

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

PARKING RESTRICTIONS NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE & LOVAINE TERRACE, BERWICK UPON TWEED

Background and Key Issues:

- 1) Concerns have been raised by Councillor Jones, Perrymans Buses, Northumberland County Council's Parking Services Team, and local residents about road safety at the Northumberland Avenue / Lovaine Terrace in Berwick-upon-Tweed.
- 2) Indiscriminate parking at school start and finish times is a potential road safety risk to children walking to and from Berwick Middle School, and the nearby Holy Trinity First School. In addition, the volume of parked cars at the Northumberland Avenue / Lovaine Terrace junction makes it difficult for school buses to access and egress the area safely causing considerable damage to the grassed verge on the south side of Northumberland Avenue.
- 3) In order to alleviate these concerns, an 8m section of the existing Residents Permit Parking Bay will be removed; this will be replaced by double yellow lines which will extend into Lovaine Terrace in order to protect the junction, therefore ensuring that the school buses can negotiate the junction safely.
- 4) In order to improve road safety further, and to keep the front of the school free of parked cars during the school day, a range of additional parking restrictions are to be introduced as follows:-
 - No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions (Double yellow lines) at the eastern Northumberland Avenue / Lovaine Terrace junction,
 - No Waiting Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm (Single Yellow Lines) in between the two existing sets of School Keep Clear road markings on Lovaine Terrace.
 - Additional School Keep Clear Road Markings (No Stopping Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm) on the eastern side of Lovaine Terrace.
 - No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions (Double yellow lines) on both sides of Northumberland Avenue on the approach to the Caravan Park.
- 5) Bearing in mind the ongoing road safety issues in relation to Berwick Middle School, and the fact that the additional restrictions are required

to improve road safety, the additional restrictions will be introduced without any formal consultation, although an information letter has been sent to all affected residents of Northumberland Avenue and Lovaine Terrace as well as Berwick Middle School. A copy of this letter together with a plan of the restrictions to be imposed is attached as Appendix 1.

6) Cllr Jones support of this scheme is attached as Appendix 2.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that parking restrictions are introduced and amended at Northumberland Avenue / Lovaine Terrace to improve road safety in these areas.

APPENDIX INDEX

Appendix 1 – Copy of information letter sent to residents and a plan of new and amended parking restrictions to be introduced.

Appendix 2 – Email showing Cllr Jones' support of the proposals

BACKGROUND PAPERS

none

IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy:	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed by 2015/16 LTP None
Human Resources:	
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	Residential area, route to schools, speeding traffic and associated visibility issues.
Crime & Disorder	Schemes will and promote a safer environment.
Customer Considerations	Residents and pedestrians will benefit from parking restrictions.
Sustainability	None
Consultation	The emergency services have been informed of the scheme. Information letters will be sent to all affected residents. The proposals have been approved by Councillor Jones
Wards	Berwick North

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Director:

Acting Director of Local Services and Housing
Delivery

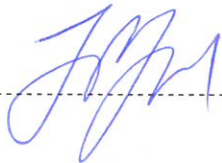
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Parking Restrictions, Northumberland Avenue and
Lovaine Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed

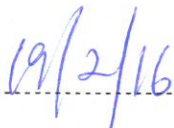
Decision Taken:

To approve the amended and new parking restrictions
at Northumberland Avenue and Lovaine Terrace to
improve road safety at Berwick Middle School.

Signature of Director



Date



APPENDIX 1 – COPY OF INFORMATION LETTER AND PLAN

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The Occupier

Our Ref: HE152316-03

Your Ref:

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Wednesday 10th February 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Amended and New Parking Restrictions

Northumberland Avenue and Lovaine Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed

Concerns have been raised by Councillor Jones, Perrymans Buses, Northumberland County Council's Parking Services Team, and local residents about road safety at the Northumberland Avenue / Lovaine Terrace in Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Indiscriminate parking at school start and finish times is a potential road safety risk to children walking to and from Berwick Middle School, and the nearby Holy Trinity First School. In addition, the volume of parked cars at the Northumberland Avenue / Lovaine Terrace junction makes it difficult for school buses to access and egress the area safely causing considerable damage to the grassed verge on the south side of Northumberland Avenue.

I am writing to inform you that in order to alleviate these concerns, the County Council, with the support of Councillor Jones, are to remove an 8 metre section at the eastern end of the existing Residents Permit Parking Bay on Northumberland Avenue. This will be replaced by double yellow lines which will extend into Lovaine Terrace in order to protect the junction, therefore ensuring that the school buses can negotiate the junction safely.

