

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS – MOWBRAY PRIMARY SCHOOL, STAKEFORD

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

Purpose of report:

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise regarding the proposed parking restrictions in the form of School Keep Clear Zig-Zag road markings which will be sited in the vicinity of the new school entrance. The restriction will be: No Stopping on the School Keep Clear Zig-Zag Markings between Monday and Friday, 8am and 5pm, together with the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to enable enforcement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that in view of the consultation exercise the proposed School Keep Clear Zig-Zag road markings should be introduced as proposed.

Key issues

- 1) Scheme being funded by Property Services
- 2) The scheme will help improve traffic congestion at school start and finish times
- 3) Supported by Mowbray Primary School, Property Services and majority of residents who responded.

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BACKGROUND

- 1) Concerns have been raised by Mowbray Primary School and Property Services about road safety at the existing school entrance and potential issues at the new school premises.
- 2) In response to these concerns, a site meeting was held with the school and property services to discuss a suitable solution. It was agreed that the introduction of parking restrictions in the form of school keep clear road markings would assist in improving the situation. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 11 households / business, and approximately 30 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations. A plan showing the proposals is attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix 1).

CONSULTATION

- 3) The consultation exercise ended on Monday 13th October 2014, and responses were received from 4 consultees, with 3 in favour and 1 against the proposals. A summary of these responses is attached as Appendix 2.
- 4) North East Ambulance Service was the only statutory consultee who responded to the consultation, indicating that they were in favour of the proposals.

IN FAVOUR

- 5) Whilst indicating their support of the proposals on the response form provided, residents also made the following comments:-
 - Residents Permit Scheme is also required at Sherborne Villas.
 - Needs to be monitored to ensure restrictions are adhered to.
- 6) Given these comments, the following requests will be recorded on the County Council's Directory of Requests Database for consideration in a future Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme.
 - Residents Permit Scheme at Sherborne Villas.
- 7) Once the new restrictions are in place, we will ensure that Civil Parking Enforcement Officers regularly visit the area as part of their current route.

OBJECTIONS

- 8) The one objection received stated that it would move the parking to Sherborne Villas Estate.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9) From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concerns raised in this area and it is inevitable that some sections of the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. Following the consultation exercise it is clear that the majority of residents who have responded are in favour of the proposals and from a road safety point of view the restrictions will significantly improve the safety of children and parents attending Mowbray Primary School. It is therefore recommended that the parking restriction be introduced as proposed.
- 10) 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.
- 11) Accordingly it is recommended that the Executive Director of Local Services notes the objections but agrees to proceed with the introduction of the following Traffic Regulation Order;
- South East Northumberland Area (Waiting & Loading) Composite Order 2011 Amendment No. 23 Order 2014.

APPENDIX INDEX

Appendix 1 – Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix 2 – Summary of Consultation Responses

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Road Traffic Act 2004

Local Government Act 2000

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IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy:	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will cost approximately £3,000 and will be financed from Property Services
Human Resources:	None
Property	None
Equalities	Correct lines and signs will help improved enforcement
Risk Assessment	Residential area and route to school.
Crime & Disorder	The proposal will assist in contributing towards a reduction in disorder and disruption and help

Customer Considerations	promote a safer environment. The proposals will improve traffic congestion at school start and finish times.
Sustainability Consultation	None Choppington Parish Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Choppington

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, Mowbray Primary School, Stakeford.

Consultation:

4 Responses
3 For
1 Against
0 Neutral

Decision Taken:

To approve the proposal for Parking Restrictions, Mowbray Primary School, Stakeford.

Signature of Executive Director



Date

31/10/14

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Monday 15th September 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Mowbray Primary School, Stakeford

You may be aware that Mowbray Primary School is relocating to the former Guide Post Middle School site. Renovation works are well underway; however concerns have been raised by Mowbray Primary School and Property Services about road safety at the existing school entrance and potential issues at the new school premises.

Of particular concern is the existing traffic congestion at school start and finish times. In view of this, the County Council is consulting on proposed parking restrictions in the form of School Keep Clear Zig-Zag road markings which will be sited in the vicinity of the new school entrance. The restriction will be: No Stopping on the School Keep Clear Zig-Zag Markings between Monday and Friday, 8am and 5pm. The proposals are shown in detail on the attached plan.

