

## RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES

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### PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS – MORPETH ROAD PRIMARY ACADEMY, BATES COLLIERY, BLYTH

Executive Director of Local Services, Barry Rowland  
Executive Member, Ian Swithenbank, Streetcare and Environment

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#### **Purpose of report:**

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise regarding the introduction of parking restrictions in the form of School Keep Clear road markings and No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions at the above location, together with the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enable enforcement.

#### **Recommendations:**

**It is recommended that in view of the consultation exercise, and comments made during various site meetings, the parking restrictions should be introduced as proposed together with the necessary Traffic Regulation Order to enable enforcement.**

#### **Key issues**

- 1) Indiscriminate Parking
- 2) Safety concerns for pedestrians.
- 3) Supported by School and Police.

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## **PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS – MORPETH ROAD PRIMARY ACADEMY, BATES COLLIERY, BLYTH**

### **BACKGROUND**

- 1) Road safety has been a concern since the school moved to its new premises at Bates Colliery. The primary concern is indiscriminate parking by parents. Several site meetings have taken place with the school, local police and Senior Civil Parking Enforcement Officer regarding this issue.
- 2) A scheme was prepared with the aim of improving this issue and consultation has taken place. Under consideration are School Keep Clear road markings and No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions.
- 3) Because the school is in a non-residential area only statutory consultees such as the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations were consulted in this instance, along with the Morpeth Road Primary Academy. A plan showing the proposals is attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix 1).

### **CONSULTATION**

- 4) The consultation exercise ended on 27 January 2014, and two responses were received, one from the North East Ambulance Service, and the other from the Senior Civil Parking Enforcement Officer, who are generally the only statutory consultees to respond to such consultation exercises. Both indicated that they were in favour of the proposals. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix 2.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5) From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concern over road safety in this area and it is inevitable that some sections of the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. Because road safety has been a concern since Morpeth Road Primary Academy opened, it is clear that the proposed restrictions will significantly improve the safety of children and parents attending. It is therefore recommended that the parking restrictions are introduced as proposed, together with the necessary TRO to enable enforcement.
- 6) The Council has the power to hold a public inquiry before making any traffic regulation order. Such an inquiry might enable disputed evidence to be tested under cross-examination and the need for an order to be critically examined by an independent inspector. In this particular case, officers believe that the extensive consultation process and involvement with interested parties, means that such an inquiry is unlikely to bring any fresh information to light and it is therefore recommended that an inquiry is not held.

- 7) Accordingly it is recommended that the Committee agree to advise the Corporate Director of Local Services to note the objections but agree to proceed with the introduction of the following Traffic Regulation Order;
- South East Northumberland Area (Waiting and Loading) Composite Order 2011 Amendment No. 17 Order 2014.

## **APPENDIX INDEX**

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Appendix 2 – Summary of Consultation Responses

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Road Traffic Act 2004

Local Government Act 2000

File Ref: M/C/1/110

## **IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT**

<b>Policy:</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will cost approximately £3,000 and will be financed from the 2014/15 Minor Improvements Programme (LTP)
<b>Human Resources:</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b>	Correct lines and signs will help improved enforcement
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Route to school, Indiscriminate parking, speeding traffic and associated visibility issues.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	The proposals will assist in contributing towards a reduction in disorder and disruption and help promote a safer environment.
<b>Customer Considerations</b>	The proposals will lead to better managed road space and improved road safety.
<b>Sustainability</b>	None
<b>Consultation</b>	Blyth Town Council, the emergency services and other interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
<b>Wards</b>	Cowpen

## DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Executive Member and Executive Director:**

Executive Director of Local Services, Barry Rowland  
Executive Member, Ian Swithenbank, Streetcare and Environment

**Subject:**

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Morpeth Road Primary Academy, Bates Colliery, Blyth

**Consultation:**

No households consulted as school is situated in a non-residential area.

Morpeth Road Primary Academy

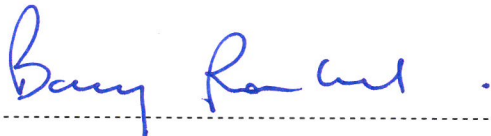
30 statutory consultees such as the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations.

Only two responses were received. Both were in favour of the proposals.

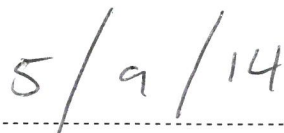
**Decision Taken:**

To approve the proposal for the implementation of School Keep Clear and No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions.

**Signature of Executive Director**



**Date**



## APPENDIX 1 – CONSULTATION LETTER AND PLAN

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The Occupier

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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Proposed Parking Restrictions – Morpeth Road Primary Academy, Bates Colliery, Blyth**

Concerns have been raised by Morpeth Road Primary Academy, parents, and the local police about road safety in the vicinity of Morpeth Road Primary Academy in Blyth.

Of particular concern is the traffic congestion at school start and finish times, and related excessive vehicular speeds. In view of this, the County Council is consulting on proposed parking restrictions which are outlined below, and can be viewed on the attached plan.

### **Proposed School Keep Clear Zig-Zag Markings**

One further set of School Keep Clear markings is proposed. This will be provided to the west of the existing School Keep Clear markings outside the school, and will extend to the school boundary. As with the existing sets of School Keep Clear markings the restriction will be: No Stopping on the School Keep Clear Zig-Zag Markings between Monday and Friday, 8am and 5pm. These proposals are shown in blue on the attached plan.

