issues have been reported with parking within Winterton-on-Sea along Beach Road, including concerns of ambulances unable to get past parked vehicles and difficulty for businesses and disabled users to get access to the Beach Road car park. The Local Member and the Parish Council are in support of the proposals as there is a problem with vehicles parking along Beach Road during the winter months.

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2. Proposals

- 2.1 The proposal seeks to implement a At Any time Waiting Restriction along Beach Road. Beach Road is very narrow, and it is the main access to the beach and car park and so the Local Member asked to implement an at any time restriction in order to stop parking in order to maintain vehicular access as well as pedestrian safety.

See Appendix A for design layout.

3. Impact of the Proposal

- 3.1. The proposal advertised received four letters of approval and two letters of objection. Comments are in section 4 below with Officer comments.

4 Evidence and Reasons for Decision

4.1 Objection 1

No, you should not ban parking on Beach Road. All it is doing is driving all the visiting cars to park around the village. You can't get into your own drive because of many many cars parked all down the road. And the way they park means you could not get an ambulance down to the residents houses either. Just lately the village has been a nightmare and if you ask people to move from across your drive, you just get a load of abuse.

Officer Comments:

Beach Road is the main/only street linking the beach with the village and so it is essential that we can keep this street clear as well as the route to the main car park. By stopping parking, it will not only help access, for the car park, but also for emergency vehicles which often struggle to get to the beach because of the amount of park cars. These new parking proposals will be the same as the parking arrangement for this location during the summer months. Other roads around the village will be monitored in response to this following the implementation of changes to the Beach Road, Traffic Regulation Order.

4.2 Objection 2

I know my views won't make a blind bit of difference but as a resident of Martham who visits Winterton regularly I would like to express my views. If you block off the parking at the road side then you need to consider other parking alternatives beyond the robbing car park. The side streets will become over run on already narrow roads. A lot of the time we visit there are few cars parked at the side and I don't feel they cause an issue.

Christmas day was heaving but the car park was only taking donations which wasn't too bad and the car park was almost full. If the locals aren't happy about the parking then they should really think about why they are driving and not walking the short distance!

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monitored in response to this following the implementation of changes to the Beach Road, Traffic Regulation Order.

4.3 Approval 1

Although I / we live in Hockley near Southend-on-Sea Essex, my wife and I are very frequent visitors to Winterton and the surrounding villages, we always park in the car park provided adjacent to the Dunes Cafe, on numerous occasions it has been very difficult to exit the length of Beach rd as a result of the road being blocked by the indiscriminate parking of vehicles along the whole length of Beach rd, on many occasion I have witnessed 4x4 vehicles mounting the pedestrian footpath in order to pass by an oncoming vehicle, this as a result of the North side being used as a car park, I consider this an extremely hazardous situation especially as the South side of Beach rd which is the only safe pathway for the busy pedestrian route to and from the beach and facilities thereon.

I am also concerned about the access being made available at all times for the emergency services, should the need arise, I think that the provision for strict parking restrictions along the length of Beach Road is paramount for both the safety issues and the prevention of damage to the dunes that is obviously being affected by the increasing volume of vehicles being parked further onto the grass.

In welcoming any strict parking prohibition along the length of Beach Rd Winterton-on-Sea, I have to say I believe that if a debit / credit card payment system were to be put in place at the car park, much of the parking problem in Beach Rd would be alleviated, however I have to say that I would still be supportive of strict parking restrictions along the length of Beach Rd, supported by enforcement facilities as a matter of course.

4.4 Approval 2

It's so sad to see the road to dunes café winterton being used for parking instead of the carpark. I would love to see more enforcing of parking restrictions.

4.5 Approval 3

Police Department support the proposals for at any time restriction.

4.6 Approval 4

We have no problem with the parking restrictions.

5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 Not implementing the proposal as advertised would provide no improvement in road safety and pedestrian safety at Beach Road.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 Nil – Scheme is funded by the Local Member Budget in its entirety.

7 Resource Implications

7.1 Staff:

The scheme will be delivered under existing resources.

7.2 **Property:**

Nil

7.3 **IT:**

Nil

8 Other Implications

8.1 **Legal Implications**

nplaw have advised on the making of this traffic regulation order and have confirmed that actions taken to date have been compliant with the legislative requirements.

8.2 **Human Rights implications**

Nil

8.3 **Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) (this must be included)**

Norfolk County Council has a duty to pay due regard to equality when exercising its public functions. In making this TRO, we have considered the potential impact on local people, particularly disabled and older people and parents and carers of children, and others who may have particular needs when using the highways.

Public consultation on the TRO has taken place, to enable people to highlight any issues it is important for NCC to be aware of before a decision is made.

8.4 **Health and Safety implications (where appropriate)**

Nil

8.5 **Sustainability implications (where appropriate)**

Nil

8.6 **Any other implications**

N/A

9 Risk Implications/Assessment

9.1 Option 1 – would legally allow NCC to implement a Waiting Restriction, therefore successfully delivering the scheme as proposed by the Council with support from the Local Member and making the road safer.

The proposed scheme is an improvement to road safety and safety aspects.

9.2 Option 2 – would prevent a Waiting Restriction being put in place and offer no improvement in road safety and pedestrian safety.

10 Select Committee comments

10.1 **N/A**

11 Recommendation

- 11.1 It is recommended to implement the Norfolk County Council (Beach Road, Winterton) Waiting Restriction Order 2019 as advertised in order to provide improved access, as well as pedestrian and vehicular safety along Beach Road.

