



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

**PROPOSED 'RED ROUTE CLEARWAY', OAK DRIVE, LIONHEART
ENTERPRISE PARK, ALNWICK**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to provide a Red Route Clearway in Oak Drive, Alnwick, in order to maintain a clear route for fire appliances leaving Alnwick Fire Station.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed Red Route Clearway is implemented.

Link to Corporate Plan

Living - "We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for"

Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"

Key Issues

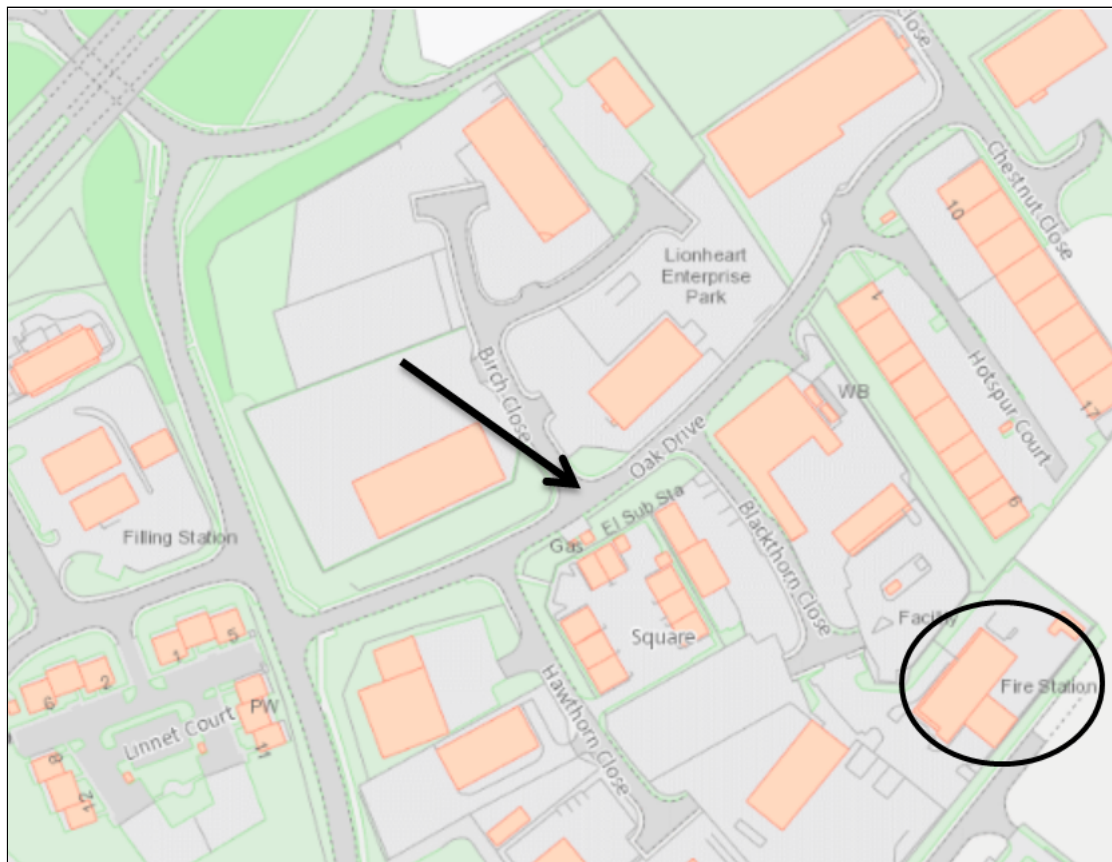
The Fire and Rescue Service is experiencing problems of access and egress from Alnwick Fire Station due to parked vehicles in Oak Drive.

This is a particular concern in emergencies when fire appliances can find the route congested.

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Background

1. The Fire and Rescue Service is experiencing problems of access and egress from Alnwick Fire Station due to parked vehicles in Oak Drive.
2. Oak Drive is the main access road into Lionheart Enterprise Park. Its location is shown below. Alnwick Fire Station is located on Blackthorn Close and is circled below.



3. Blackthorn Close is not adopted highway, however, double red lines are in place to keep the approach to the fire station clear of stationary vehicles.
4. Oak Drive is adopted highway. As the main access road into the Enterprise Park it is well trafficked, including significant HGV movements.
5. Parking takes place at the roadside on Oak Drive (see photo 1), which forces oncoming traffic into the centre or opposite side of the road causing congestion (photo 2).
6. The situation is exacerbated by the need for HGVs to wait in Oak Drive to enter the waste disposal site. Although this is located beyond the junction with Blackthorne Close, when a number of vehicles are waiting for access, the queue can extend back and parked cars at the roadside

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force the HGVs to wait in the middle of the road, impeding egress by fire appliances (photo 3).



Photo 1. Roadside parking in Oak Drive. Note the existing double red lines on Blackthorn Close.



Photo 2. Congestion on Oak Drive (looking south from Blackthorn Close).

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Photo 3. HGVs waiting for access to the waste disposal site forced into the middle of the road by parked cars.

7. In order to address these issues and provide a clear route for emergency vehicles, statutory consultees were consulted on a proposal to provide a Red Route on Oak Drive.
8. Red Routes are clearways which apply to the entire highway width, i.e. verges and footways as well as the carriageway, (standard clearways only apply to the carriageway). No vehicle is permitted to stop for any purpose, except in an emergency. Loading and unloading is not permitted. Vehicles displaying a blue badge are permitted to stop to pick up or drop off a disabled person but are not permitted to park.
9. A Red Route is marked with double red lines. Signs are also provided on each side of the road, as shown below:



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10. Given the need to ensure access for fire appliances responding to an emergency, a red route is considered preferable to double yellow lines which allow a certain amount of loading, and parking by blue badge holders.
11. No responses were received to the consultation, however, the Fire Service and the local ward member support the proposal.
12. None of the businesses in the area are accessed directly from Oak Drive. Most businesses have their own parking areas and sufficient on-highway parking is available in the side roads.
13. It is therefore recommended that the proposed Red Route Clearway is implemented.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	None.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order.
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes No N/A	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Alnwick

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Background papers:

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Appendix A - Consultation Plan



DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio
Holder (where appropriate):**

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

Subject:

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DRIVE, LIONHEART ENTERPRISE PARK,
ALNWICK**

Consultation

- No responses received.

Decision Taken:

The proposed Red Route Clearway should be implemented.

Signature of Director/
~~officer/Portfolio Holder~~ (where
appropriate)*



Date

3rd April 2020

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