### **Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions**

No Waiting at Any Time restrictions are proposed opposite the school. These will be sited to the west of the existing school keep clear road markings and will extend into Fire Station Road. These proposals are shown in green on the attached plan.

It is anticipated that the introduction of both sets of restrictions will improve road safety at the school, together with offering more visibility in a crucial area at key times of the day.

The County Council is seeking your views on the proposals and a freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that all comments received will be carefully





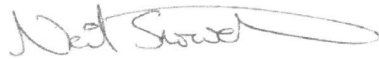
considered.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a report, to the Planning and Environment Committee and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is shown on the response form. Please visit the following web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/> if you wish to respond to this consultation online.

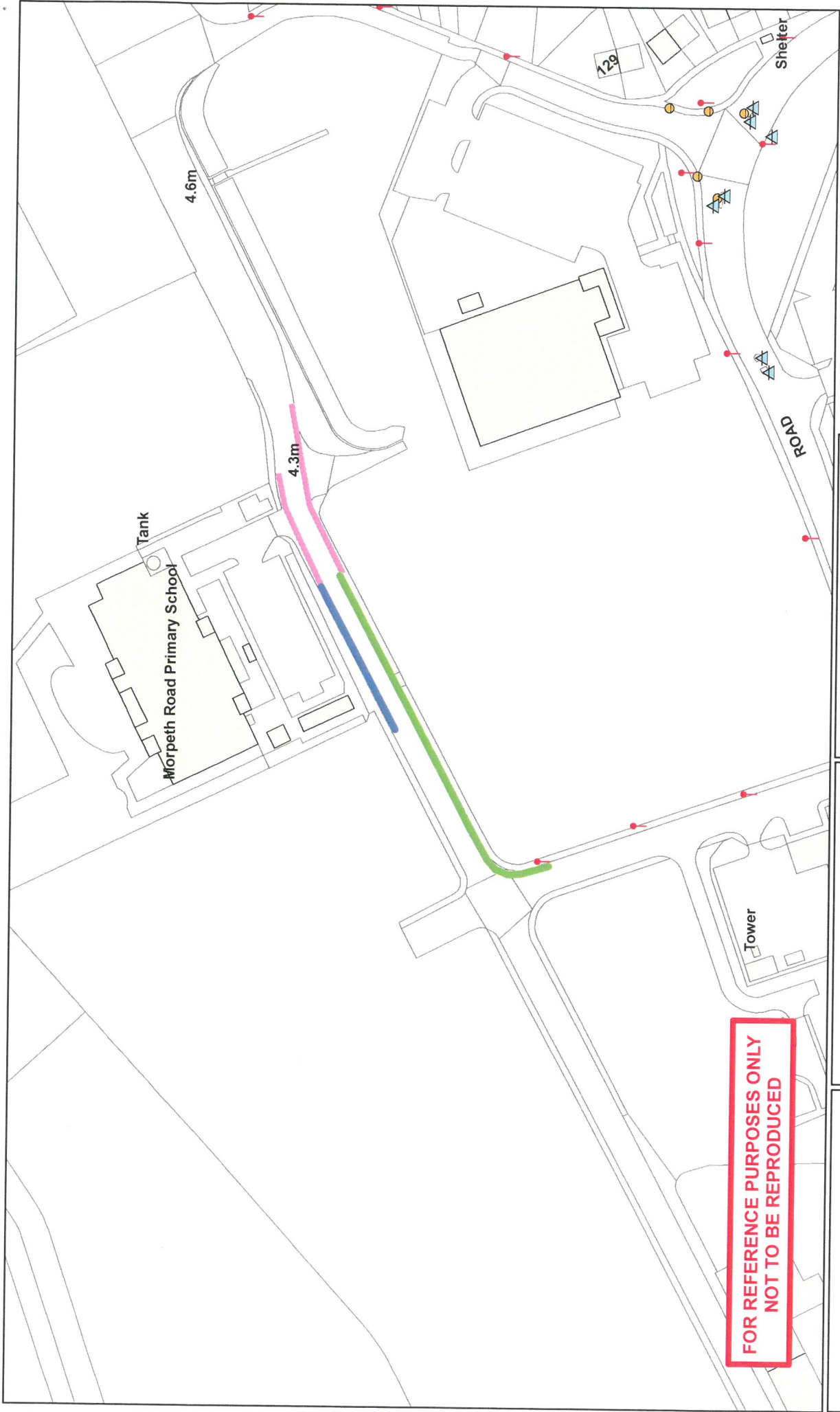
**I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.**

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Snowdon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Neil Snowdon  
Assistant Engineer



- KEY:-
- EXISTING SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR ROAD MARKINGS
  - PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR ROAD MARKINGS - 43.56m IN LENGTH
  - PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS

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<p><b>Title:</b> MORPETH ROAD PRIMARY ACADEMY, BLYTH PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR ROAD MARKINGS &amp; NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS</p>	<p><b>Drn:</b>      <b>Date:</b>      <b>Scale:</b></p>

## APPENDIX 2 - SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Initial	Name	No	Thoroughfare	Post Code	FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
			Martin Lindores - NCC		1			I support these plans. The sooner they are in place the better for all concerned. There is serious congestion around this school.
			North East Ambulance Service		1			Thank you for your correspondence dated 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as an Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for out-patient appointments. I do appreciate however the need for restrictions to improve road safety. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
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