



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Road Safety Improvements at Tweedmouth West First School.

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

23rd March 2020

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed Road Safety Improvements at Tweedmouth West First School, Berwick Upon Tweed.

Recommendations

It is recommended to implement the proposed Road Safety Improvements at Tweedmouth West First School, Berwick Upon Tweed.

Link to Corporate Plan

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

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

Learning - "We want you to achieve and realise your potential"

Key Issues

1. The proposal has been developed following concerns raised by residents in the area, in relation to the introduction of a previous scheme adjacent to Tweedmouth West First School, which included parking restrictions and a '20 MPH' speed limit.
2. Concerns were raised that the existing problems would be dispersed to other areas.
3. The scheme is supported by County Councillor Georgina Hill.
4. The scheme will be funded from LTP allocation.

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Background

Following the introduction of the scheme detailed below, concerns were raised by residents that initial problems would be moved to other locations within the estate.

The initial scheme Introduced in 2018 consisted of the following measures;

- 20mph speed limit in the Osborne Road / Ladywell Road area of Tweedmouth
- No Waiting at any Time Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) at the Osborne Road/Prince Edward Road, Osborne Road/Ladywell and Osborne Road/Osborne Place junctions - aiming to reduce the amount of indiscriminate parking, improve visibility and improve road safety in the area.
- Removal of the 'except for buses' element of the one way system meaning all vehicles will be required to adhere to this restriction.

Consultation

Following these concerns, discussions took place between NCC Officers and County Councillor Georgina Hill. The following scheme was proposed and consulted on in September 2019 (details are attached as Appendix A)

- Two new sets of 'School Keep Clear' road markings either side of the existing 'School Keep Clear' markings.
- Double yellow lines (No Waiting at Any Time restrictions) from 7 Osborne Road up to and including the Electric Sub Station. This will include junction protection between 19 and 29 Osborne Road.
- Double yellow lines (No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions) at all junctions off Ladywell Way / Ladywell Place.

Following the consultation, there was an overwhelming response in favour of proceeding. The results were as follows: 24 - in Favour, 2 - Against and 1 - Neither.

Junction Osborne Road/Prince Edward Road



Osborne Road - Approach to Tweedmouth First School



Osborne Road Adjacent to Tweedmouth First School



Osborne Road Westwards from Tweedmouth First School



Osborne Road, Tweedmouth Berwick upon Tweed

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Details of the proposals are shown on the plan at Appendix B.

Traffic Regulation Orders will be drafted to reflect the proposals for the parking restrictions. There will also be an amendment to the existing 'One Way' Restriction - Moving Traffic Order, this will now allow all vehicles.

Council Officers have worked closely with County Councillor Georgina Hill on the scheme, so that the new scheme complements the existing restrictions and goes some way to resolve the concerns raised by residents.

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 from the LTP 2020/21
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_179, TROM_180 TRO_005_46)
Procurement	Signage and road markings 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	None
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Parking restrictions will complement the existing reduced speed limits and lead to a safer environment for all road users.
Carbon reduction	Speed reduction assists with carbon reduction
Wards	Tweedmouth

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Background papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\16\HE MINOR IMPROVEMENTS\HE163320 - Tweedmouth West First School 20mph Limit\TRO + Notices

Appendix A – Consultation Letter and Results

Appendix B – Consultation Plan and Proposed Scheme

Appendix C - Initial Scheme - 20 MPH Speed Limit Adjacent Tweedmouth Primary School - 2018

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed Road Safety Improvements at Tweedmouth West First School, Berwick Upon Tweed, including Waiting & Loading restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) and School Keep Clear restrictions (Yellow Zigzag Marking)

Consultation: Results 24 - in Favour, 2 - Against and 1 - Neither.
The scheme is supported by County Councillor Georgina Hill.

Decision Taken: To proceed with Road Safety Improvements at Tweedmouth West First School, Berwick Upon Tweed.

