

North Yorkshire County Council
Business and Environmental Services

Executive Members

26 March 2021

Proposed Extension and Introduction of 'Disc Parking' - South End, Bedale

Report of the Assistant Director – Highways and Transportation

1.0 Purpose Of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental services (BES) and the BES Executive Members of the outcome of a consultation exercise to introduce and extend 'Disc Parking' on South End, Bedale and to seek approval for a recommended way forward.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 South End, Bedale serves residential dwellings, businesses and a public house. Ad-hoc parking is currently available in this location on the South-West side that falls outside of the existing 'Disc Parking' offered within the Market Place. No parking bays are officially marked here and no traffic order is currently in place. Vehicles also park along the Northeast side outside which results in difficulty for large vehicles passing.
- 2.2 It has been apparent there are parking problems on South End, Bedale with vehicles parking on the South-West side doing so in a manner that spills onto the carriageway, further exasperating the difficulties passing vehicles face by manoeuvring around these vehicles and those found on the Northeast side of the carriageway. As there is currently no traffic order in place at this location, workers associated with the nearby businesses are known to use this parking area rather than the car parking facilities available within the town. This results in little remaining parking for residents.
- 2.3 Following discussions with the Local Elected Member in relation to this, a consultation and formal advertisement of the Order was carried out to extend and implement 'Disc parking spaces - waiting limited to no longer than two hours between 08:00am and 06:00pm Monday to Saturday, return prohibited within one hour (exemptions for resident parking permit holders)'. The bays would be clearly marked and positioned so vehicles would need to parallel park whereby not over spilling onto the carriageway. The proposal can be seen on the Plan marked as Appendix 1.

3.0 Consultation

- 3.1 The County Council has ensured that the proposals have been the subject of consultation and public advertisement in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
- 3.2 In October 2020, site notices were provided to the area providing a copy of the consultation and including a plan showing the proposals.

3.3 The consultation documentation was also sent to the key stakeholders including the Local Elected Member and Bedale Parish Council. The formal advertisement of the proposed Order also took place, and the notice was advertised in the local paper.

4.0 Consultation Results/Officer comments

4.1 The results of the consultation are attached as Appendix 2. Six emails were received in response to the consultation and advertising stage and one letter. Of which 3 were objections and 4 broadly supported the proposals.

4.2 All three objections received raised similar concerns in that the introduction of the traffic order would reduce the number of spaces currently available and increase difficulty on obtaining a parking space. Concern was also mentioned about moving the antisocial parking further along South End, Bedale. Reference was also made to the promotion of use of the 'Pay and Display' public car parks rather than the creation of further disc parking.

4.3 It should be noted that residents directly affected by the proposals have offered support for the implementation of this order as shown in Appendix 2.

4.4 Whilst the comments received are noted, the proposed restrictions are intended to control the ad-hoc parking that occurs along this stretch of South End, Bedale and improve the safety for road users in that area.

4.5 In terms of moving the problem along, it is not possible to anticipate how successful these measures will be and they may indeed move the problem elsewhere. As with other areas where new restrictions are placed the situation will be monitored to see how effective the new restrictions are and if any further restrictions are required they will be considered again at that time.

4.6 Some of the feedback has requested the implementation of a residents parking scheme. The County Council has a duty under Section 122(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to exercise its functions as road traffic authority to secure the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. The provision of residential parking zones is a part of this duty and previously there was a moratorium on any investigations of existing and potential future schemes due to a lack of funding available to provide the resources needed. A decision to implement a revised pricing structure in respect of existing parking permit fees was agreed in December 2017 which sought to provide some additional resources thus enabling the Council to lift the moratorium and to begin investigations into requests relating to existing and future residential parking zones. Investigations would be carried out at local level to establish whether a suitable proposal is achievable and criteria is met in respect of location to progress further in line with the statutory requirements, consultation and procedures set by the Department of Transport and in our policy. It is therefore not proposed to progress with a residents parking scheme at this time.

4.7 The Local Elected Member has been made aware of the objections and support comments made within these. However support for the scheme as proposed is still apparent due to the effective widening of the carriageway that it will create at the cross roads due to the change in vehicle parking position.

5.0 Financial implications

5.1 The budget is available to introduce the waiting restrictions from the existing Signs Lines and TRO budget held by the Area Office.

