



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES: BARRY ROWLAND**

**PROVISION OF A PUFFIN CROSSING, AVENUE ROAD, SEATON
DELAVAL**

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding proposed puffin crossing in Avenue Road, Seaton Delaval, (see attached consultation plan in appendix A).

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 1) A puffin crossing is provided on the A190 Avenue Road, Seaton Delaval, as part of a safe route to school.

Key Issues

- 1) Whytrigg School has relocated from its former site on Western Avenue to the Astley High School site on Elsdon Avenue.
- 2) As part of the relocation a 'safe route to school' was identified for children who need to attend the new site.
- 3) The route to school crosses the A190 Avenue Road, one of the main roads into Seaton Delaval. A safe crossing is required to complete the safe route to school.

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Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the *Places and Environment Aim* in the Corporate Plan:

Our aim is to maintain and further improve the quality of our towns, villages and countryside and make it easier for residents to access services and high quality, affordable homes and to travel using different modes of transport. To achieve this, we will keep Northumberland clean, green and safe from detrimental impacts of climate change, build more houses to benefit those most in need and provide a convenient, integrated public transport network.

Background

1. Whytrigg Middle School has relocated from its former site on Western Avenue to the Astley High School Site.
2. This has resulted in an increase in the number of pupils walking to the Astley site.
3. As part of the relocation, a 'safe route to school' was identified.
4. This route crosses the busy A190 Avenue Road.
5. Since the new school site opened in September 2014, the Council's Road Safety Officer has observed large numbers of pupils crossing this road.
6. In order to create the safe route to school, a controlled crossing is required.
7. Funding has been allocated in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 Local Transport Plan Programme to enable the provision of a puffin crossing.

Consultation

8. A scheme was prepared and was the subject of a consultation which concluded on 10th March 2015.
9. The consultation exercise involved the delivery of a consultation letter together with a plan showing details of the scheme to residents, statutory consultees; County Councillor Richards, Seaton Valley Council; road user organisations; and other interested parties. The proposal was also available to view and comment via the Council's website. The consultation plan is attached as Appendix A.
10. 3 responses were returned. All were in favour. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix C.
11. One statutory consultee responded. The North East Ambulance Service recognised and appreciated the need for the scheme and supported the proposals.

12. Seaton Valley Council supports the scheme but asked that flashing 30mph signs or rumble strips are provided on the approach to the crossing.
13. It is proposed that the crossing is monitored and further traffic calming considered if justified. Seaton Valley Council can consider providing a flashing 30mph sign in the vicinity with the agreement of the County Council over its location.

Conclusion

14. It is recommended that a puffin crossing is provided on the A190 Avenue Road, Seaton Delaval, as part of a safe route to school.

Background Papers

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Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Considerations	None
Sustainability	None
Consultation	The relevant people and organisations were consulted
Wards	Seghill with Seaton Delaval

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

Barry Rowland: Executive Director of Local Services

Subject:

PROPOSED PUFFIN CROSSING, AVENUE ROAD, SEATON DELAVAL

Consultation

3 Responses

3 For

0 Against

0 Neither

Decision Taken:

- 1) A puffin crossing is provided on the A190 Avenue Road, Seaton Delaval, as part of a safe route to school.

