

## RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

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**Proposal to Re-Configure the existing Parking Bays and the installation of  
three (Enforceable) Disabled Parking Bays –  
Chevington Close, Pegswood  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

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### **Purpose of report:**

To consider the results of the consultation exercise, regarding the proposed Re-Configuring of the existing Parking Bays and the installation of three (Enforceable) Disabled Parking Bays – Chevington Close, Pegswood.

### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that in view of the consultation exercise, the re-configuring of the parking area should **not** be implemented as proposed.

### **Key Issues**

1. This area has been subject to parking issues over a period of time.
2. The Scheme was to be funded and supported by Councillor Alan Sambrook

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## **BACKGROUND**

1. Concerns have been identified to Councillor Sambrook by residents with regard to the existing parking arrangements for disabled and non-disabled residents in the area. It was therefore decided to carry out a consultation to canvass opinion of residents.
2. It was envisaged that the proposed redesign of the parking area with the addition of three enforceable disabled parking bays would improve residential parking for disabled residents at the same time allowing access to the rear of certain properties with non-regulated bays.

## **CONSULTATION**

3. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise. This was conducted on the 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 9 residents and 18 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations.
4. The consultation exercise ended on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and responses were received from 7 consultees, with 3 in favour 3 against and 1 were neither for nor against the proposals. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

## **COMMENTS**

5. The results from the consultation did not show a clear majority to adopt the proposal
6. Comments indicated that a large proportion of the residents were content with the present arrangement of the parking bays and where not in favour of change.
7. Parking Services expressed concerns with the scheme and their ability to implement effective enforcement, as they do not carry out regular patrols in this area i.e. raising expectation of residents.
8. Councillor Sambrook was notified of the results of the consultation and confirms that based on the evidence presented, he wishes not to proceed with the proposal. However, Councillor Sambrook and Officers have made it clear that they will continue listening to the residents needs in the area, monitor the area and take forward information received via the Directory of Requests where appropriate.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

9. In view of the results of the consultation it is recommended not to proceed with the proposal.

## **File References**

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## **Appendix Index**

Appendix A – Consultation -Copy of Consultation Letter  
Appendix B - Consultation - Summary of Responses

## Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Members' Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Alan Sambrook
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	Potential inconsiderate and anti-social parking in the area
Customer Considerations	Scheme was anticipated to improve the parking for both Disabled and Non-disabled residents in the area.
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Pegswood Parish Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Pegswood

## DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):**

Director of Local Services and Housing

**Subject:**

Proposed Re-Configuring of the existing Parking Bays and the installation of three (Enforceable) Disabled Parking Bays

**Consultation 1**

7 Responses

3 For

3 Against

1 Neither

**Decision Taken:**

Not to re-configure the parking area as proposed.

**Signature of Director**



**Date**

18/5/16

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Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposal to Re-Configure the existing Parking Bays and the installation of three (Enforceable) 'Blue Badge Holders Only' Parking Bays – Chevington Close, Pegswood**

Residents have raised concerns with Councillor Sambrook, regarding the existing layout of the parking bays on Chevington Close, Pegswood. Councillor Sambrook has canvassed opinion in the area and has requested that officers formally consult residents on a proposal to remove the advisory disabled bays and replace them with three enforceable disabled parking bays which would be governed by Traffic Regulation Order. The remaining area would be available for unrestricted parking.

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1998 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the proposal to introduce Three enforceable disabled bays at Chevington Close, Pegswood as shown on the attached plan.

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 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 Decision Report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and Housing and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Wednesday 4th May 2016. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