6.0 Legal Implications

- 6.1 Consideration has been given to the potential for any legal implications arising from the recommendation.
- 6.2 A new process for the consideration of objections to TRO's was approved by the Executive on 29 April 2014 and County Council on 21 May 2014. The consideration of objections to TRO's is now a matter for the Executive and the role of the Area Constituency Committee is changed to a consultative role on wide area impact TRO's. The consideration of objections has been delegated by the Executive to the Corporate Director – BES in consultation with BES Executive Members. The new decision making process relates to the provision and regulation of parking places both off and on the highway where an objection is received from any person or body entitled under the relevant statute. A wide area impact TRO is classed as a proposal satisfying all of the three criteria set out below:
1. The proposal affects more than one street or road and
 2. The proposal affects more than one community and
 3. The proposal is located within the ward of more than one County Councillor.
- 6.3 The proposed TRO has not been classed as a wide area impact TRO and therefore the Area Constituency Committee's views have not been sought.
- 6.4 In the event that the BES Executive Members and BES Corporate Director resolve to follow the recommendations contained in this report, then in accordance with the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, the County Council will be required to make a Traffic Regulation Order (with or without modifications) and publish a notice of making the Order in the local press. The County Council will also be required to notify the objectors of its decision and the reasons for making that decision within 14 days of the Order being made.
- 6.5 Where an Order has been made (ie sealed), if any person wishes to question the validity of the Order or any of its provisions on the grounds that it or they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of the 1984 Act or of any instrument made under the 1984 Act has not been complied with, they may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date on which the Order is made.
- 6.6 In recommending the implementation of the proposed TRO as advertised for the reasons set out in this Report, Officers consider that the County Council is complying with its duty under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and has carried out the required balancing exercise in coming to that decision as shown in Appendix 3.
- 6.7 All other main legal aspects are covered in section 3.0 to this report. Beyond that, it is the view of officers that the proposals do not have any further legal implications for the County Council.

7.0 Equalities Implications

- 7.1 Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse equality impacts arising from the recommendation. It is the view of officers that the recommendation does not have an adverse impact on any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010. A copy of the Equalities Impact Assessment decision form is attached as Appendix 4.

8.0 Climate Change Implications

- 8.1 Consideration has also been given to the potential for any adverse Climate Change impacts arising from the recommendation. After completing a Climate Change Impact Assessment, it is the view of officers that the recommendation does not have an adverse impact on Climate Change as shown in Appendix 5.

