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## 1. Shields Road

A site visit to Shields Road was completed on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 this showed that there are 8 lay-bys between Brinkburn Street in the west and Algernon Road in the east with parking restrictions Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6.30pm for 1 hour no return within 6 hours. The remaining kerbline is restricted with No Waiting At Any Time designations and No Loading restrictions, however there were no sign plates associated with these restrictions. There is also an advisory cycle lane on both the east and westbound lanes.

To the rear of the retail units on Shields Road there is adequate access available for loading, with the majority of the kerbline protected with No Waiting At Any Time restrictions

This survey showed differing results to a previous survey completed 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008. This survey showed parking restrictions Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6.30pm for 30 minutes no return within 1 hour. There were also no restrictions for Loading along Shields Road. The differing results from the site visits show that Newcastle City Council are in the process of reviewing the parking and loading restrictions in this area.

On Shields Road there were numerous issues highlighted in the Loading and Unloading Arrangements Report, dated December 2008, for example vehicles parking on No Waiting At Any Time restrictions. It was also noted that this illegal parking was taking place to the rear of the retail units on Shields Road therefore restricting access for large delivery vehicles.

Enforcement of the parking restrictions is currently the responsibility of the police, however this is to change in 2009 with the introduction of Civil Enforcement and enforcement will become the responsibility of Newcastle City Council. This change should produce an increase in the amount of enforcement in Newcastle due to designated teams of enforcement officers patrolling the areas.

As all the retail units in this area have access for delivery vehicles at the rear there appears to be little need for the introduction of Loading Bays on Shields Road. As noted in the previous report, delivery vehicles were finding it difficult to access the rear of the retail units due to illegally parked vehicles; however parking enforcement should increase with the introduction of Civil Enforcement therefore illegal parking should not be an issue. It is felt that it would be prudent to wait until Civil Enforcement has been implemented in Newcastle to see what effect increased enforcement has on Shields Road and the impact that the new parking and loading restrictions have before making any amendments to the scheme. Following Civil Enforcement, should loading remain an issue to the rear of Shields Road it may be necessary to extend the existing No Waiting At Any Time restrictions.

## 2. Chillingham Road

A site visit to Chillingham Road was completed on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 this showed that there are 12 lay-bys between Biddlestone Road in the north and Meldon Terrace in the south.

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There are no designated Loading Areas along Chillingham Road and there is not sufficient space to access the rear of the retail units, therefore all deliveries must be completed on Chillingham Road. In this case the introduction of several loading bays on Chillingham Road would be beneficial to the retail owners, however to ensure these bays do not restrict the number of customer parking areas, it is recommended a time limit is introduced, for example loading only between 8am and 10am and 4pm and 6pm. Again it may be prudent to wait until Civil Enforcement has been introduced to study the effect the revised parking restrictions will have on the utilisation of the parking bays, however the introduction of time constrained Loading bays could only benefit the retailers on Chillingham Road.