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County Council

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Date: 9th October 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Plessey Woods, Hartford Bridge

The County Council has received concerns via Councillor Robinson about indiscriminate parking associated with visitors to Plessey Woods Country Park causing problems for residents. Councillor Robinson has asked us to progress proposals for consultation with residents.

In order to address these concerns, we are considering a comprehensive range of measures which could potentially be implemented. These measures include additional yellow line road markings on the A192 Shields Road, some physical measures to prevent verge parking and a potential resident permit parking scheme for Hartford Drive and Hartford Bridge Farm. More detail is given below and on the plan attached.

Parking control measures are proposed on the A192 Shields Road in the form of waiting restrictions in order to discourage indiscriminate parking. These are also shown on the attached plan and are summarised as follows:

- Additional double yellow lines;
- New single yellow lines on the east side of Shields Road directly outside residential properties, which would prohibit parking at weekends and Bank Holidays between the hours of 8am and 6pm;
- The existing bus stop would be marked on the carriageway as a bus stop clearway to allow buses to stop if needed and prevent vehicles from obstructing the facility;
- Barriers could also be installed on the east side of Shields Road near its junction with the A1068 to prevent parking on the grass verge. These could be in the form of bollards or planting.

A Residents Permit Parking scheme could also be implemented which would apply to Hartford Drive and Hartford Bridge Farm as shown on the attached plan. A permit scheme would mean that only residents and their visitors could park. However, you should note the following:

- The current charge for Resident Parking Permits is £25 a year per permit;
- A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking;
- A permit does not guarantee a parking space (note you do not need a permit to park on your own private driveway);
- New single yellow lines on the east side of Shields Road directly outside residential properties, which would prohibit parking at weekends and Bank Holidays between the hours of 8am and 6pm;



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- A minimum of 75% of eligible residents from the properties affected must respond, and of those, 70% must be in favour of the scheme for this to proceed.

I am therefore writing to ask for your views on these proposals. If you wish to make comments please do so via email to: HighwaysProgramme@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 of Local Services and may be available for public inspection.

The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is **9th November 2020**.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours Faithfully,

William Binks
Programme Officer