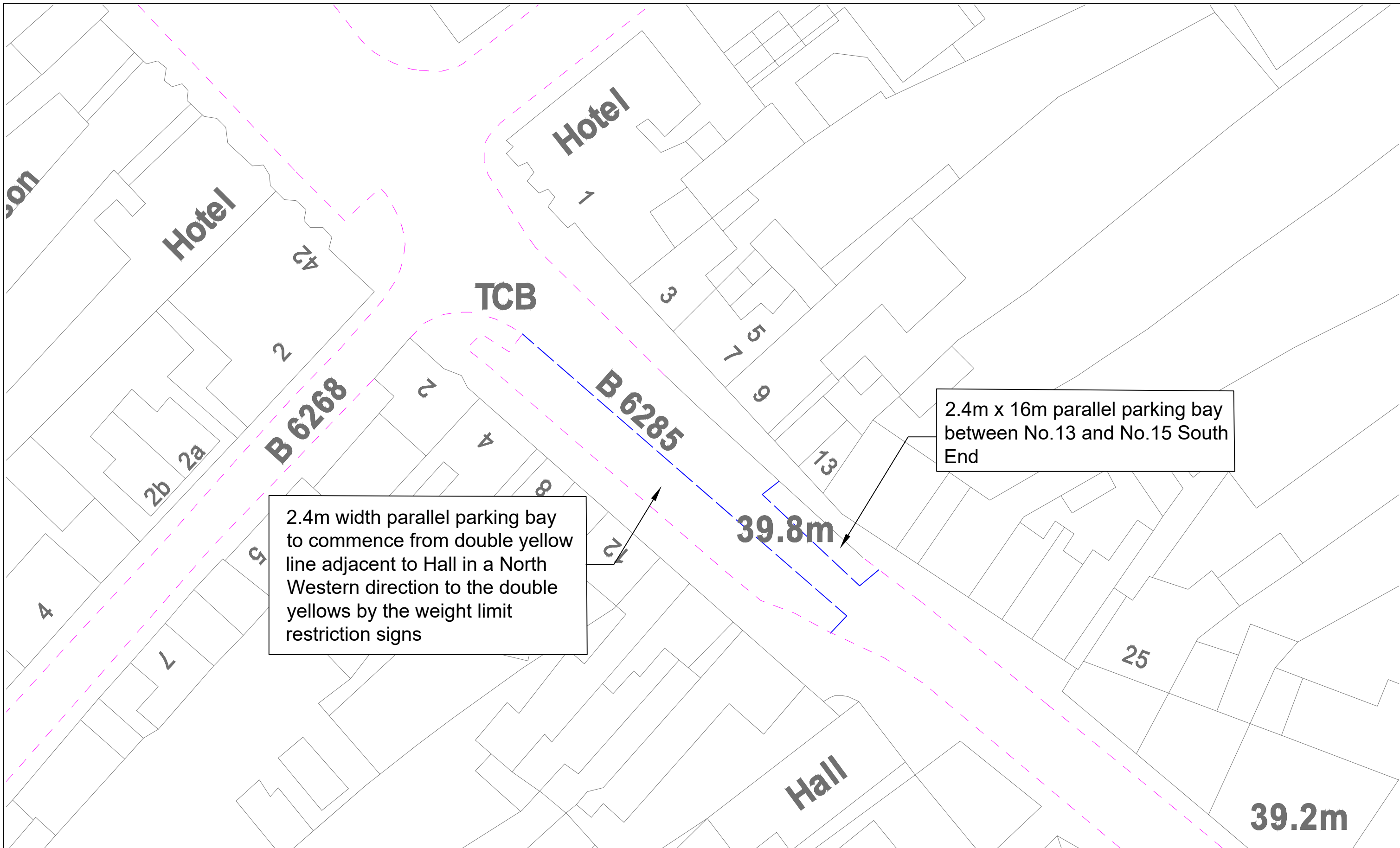
9.0 Recommendation(s)

- 9.1 It is recommended that:-
- a) the results of the consultation exercise are noted
 - b) The Corporate Director, BES, in consultation with the BES Executive Members approve the extension and introduction of the 'Disc Parking' restrictions shown in Appendix 1.

Barrie Mason
Assistant Director – Highways and Transportation

Author of Report: Hannah Burt

Background Documents: None




North Yorkshire County Council
 Business & Environmental Services
 Corporate Director: David Bowe

AMENDMENTS	

PROJECT:	South End, Bedale
DRAWING TITLE:	Traffic Regulation Order

HNY AREA:	2
DATE:	August 2020
SCALE:	N.T.S.
DRAWING NO.:	TRO304

**North Yorkshire County Council
Business and Environmental Services
Proposed Extension and introduction of Disc parking - South End, Bedale
SCHEDULE OF COMMENTS From 2020 Consultation and Advertisement**

Correspondent	Comments	Officer Comments
Resident	Currently parking is very difficult outside my home due to the employees of the nearby businesses parking there all day. I appreciate that I do not have a right to park outside my house but I think all day parking will be in even more demand and wonder what provision you are making for these	Comments noted. The proposed restrictions are intended to control the ad-hoc parking that occurs along this stretch of South End, Bedale and improve the safety for road users in that area. Issues are referred to in the report.

