

## **RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**

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**Proposal to Remove the Existing School "Keep Clear" No Stopping Restrictions (Former Whytrig Middle School) Western Avenue, Seaton Delaval**

**19th July 2016**

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### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the proposed removal of the 'Keep Clear' No Stopping restrictions on Western Avenue, Seaton Delaval.

### **Recommendations**

#### **It is recommended that:**

- It is recommended that the existing restrictions are removed on Western Avenue in Seaton Delaval: - No Stopping at any time (Keep Clear Zig-Zags).

### **Key Issues**

1. This area has been subject to parking issues over a period of time and on occasions causing congestion. The former Whytrig Middle School is scheduled for demolition; the provision to increase on street parking can now be addressed.
2. The Scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Margaret Richards

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## **BACKGROUND**

3. Concerns have been identified to Councillor Richards by residents on a number of occasions with regard to the lack of on street parking in the area.
4. It is proposed to remove the existing "No Stopping at Any Time" restriction (Keep Clear Zig-Zags) in this area. This can be accommodated primarily due to a change of property usage.
5. This would help with the provision of on street parking.

## **CONSULTATION**

6. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 15th April 2016. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 15 residents and 24 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations. A plan showing the proposals is attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix A).
7. The consultation exercise ended on 13th May 2016 and responses were received from 1 consultees, with 0 in favour, 0 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

## **COMMENTS**

8. Councillor Richards was notified of the results of the consultation and confirms she wishes to proceed with the proposal, which will be funded through her allocation in the Members' Local Improvements Programme.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

9. The Council has the power to hold a public inquiry before making any traffic regulation order. Such an inquiry might enable disputed evidence to be tested under cross-examination and the need for an order to be critically examined by an independent inspector. In this particular case, officers believe that the extensive consultation process and involvement with interested parties, means that such an inquiry is unlikely to bring any fresh information to light and it is therefore recommended that an inquiry is not held.

## **File References**

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DELAVAL\_Western Ave\_RICHARDS

## **Appendix Index**

Appendix A – Consultation - Copy of Consultation Letter  
Appendix B - Consultation - Summary of Responses

## **Implications Arising Out of the Report**

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Members' Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Margaret Richards
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Removal of Stopping at any time Restrictions
Crime & Disorder	Indiscriminate parking and obstruction
Customer Considerations	Scheme is anticipated to improve parking while maintaining safety and traffic flow in the area
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Seaton Valley Community Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Seghill with Seaton Delaval

## DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):**

Director of Local Services and Housing

**Subject:**

Proposed removal of "No stopping at any time" restriction (Keep Clear Zig-Zags)

**Consultation**

1 Responses  
0 For  
0 Against  
1 Neither for nor against

**Decision Taken:**

Remove 'No stopping at any time' restrictions as proposed.

**Signature of Director**

*DA. Lowe pp P. Jones.*

**Date**

*23/7/16.*

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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposal to Remove the Existing School "Keep Clear" Parking Restrictions (Former Whytrig Middle School) Western Avenue, Seaton Delaval**

Residents have raised concerns with Councillor Richards, regarding the provision of parking on Western Avenue, Seaton Delaval. Councillor Richards has requested that officers formally consult residents on a proposal to remove the existing traffic parking restrictions (School Keep Clear Zig-Zags) from the above area, as the restriction is no longer relevant.

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1998 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the proposal to remove the existing traffic regulation order and road markings from outside the former Whytrig Middle school, Western Avenue, Seaton Delaval as shown on the attached plan.

The County Council is seeking your views on the proposals and a freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that comments received will be carefully considered.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and Housing and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Friday 13th May 2016. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

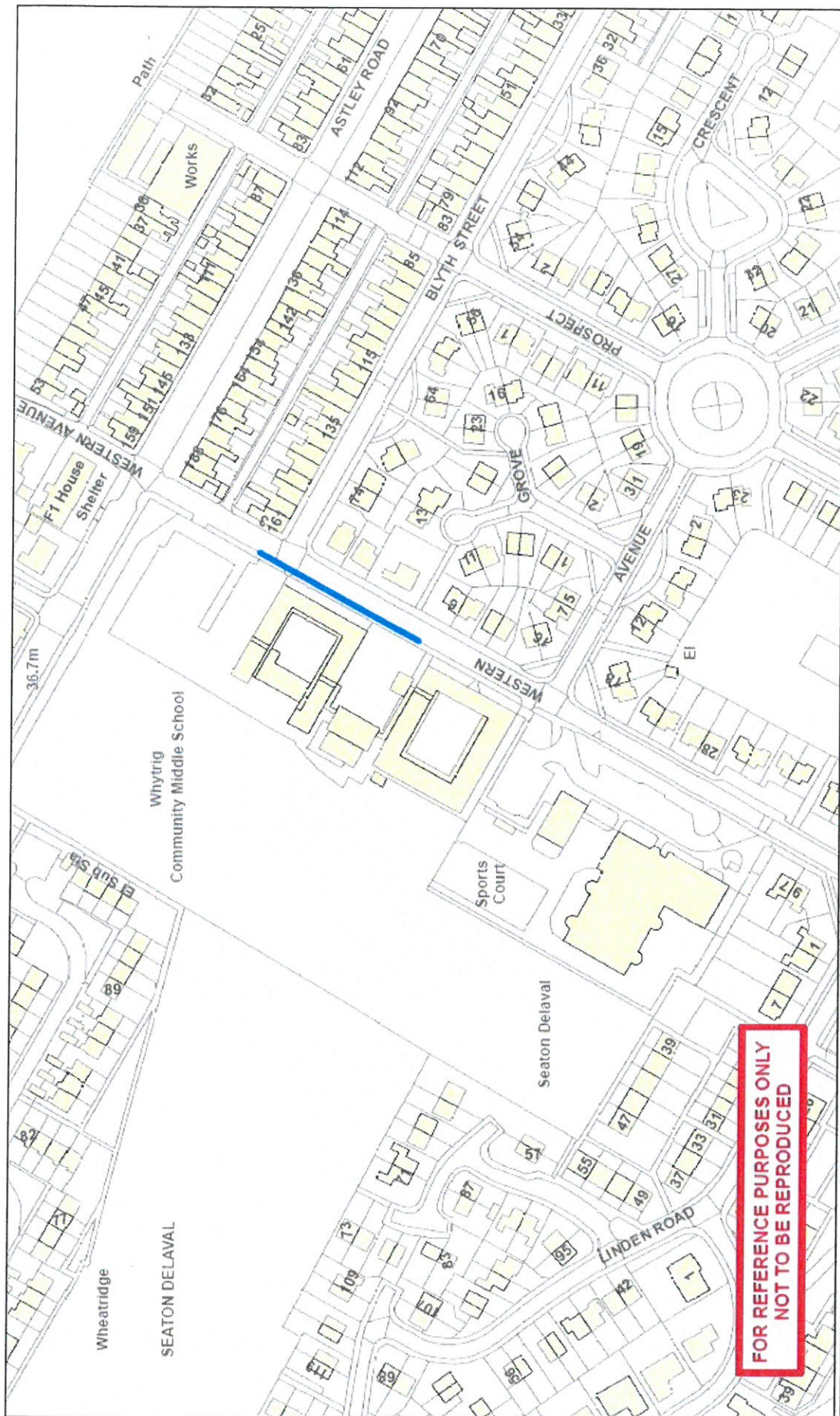
**I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.**


Yours faithfully



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# APPENDIX B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 15th April 2016 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for out-patient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
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