It is anticipated that the introduction of these restrictions will improve road safety at the school, 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 Executive Director of Local Services 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



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Transport Projects Officer



CONTRACT 1 OF 1
DRAWING No. A3



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CONSULTATION

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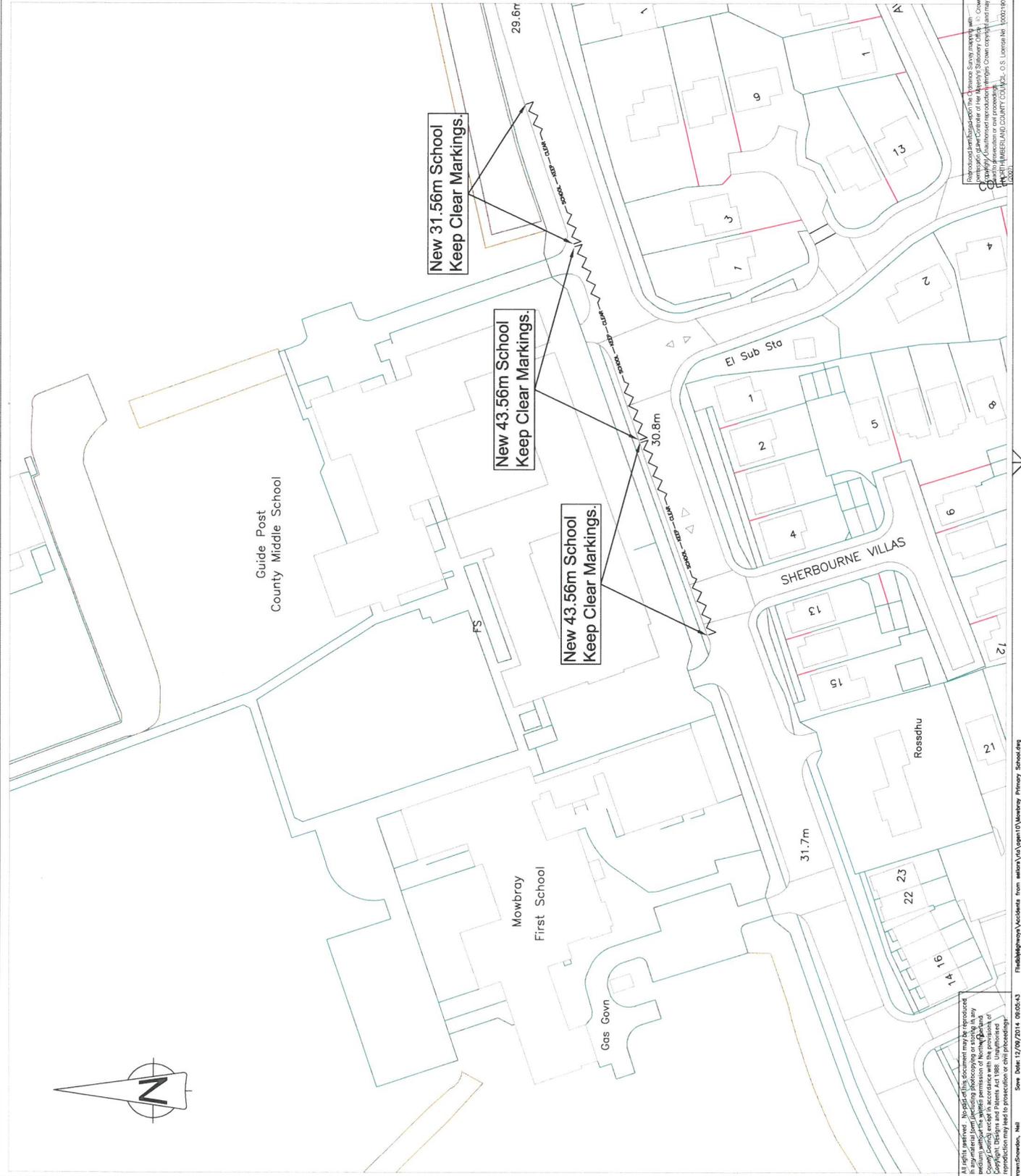
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STAKEFORD

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FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
1			I fully support these proposals. They are a necessity outside of schools.
	1		They will park down in Sherborne Villas Estate - It is bad enough with idiots parking in front of my drive with my car in it!! If you make it only resident parking is Sherborne Villas that's Okay. They might have to walk to school god forbid!!
1			<p>Thank you for your correspondence dated 15th September 2014 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.</p>
1			<p>I support the proposals and would like to add that there are additional concerns for road safety due to traffic congestion building resulting from parking in the road off Stakeford lane into Sherbourne Villas at school drop off and pick up times. The road is narrow and cars tend to park both sides right up to the entrance to Sherbourne Villas from Stakeford Lane, exactly opposite Mowbray Primary School new entrance. Many cars turning in there trying to find parking spaces often find themselves holding up traffic behind them on Stakeford Lane as they try to navigate through parked cars and can often be blocked by a car coming out (either by a residents car or one of the many cars aiming to drop off or pick up children as close as they can to the school). I also worry that parents will start using the islands to cross with their children where this traffic build up occurs instead of using the pedestrian crossing further up the road which was well used when the school entrance was where the old Mowbray First School Entrance way/currently is. Maybe an "Access only" status and sign into Sherbourne Villas and relocation of the pedestrian crossing would help.</p>
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