Signature of Director



Date: 31st March 2020

Appendix A Consultation Letter



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Your Ref:

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Date: Wednesday 28th August 2019

Dear Resident,

Proposed Additional Parking Restrictions associated with Tweedmouth West First School

You will recall that in August 2018 residents were consulted on the proposed scheme for Tweedmouth West First School.

Consultation was favorable and the following measures are to be introduced:-

- 20mph speed limit in the Osborne Road / Ladywell Road area of Tweedmouth
- No Waiting at any Time Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines) at the Osborne Road/Prince Edward Road, Osborne Road/Ladywell and Osborne Road/Osborne Place junctions - this would aim to reduce the amount of indiscriminate parking, improve visibility and improve road safety in the area.
- Removal of the except for buses element of the one way system meaning all vehicles will be required to adhere to this restriction.

During the consultation process concerns were raised that the introduction of the parking restrictions would simply move the problem further along Osborne Road, as such we are proposing the following additional restrictions as indicated on the attached plan:-

- Two new sets of School Keep Clear road markings either side of the existing School Keep Clear markings.
- Double yellow lines (No Waiting at Any Time restrictions) from 7 Osborne Road up to and including the Electric Sub Station. This will include junction protection between 19 and 29 Osborne Road.
- Double yellow lines (No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions) at all junctions off Ladywell Way / Ladywell Place.

The County Council and County Councillor Georgina Hill are seeking your views on these proposals. The closing date for any other comments you may wish to make is **Friday 27th September 2019**. A freepost response form is enclosed for you to return your views, or you can respond via email using the following address highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

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 Director for Local Services and may be available for public inspection.

Highways Programme Team

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F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
			Other Relevant Comments
			<p>Thanks for the letter dated 28th of August inviting residents to comment on the proposals.</p> <p>Broadly speaking, both my wife and I, and the other residents of Osborne Place, are very much in favour of the proposed restrictions. Frankly, it's more than a little chaotic and dangerous on many days, with parents dropping their kids off having scant regard for the safety of residents or pedestrians - adults or children - during the mornings. This is particularly the case in bad weather.</p> <p>We already get parents blocking the road, parking across driveways, and generally being incredibly selfish at drop-off and pick-up times. We are worried that current proposals aren't really going to achieve much more than moving the problem a little to the side, as it were.</p> <p>Our concern, one that is likely to be mirrored by others in the area, is that parents will just move their behaviour to the surrounding streets, essentially solving nothing. Cars would still be fighting for parking places, and the blocking of junctions and driveways, parking on pavements, and the generally aggressive driving will continue.</p> <p>If it were possible to do so, it would be worth making Osborne Place (both sections) residents parking only. At the very least, road markings should be added to protect driveway entrances (something I know the local police were keen to do in the past), and double yellow lines should be added to the west side of Osborne Place (yes, people have parked cars - including huge 4x4's - on both sides of our already very narrow street).</p> <p>That would solve the issues in Osborne Place for the most part (some parents will ignore the markings, but at least we'd have better legal recourse). Quite how to help the residents in other nearby streets south of the school I don't know. Again, markings around driveways would be helpful. Beyond that, semi-regular patrols by community officers at drop-off and pick-up times might help establish better behaviour.</p>
1			Anyway, my thanks again to the Highways Programme Team for taking this matter seriously.
1			I am delighted to learn of the restrictions. It has concerned me for some years that emergency vehicles would have great difficulty accessing Ladywell at certain times of the day.
1			Osborne Road no waiting also no parking on both sides of road leading into Ladywell Road school traffic on both sides of Ladywell Road. If anytime there was a fire engine would not get through people can not get into there drive ways.
1			Its about time this was done. I live in Osborne Place and I have a mobility scooter and at times I can't get to my home because of cars, if there was a fire or someone ill needs an amvulance theres no way they would get through.
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1			Between 19 & 29 could be designated :restricted at school drop off & pick up times +/- 30 mins either side of schools in / schools out.
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1			Maybe I am wrong in assuming there are no parking restrictions on Ladywell Road. Because all you are doing is inviting the school run mums to drive and park outside every house down Ladywell Road. Which they already do. I live at 14 Ladywell Road, and indeedI have been actually blocked in my driveway for up to twenty mins, before the culprit mum appears phone up to her ears jumping in the car, with a muffled apology and driving off, job done. I have, and indeed most elderly residents have voiced concern, that one day there is going to be an accident. I sincerely hope not. However, I hope your plan works, but I have my doubts.
1			Yes I support your proposals 100% but I think it will move it to the other side of the street obstructing entry to driveways at Nos 42/44 and Nos 50 to 64 we have this problem now at school time so it will only get worse. Double Yellow Lines here could be a further possibility.
1			No objections.