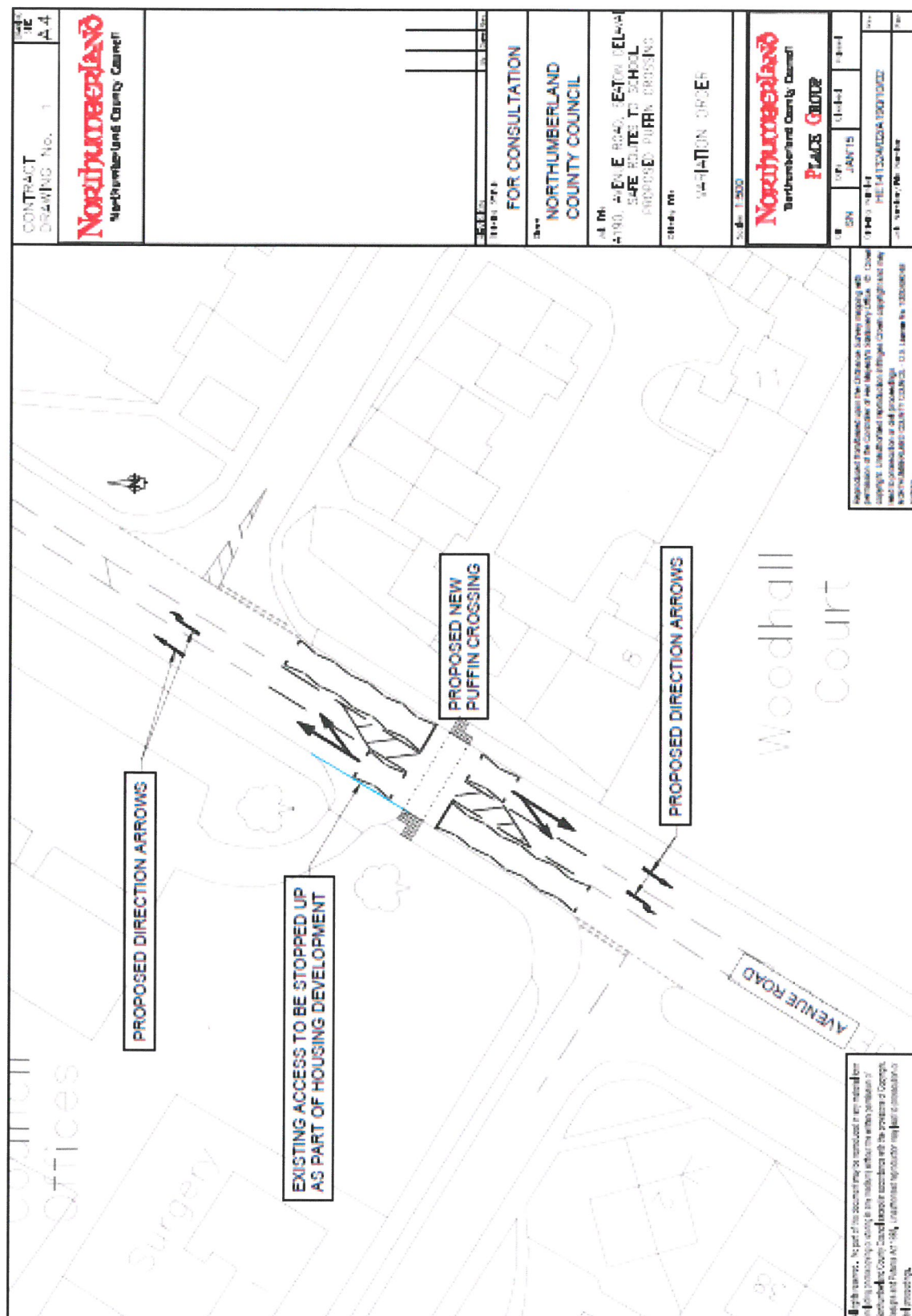
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Date

30/03/15

Appendix A – Consultation Plan



Appendix B – Consultation Letter

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Tuesday 27th January 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Puffin Crossing, Avenue Road, Seaton Delaval

Following the reorganisation of schools in Seaton Delaval, the number of schoolchildren crossing Avenue Road to access the Astley school site has increased. In order to provide a safe route to school, the County Council is proposing to provide a puffin crossing, as shown on the enclosed plan.

I am therefore writing formally in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) to ask for your comments on the proposals as above and shown on the enclosed plan.

A free post response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. I would welcome a reply by Tuesday 10th March 2015. If no comments are received by that date it will be assumed that you do not wish to make any representations regarding the above proposal. Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to all individual comments but staff will be on hand to clarify any queries you may have. You may also wish to note that any comments received may be included in a Decision Report and may be available for public inspection.

Please visit the following web address

<http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/> if you wish to respond to this consultation online.

Yours faithfully



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