



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed Parking Restrictions - Mickley First School, Mickley
Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to provide additional 'No Stopping on entrance markings' from Monday - Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm outside Mickley First School on the A695 West Road, as well as 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions further east of the school entrances on the A695 West Road and on Eastgate Bank in Mickley.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are implemented on the A695 West Road and Eastgate Bank in Mickley in order to improve road safety in the area.

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Key Issues

The County Council has received concerns regarding obstructive and inconsiderate parking taking place within the vicinity of Mickley First School.

The scheme will be funded from the 2020/21 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

Background

The access to Mickley First School lies on the A695 West Road, with private residential and business accesses (Mickley Garage) also situated within the vicinity.

Existing 'School Keep Clear' markings are in place at the pedestrian gate entrance and at the car park entrance to discourage obstructive and indiscriminate parking during school start and end times. However, as the area is still largely unrestricted, it has been observed that vehicles are still stopping close to the school accesses and in other areas of Mickley, consequently creating road safety problems which put school children in danger.

Further east at the A695 junction with Station Bank and Eastgate Bank, parked vehicles on both sides of Eastgate Bank create similar road safety issues by obstructing other vehicles turning in and out of the road and thereby reducing visibility. Advisory 'Keep Clear' markings are installed at the junction but as they have limited enforcement capability, do not provide adequate protection for the private accesses in preventing vehicles from stopping there.

Proposals

Following concerns raised by school officers, residents and the local County Councillor, it is considered that further restrictions are needed, due to the indiscriminate parking that is taking place on the A695 West Road which flows through Mickley and at its junction with Eastgate Bank.

School Keep Clear Markings

'School Keep Clear' markings are installed to prevent vehicles parking too close to school entrances, where they cause obstruction and restrict visibility. Extending the existing 'School Keep Clear' marking at the pedestrian entrance will improve safety and visibility for all road users, especially for those vehicles travelling eastbound on the A695 West Road who currently may not anticipate a school entrance due to parked cars at school start and end times. This can be observed through the image provided in Figure 1.



Fig 1: Existing layout on A695 West Road at the pedestrian entrance

It is proposed that these new markings mirror the existing restrictions across the County by applying between the hours of 8am - 5pm from Monday - Friday.

'No Waiting At Any Time'

Double yellow lines are proposed on the A695 West Road opposite the garage entrance where vehicles currently park and in turn block access to driveways, whilst also causing difficulties for those navigating past or turning in and/or out of the opposite access.



Fig 2: Area on A695 West Road where obstructive parking currently takes place

They are also proposed on Eastgate Bank from its junction with the A695 West Road to replace the advisory 'Keep Clear' protection markings in order to provide more efficient restrictions which can be enforced by the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers.

Advisory Keep Clear markings are intended to maintain the free flow of traffic, to prevent blocking back from queuing at junctions, and in some cases to protect private entrances from the public. It is not intended to prevent parking,

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as has been the case in this instance. They are therefore proposed to be removed and replaced with a more appropriate marking in the form of these double yellow lines.

Details of the proposals are shown on the plan at Appendix A. They are intended to maintain the free flow of traffic where possible, to improve road safety around the schools and to protect the amenity of the area overall.

Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Orders.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies.
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the LTP 2020/21 Programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO_007_68).
Procurement	Road markings and associated traffic signs to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders.
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Risk Assessment	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Stocksfield and Broomhaugh

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Background Papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\HE Minor Improvements\HED19323-35 Mickley First School

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

Author and Contact Details

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer:	Service Director, Local Services
Subject:	Proposed parking restrictions in the form of School Keep Clear markings and double yellow lines near Mickley First School, Mickley.
Consultation:	Not required on the grounds of road safety, although representatives from the school and the Local County Councillor have been involved in the design process throughout.
Decision Taken:	To introduce and extend parking restrictions on the A695 West Road and Eastgate Bank in Mickley.

Signature of Director



Date

1 June 2020

Appendix A - Scheme Plan

