



Northumberland County Council

Your ref:

Our ref: Shepherds Hill

Enquiries to: Highways Programme

Email: Highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk

Date: 30th November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Formalised Parking Area – Shepherds Hill, Alnmouth

Following the results from the initial consultation, the proposals have been amended to address concerns that were raised.

- As part of the new proposals, the existing kerb line would remain in place to reduce the risk to the underground services.
- There would be a low-level excavation of approximately 60 meters of verge (figure 1), where a protective shield would then be placed over utilities. This will then be built back up with type 1 subbase, geotextile filer fabric, sand, and Bodpave that will be filled with gravel (figure 2). Which will better protect the utilities beneath.
- There would also be a small built out of the kerbs at the start and end of the parking area. Which accompanied by tapered road markings will move traffic away from the parking area (figure 3).
- There will be no reduction in width to the footpath as part of the proposed scheme.
- The reduction in width to the carriageway, in conjunction with the removal of the centre line will likely lead to a reduction in speed on Shepherds Hill.
- With parked cars being fully off the carriageway, there will be less congestion in the area. Which will allow the free flow of two-way traffic at all times.
- There will be a net loss of approximately 20m² of grasses area, compared to the current situation.
- We would not consider a reduced speed limit on Shepherds Hill, as it does not meet the criteria for a 20mph limit.
- The proposed scheme will lead to a reduction in parking spaces, from a possible 21 vehicles to a maximum of 12. The loss of spaces is to ensure there is sufficient visibility from both junctions at all times.
- As we have now been made aware of safety concerns regarding visibility at the junctions, we will be looking at addressing these issues whether the proposed parking scheme proceeds or not. This will likely result in an extension to the existing double yellow lines. Just to note, these restrictions will not be extended to cover the entire length of Shepherds Hill.

I am therefore writing to you to ask for your views the amended proposals. Please visit <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Highways/Roads/Traffic.aspx> or send your views via email to HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk. For those who don't have access to emails, a free post response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process.

This consultation is open until **Friday the 22nd of December 2023**.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours sincerely,

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Figure 1 – Extents of the proposed formalised parking area



Figure 2 – Example of Bodpave

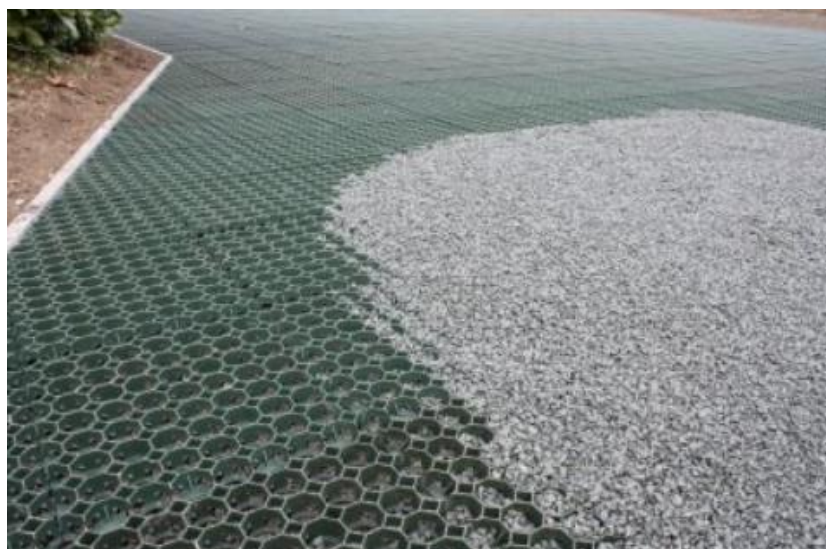


Figure 3 - Feasibility design (for illustrative purposes only, as the centreline and bay markings have been removed from the proposal)

