

Guidance Notes

Parking restrictions exist for a number of different reasons including preventing accidents and improving traffic flows.

A balance has to be struck between keeping traffic moving and allowing people to carry out their activities. Delivery vans, taxis, disabled drivers and local residents all want to stop as close as they can to their destinations, but this can sometimes cause congestion and inconvenience to other road users.

The road network is forever changing and sometimes there maybe a need to review whether existing parking restrictions are still appropriate for an area or where new restrictions maybe needed. Northamptonshire Highways will use the information supplied on this form to assess whether the requested action is in the best interests of a community or if it helps meet out wider strategic objectives.

General Principles

Any proposed amendments look at a number of factors which include;

Location – Class of road, industrial/residential/ retail/ school routes etc.

Parking density – Demand for parking

Highway impact – frequency and risk of obstruction to passing traffic

Safety – where parked vehicles reduce visibility or cause a hazard

Accidents – Priority will be given to locations where recorded accidents are occurring due to the impact of parking.

Local needs – This includes businesses and residential parking demands.

When considering requests for parking restriction changes the authority will not make changes that simply displace the problems somewhere else, where enforcement will be difficult and restrictions should be of benefit to all road users.

There are a number of locations where the use of parking restrictions would be considered inappropriate and other ways of tackling issues should be explored. These include;

- Where parking obstructs a view from a property or noise associated with parking.
- Parking obstructing access to a private property.
- Minor roads situated within rural non built up areas, Turning areas in residential cul-de-sacs.

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