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			<p>I don't support the proposals in their entirety:</p> <p>Extending school keep clear road markings – YES</p> <p>Double yellow lines at Ladywell Way/ladywell Place – YES</p> <p>Double yellow lines from 7 Osborne Road to sub station – NO</p> <p>These double yellow lines would unfairly affect residents and resident's visitors to the road especially outwith school times when they would have no benefit to safety at the school but cause problems for the residents – not all residents have driveways/garages etc especially when the household has more than one car.</p> <p>I would also like to point out that all these restrictions are of little use unless there is someone monitoring the parents and their parking.</p> <p>Residents parking is not and never has been a problem. The parents are the ones that cause safety concerns and they do not at present obey the current keep clear signs or behave in a safe manner - so extending double yellow lines etc will have no effect at all unless there is monitoring.</p> <p>Inflicting double yellow lines which would affect the residents 24hours/day 365 days/year is not the best way of tackling a problem that causes difficulty for 1.5hours/day 5 days a week and for approx. 30 weeks a year</p>
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1			Urgently required. Currently dangerous due to vehicles travelling "wrong way" at speed. I sent you an email concerning this three years ago.
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			<p>I have no issue with the one way system, 20mph restriction and the school keep clear markings at the school. The double yellow lines however are unfair to the residents who live on the street. We live there all the time and the school traffic problem is only fifteen minutes in the morning and fifteen minutes in the afternoon for term time only. This is mainly caused by parents wanting to park on the school doorstep. Surely they should be reprimanded and not the residents who do not cause the problems.</p> <p>I have a problem parking outside my house due to the residents in 38, 40 & 42 as they park with large spaces between their cars as they do not want anyone to park outside their houses as they class this as "their parking spaces". White marked parking spaces would make people park properly and may help the problem. At the moment I cannot park near my house. There are also a number of work vans parked in the street taking up more space.</p> <p>The yellow lines would be a permanent disadvantage to the residents. We have put up with the school traffic for years and know if we try to get home at certain times of the day, it will take a while but we do not complain. The parents should show more respect and maybe try walking to pick their children up which will benefit them as well as the child.</p> <p>Maybe another solution would be to make a parking area for the overflow school traffic on the grass area at the end of the road.</p>
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1			Extend the double yellow lines from Osborne Road around each side of the junction onto Prince Edward Road (see map). We find that when vehicles park at either side of the junction on Prince Edward Road (and pavement) you cannot see left or right when joining Prince Edward Road from Osborne Road. Also single lane only at the junction will help improve leaving Osborne Road as often 2 cars are side by side jockeying for position to be first out.
			<p>I welcome the proposals in terms of reduced speed limit and parking restrictions. My reservations are.</p> <p>Point 1. Making the street completely one way naturally provides more freedom for drivers to travel less cautiously / faster especially as you are effectively increasing, carriageway, by executing point 2. Point 2. As an immediate neighbour to the school, I know the level of car borne commuting and drop off. Yes you have considered sending the problem further down the road and residents will be happy. But where is the drop off zone and where do parents park? Can school do more to suggest alternatives to car borne. (What data is available re travel distances?) I do not support the proposals of making the street one way. At present residents have the right to travel in both directions, many occasions, I do so to 'calm' traffic. Also I believe we should allow bikes to travel in both directions. A key opportunity to provide better bike infrastructure on one of Berwicks first 20mph zones.</p>
1			<p>We have lived in Ladywell Place for three years and comments from neighbours state that Ladywell Place used to be a cul-de-sac before sure-start was built and then the other houses. This road is therefore very narrow for the vehicles to try and pass without going on the pavements. The actual road seems if it is sinking and in need of repair too. Could sure-start parking be available for people picking up children from there as well as Tweedmouth school and for residents on a temporary basis? I am happy with the yellow lines as per your letter.</p>
1			<p>I do agree with proposals. Further comments are:- 1/. The item on removal of the except for busses. There is no one way system, but it should be. Residents of the west end of Osborne Road occasionally travel east against the usual flow of traffic, causing mayhem. Your letter refers to Ladywell WAY, should be Road. Has any consideration been given to creating extra parking at the west end of Osborne Road between the electric sub station and Ord Drive similarly on the other side of Ord Drive on West End Road. This measure would alleviate some of the problems and the areas are not of significant</p>