12 Background Papers

- 12.1 Appendix A - Advertised Plan
12.2 Appendix B- Advertised Order

Officer Contact

If you have any questions about matters contained in this paper, please get in touch with:

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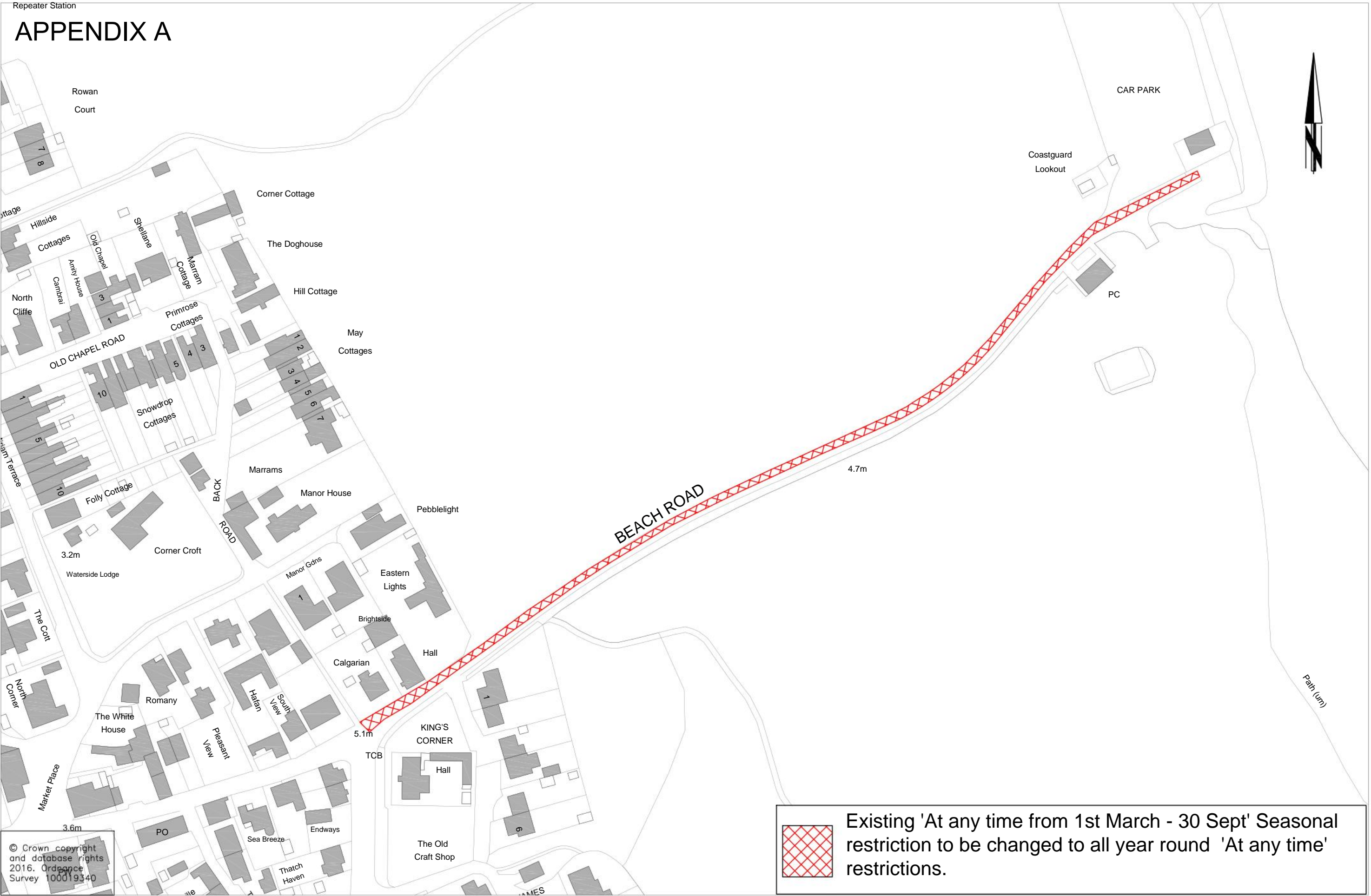
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APPENDIX A



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REV.	DESCRIPTION	CHECKED	DATE

	INITIALS	DATE	DRAWING No. PMA319-LDN-1200-001
SURVEYED BY	OS	09/18	PROJECT TITLE
DESIGNED BY	SMC	09/18	PMA319 Beach Road
DRAWN BY	SMC	09/18	Winterton TRO
CHECKED BY	JW	09/18	SCALE 1:1250
			FILE No PMA319

**THE NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
(WINTERTON-ON-SEA, BEACH ROAD)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) AMENDMENT ORDER 2019**

The Norfolk County Council propose to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which on vehicles will be to prohibit waiting at any time in the length of Beach Road as specified in the Schedule below.

The Norfolk County Council (Winterton, Various Roads) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2014 will be amended to remove that length of Beach Road from the seasonal restriction and include it in the Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time restriction.

A copy of the Order, a Statement of Reasons for making the Order, and a plan, may be inspected at Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Norwich, and at the offices of Great Yarmouth Borough Council, Town Hall, Hall Quay, Great Yarmouth during normal office hours.

Any objections and representations relating to the Order must be made in writing and must specify the grounds on which they are made. All correspondence for these proposals must be received at nplaw Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH, marked for the attention of Mrs Simmons by 29th January 2019. They may also be emailed to trafficorders@norfolk.gov.uk.

The officer dealing with public enquiries concerning these proposals is Mrs Craske, telephone 01263 739041.

SCHEDULE

In the Parish of Winterton-on-Sea

Proposed Prohibition of Waiting - At Any Time

U69361 Beach Road North Side	-	From the midpoint of its junction with the U69362 King Street/King Corner eastwards to its easternmost end.
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Dated this 4th day of January 2019



Abdus Choudhury
Practice Director

County Hall,
Martineau Lane,
Norwich. NR1 2DH

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