<p>Resident</p>	<p>My concern is that we are already seeing a rise in people who work or visit Bedale High Street outside our homes, to such an extent that over recent weeks people have been so selfish as to park across my drive and block me in. This is an issue for me as I am a Fire Service responder and have had no means of exiting my driveway to get to work.</p> <p>I suspect that we will see a higher rise in people parking on South End when they cannot access the proposed disc parking spaces.</p> <p>Due to this, <u>I wish to object to the proposed extension</u> of the disc parking when Bedale has sufficient pay and display parking that is currently under-used by motorists at the moment.</p> <p>I saw this very thing this morning, where motorists, (who I assume work in town as they were arriving at 07: 50am onwards), now park on the grass verges around St Gregory's church.</p> <p>In addition, motorists visiting Bedale are avoiding using the pay and display car parks behind the Old Black Swan pub and also next to the auction house on Bridge Street.</p> <p>Should the Council not be placing more emphasis on attracting motorists into the pay and display car parks.</p> <p>The notice also refers to '<i>exemptions for residential parking permit holders</i>', which I assume refers to the houses facing the proposed parking bays. Will parking permits be extended to those residents on South End, (down to South End House), who currently find that the roadside parking fills up with workers from town by 08:00am most weekdays making exiting our driveways dangerous each morning, (particularly given the speed of traffic up and down South End).</p>	<p>Comments noted. The situation will be monitored after the measures are implemented. The car parks are the responsibility of Hambleton District Council the County Council has no control over these.</p>
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<p>Resident</p>	<p>I thought common sense has prevailed but no. I object to your plans as said in my previous letter. At present there are 13 cars parked in the parking bay and 3 on my side of the road. Your plan reduces the number of parking spaces so how does that help? Your plan will mean traffic flows faster up to the road junction, hence increased danger. There will be increased pollution in the area as vehicles change in the parking areas. (surely you should be working to help the Environmental Agency to reduce pollution!) Having to buy parking permits puts extra financial strain on individuals, especially when we are all facing such difficulties with covid. This is certainly not the time to increase 'mental stress'. Pedestrians really must be given a priority. They will not benefit with increased speeds, increased pollution and especially the area outside my property where parked cars protect them from grit and water spray in bad weather. Children regularly walk along this path to school. Please, please remember the footpath is lower than the road. At least leave this side of the road out of your plan. I am quite happy to see the likes of Ms Rutter or staff from Whites or Heddens park outside my house all day. Bedale Town needs the business in the area to keep it in a good economical situation. My property is where 2 of the 3 suggested parking slots should be. Please think carefully about the points. I have lived in this property for over 40 years so know and understand the area well.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The proposed restrictions are intended to control the ad-hoc parking that occurs along this stretch of South End, Bedale and improve the safety for road users in that area. Issues are referred to in the report.</p> <p>The situation will be monitored after any measures are implemented.</p>
<p>Resident</p>	<p>I am writing to inform you that my wife and I FULLY support your proposal to extend the Disc Zone on South End as outlined in your consultation notices that were posted earlier today.</p>	<p>Comments noted.</p>

<p>Resident</p>	<p>Dear Sir/Madam We fully support this proposal. We have been waiting a long time for this to happen. It is a struggle everyday to park. As we live at number 13 South and want to go shopping in the morning and return a few hours later you can guarantee that we will not get parked. My husband and I are not getting any younger. It is a struggle to park sometimes far away from our house, a specialty of you have shopping to carry. So as I said we are fully supporting this proposal. Thank you very much</p>	<p>Comments noted</p>
<p>Resident</p>	<p>Dear Karen and Colleagues</p> <p>The Council discussed the proposal at its September meeting, and also heard from parishioners on the matter. It was noted that although the scheme would reduce the total number of spaces slightly, parking parallel rather than perpendicular to the pavement would give more space and better sightlines to through traffic. It was further noted that by becoming eligible for resident permits under the scheme, South End residents would benefit from being able to park on Market Place when the South End bays were full. The Council therefore resolved to support the proposal.</p> <p>Best wishes, Bedale Town Council</p>	<p>Comments noted</p>
<p>Resident</p>	<p>As residents of South End, we would like to confirm that we are in full agreement with the proposals for the plans to extend the disc parking zone on South End, Bedale.</p>	<p>Comments noted</p>

PROPOSED EXTENSION TO EXISTING DISC PARKING AND INTRODUCTION OF DISC PARKING - SOUTH END, BEDALE

Statement of Reasons

The County Council as the Highway Authority for North Yorkshire considers that it is expedient to make the Traffic Regulation Order, on one or more of the grounds contained in Section I of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as indicated below:

- (i) For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road, or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
- (ii) For improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.
- (iii) For facilitating the passage on the road of any class of traffic.

The proposal seeks to extend the existing and introduce an additional disc-parking zone on South End, Bedale.

The proposal seeks to improve accessibility for businesses within the area and therefore aid local economy.