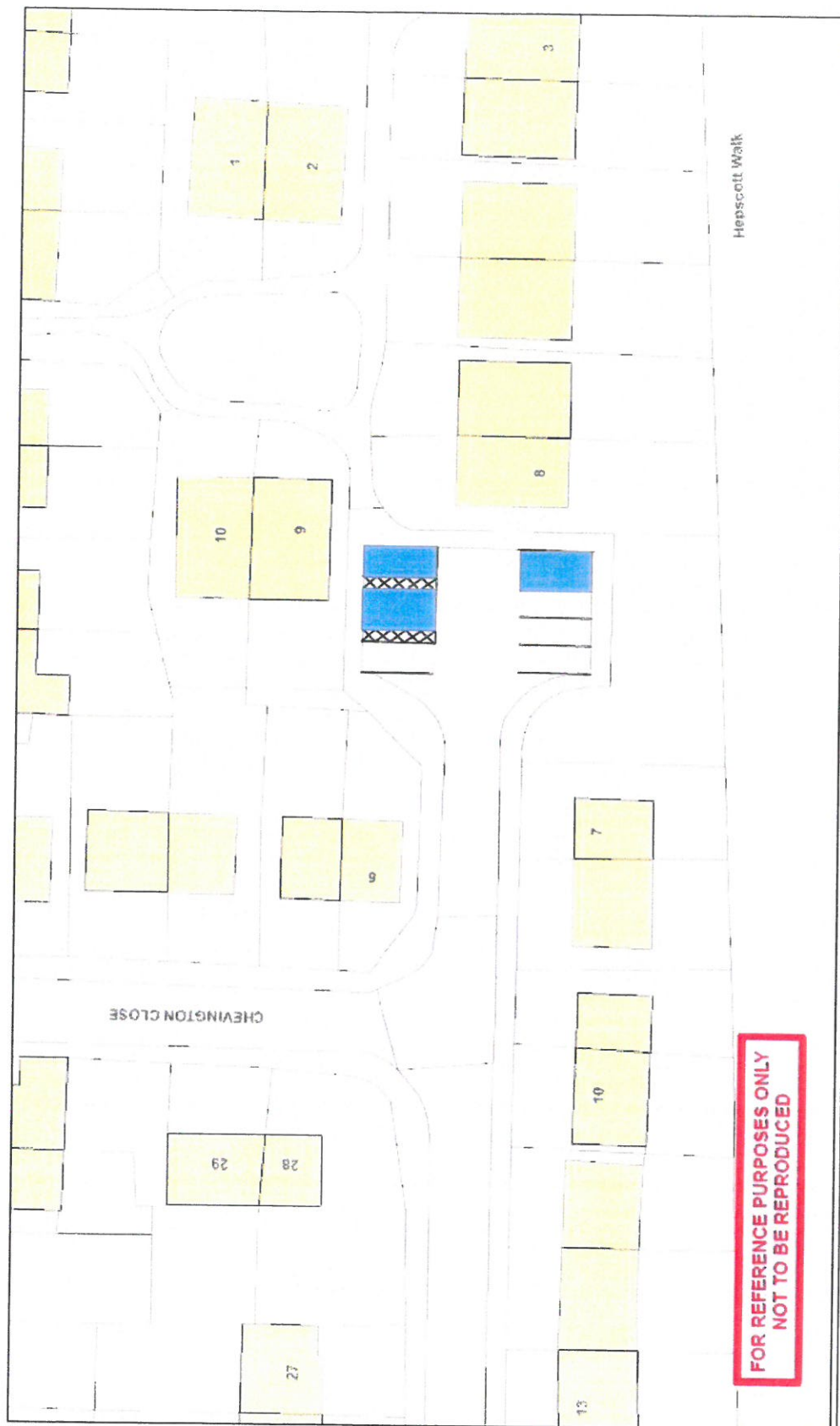
**I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.**

Yours faithfully



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## Appendix B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 13th April 2016 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 would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer out support for the on-going road safety programme.
	1		I am writing in response to the letter which was given to me from my next door neighbour No.7. As I have not received a letter or discussed anything with Mr Sambrook (Councillor). I and other neighbours have no complaints about the way the car park is as it is now and we do need four disabled car spaces as there is four disabled people one being used by the daughters who take a person shopping in a wheelchair as she has only one leg. There is only one person complaining about it who done everything without talking to other people, but he always has the same place in car park. I see you sent letters to people in Chevington Close but with due respect they have parking spaces in front of their houses and don't need to have anything to do with round the back in car park unless someone want to take rubbish from their back garden to car to take to tip which is very rare. and yes we have a taxi driver who uses the car park as he has 3 or 4 cars at his house but he should not be using car park for his cars as it is a business but on the whole since the white bays have been put in we have had no arguments of where to park. It should be left the way it is. It is a problem when you can hardly walk or breather when carrying shopping bags but at least you know no one is in the white bays when you come back from shopping or appointments and you can get a space to park and we do need four not three as the one independent says. P.S. I will also have a word with Councillor Sambrook as as I say he only seen one person, not everyone.
	1		There has never been any trouble parking till certain party's got disabled badges Isos already provide 10 parking bays on Tranwell Drive the proposed parking bays will hinder turning point which was provided for emergency vehicles reaching the rear of the properties on Chevington Close and Butterwell Drive.
	1		There is more than three disabled bays needed. There is nothing wrong with the way the bays have been done. There is only one tenant who has a problem with the parking. The tenant who lives at No.5 Mr Graham. No one else has any problems. He seems to think that the first parking bay is his and shouts abuse at anyone using it. I am writing this on behalf of my mother as she is disabled in a wheelchair as she has had her leg amputated. Anyone visiting tenants who are disabled use the spare bays.
1			Relatives of the residents cannot get a parking space when visiting their families, as greens taxis are parked in the area, or his drivers cars have taken up space. This is causing cars to block pavements and serious obstruction. One winter a disabled tenant dug his car out of the snow and when he returned Mr Green has taken his spot. He has a total of three or four cars at his door, some parked on the pavements causing obstruction for children and drivers.
1			I live next to the bungalows and have often witnessed the disabled residents unable to park. Enforceable bays are a very good idea, and has our full support.
1			My husband and I don't have a car but my daughter has sometimes she got to park side was also at Chevington Close. I know someone park their car down here their family come and park where they want.
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