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			environmental importance, they only collect litter and dog mess. Thank you for your attention.
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1			Our concern though is that residents of Ladywell Road more and more cars are going to flood onto the street and block even more drive ways than they already do at present. I think there should be bollards on the kerbs at the junction to Ladywell to stop people parking completely on the pavements.
1			Thank you for your letter indicating the welcome changes to Osborne Rd. However, at present there is no indication that Osborne Rd, from Ladywell Rd, is one way except for the No Entry sign on Ord Drive. To a few residents that means that, as long as they do not enter by Ord Drive, they can travel in either direction along Osborne Rd. Hopefully some "ONE WAY ONLY" signs would stop this irritating practise.
1			I do agree with proposals. Further comments are:- 1/. The item on removal of the except for busses. There is no one way system, but it should be. Residents of the west end of Osborne Road occasionally travel east against the usual flow of traffic, causing mayhem. Your letter refers to Ladywell Way, should be road. Has any consideration been given to creating extra parking at the west end of Osborne Road between the electric sub station and Ord Drive similarly on the other side of Ord Drive on West End Road. This measure would alleviate some of the rproblems and the areas are not of significant environmental importance, they only collect litter and dog mess.
1			We are concerned that the parking will move further into Ladywell Road causing worse congestion. Could the plot of land at the five arches end of Osborne Road be made into a car park which would help? We hope the proposed restrictions can be put in place in the near future.
1			But this will not resolve the parking problem in Osborne Road, There is more cars than parking spaces some bring their works vans hpme and park on the pavement. Some teachers from Tweedmouth West School park on the street all day which stops residents parking at their houses. There is a large grass area at the end of Osborne Road which would be ideal parking for mothers going to the school and also the works vans could park there.
1			I do not agree with the proposals as I do not feel they go far enough and feel I am being penalised with the double yellow line infront of my property. I feel there should be a gap to allow me as a resident to park infront of my drive. Like most families we have more than one car. This area does not reduce visibility coming from the Ladywell junction, whilst I xxxx further toward the junction would. Staff from the school / Red Balloon regularly park on the opposite side of the road all day. This causes as much of an issue as the parking on my side of the road but you propose to leave this unrestricted. The proposed restrictions will duplace parking into Ladywell Road / Osborne Place which has been left unrestricted. I feel single yellow lines into these roads with school time restrictions would be better. Make Osborne Road a 'one way' street from the Osborne Place junction and prevent traffic travelling back towards Ladywell and Prince Edward Road junction past the school. There is currently nothing stopping residents from coming back past the school. A one way restriction would prevent this. Turn the grassed area at the bottom of Osborne Place / Ord Drive junction ointo a parking / stopping area for school traffic. The area is currently unused and large enough to provide ample parking. Make a zebra crossing to provide safe passage across the road outside the school and restric traffic speed.
24	2	1	TOTALS

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