Initial equality impact assessment screening form			
This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.			
Directorate	BES		
Service area	Highways and Transportation		
Proposal being screened	Extension & Introduction of Disc Parking		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Hannah Burt		
What are you proposing to do?			
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	Extend and introduce disc parking on South End, Bedale.		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	NO		
Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristics			
As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics? Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important? Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to? 			
If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your Equality rep for advice if you are in any doubt.			
Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	Yes	No	
Age		X	
Disability		X	
Sex		X	
Race		X	
Sexual orientation		X	
Gender reassignment		X	
Religion or belief		X	
Pregnancy or maternity		X	
Marriage or civil partnership		X	
NYCC additional characteristics			
People in rural areas		X	

People on a low income		x	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		x	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	No		
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	No. The introduction of a waiting restriction should not have an adverse effect on anyone with a protected characteristic.		
Decision (Please tick one option)	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Continue to full EIA:
Reason for decision	<p>The decision to set up disc parking restrictions around the area of South End, Bedale as described should have no negative impact on persons with protected characteristics.</p> <p>There is the potential for the new parking restrictions to improve access for persons with disabilities.</p>		
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Barrie Mason		
Date	16/03/21		



Climate change impact assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to help us understand the likely impacts of our decisions on the environment of North Yorkshire and on our aspiration to achieve net carbon neutrality by 2030, or as close to that date as possible. The intention is to mitigate negative effects and identify projects which will have positive effects.

This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. The final document will be published as part of the decision making process and should be written in Plain English.

If you have any additional queries which are not covered by the guidance please email climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk

Please note: You may not need to undertake this assessment if your proposal will be subject to any of the following:

Planning Permission
Environmental Impact Assessment
Strategic Environmental Assessment

However, you will still need to summarise your findings in in the summary section of the form below.

Please contact climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk for advice.

Title of proposal	Proposed Extension and Introduction of 'Disc Parking' - South End, Bedale
Brief description of proposal	Proposed Extension and Introduction of 'Disc Parking' - South End, Bedale
Directorate	BES
Service area	Highways & Transportation
Lead officer	Hannah Burt – Project Engineer
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Hannah Burt – Project Engineer
Date impact assessment started	

Options appraisal

Were any other options considered in trying to achieve the aim of this project? If so, please give brief details and explain why alternative options were not progressed.

No other options have been considered at this stage

What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?

Please explain briefly why this will be the result, detailing estimated savings or costs where this is possible.

Neutral costs – costs associated with lining work on carriageway however this will be mitigated by the expected revenue received from residential permit purchased

<p>How will this proposal impact on the environment?</p> <p>N.B. There may be short term negative impact and longer term positive impact. Please include all potential impacts over the lifetime of a project and provide an explanation.</p>	<p>Positive impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>No impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>Negative impact (Place a X in the box below where relevant)</p>	<p>Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?</p> <p>Where possible/relevant please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes over and above business as usual • Evidence or measurement of effect • Figures for CO₂e • Links to relevant documents 	<p>Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.</p>	<p>Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.</p>
<p>Minimise greenhouse gas emissions e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.</p>	Emissions from travel	X				
	Emissions from construction	X				
	Emissions from running of buildings	X				
	Other	X				
<p>Minimise waste: Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic</p>		X				
<p>Reduce water consumption</p>		X				
<p>Minimise pollution (including air, land, water, light and noise)</p>		X				

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<p>Ensure resilience to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers</p>		X				
<p>Enhance conservation and wildlife</p>		X				
<p>Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of North Yorkshire's landscape</p>		X				
<p>Other (please state below)</p>		X				

Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal? If so, please detail how this proposal meets those standards.

N/A

Summary Summarise the findings of your impact assessment, including impacts, the recommendation in relation to addressing impacts, including any legal advice, and next steps. This summary should be used as part of the report to the decision maker.

It is the view of officers that the recommendation does not have an adverse impact on Climate Change

Sign off section

This climate change impact assessment was completed by:

Name	Hannah Burt
Job title	Project Engineer
Service area	Area 2
Directorate	BES
Signature	
Completion date	17/03/2021

Authorised by relevant Assistant Director (signature): Barrie Mason

Date: 18/03/2021