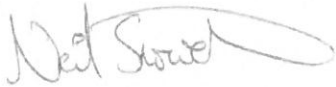
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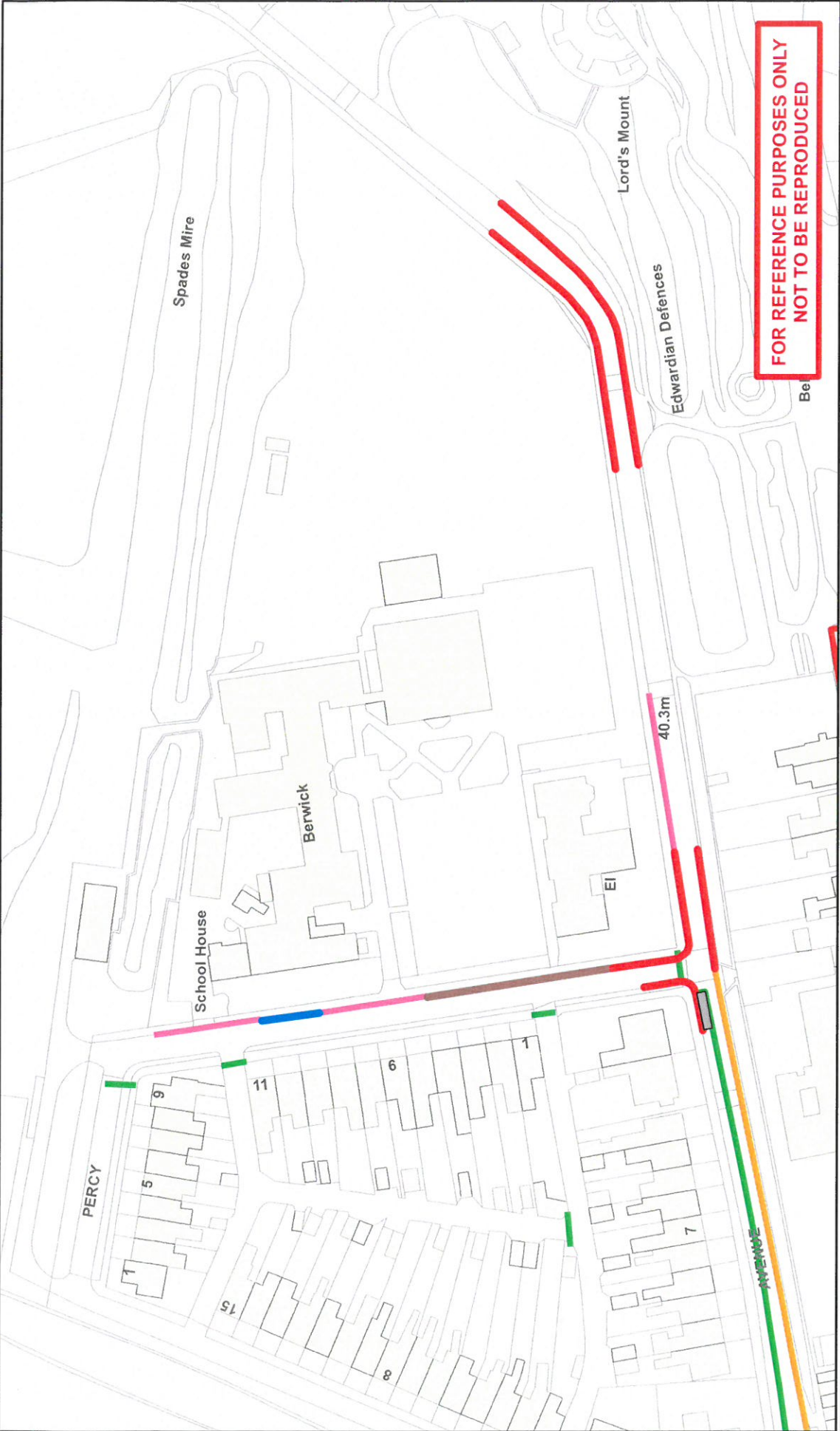
A plan showing the various restrictions to be introduced is attached for information. It is anticipated that this work will be undertaken during the Easter school break.

Yours faithfully



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Neil Snowdon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Neil Snowdon
Senior Programme Officer



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KEY:-

- REMOVAL OF SECTION OF RESIDENTS PARKING BAY
- NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES)
- NO WAITING MON - FRI 08:00 - 17:00 (SINGLE YELLOW LINES)
- ADDITIONAL SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS
- ALL EXISTING RESTRICTIONS SHOWN IN GREEN, ORANGE AND PURPLE

 Northumberland County Council		Network Management Information System		TitleProposed Amendment of Parking Restrictions Northumberland Avenue / Lovaine Terrace, Berwick Upon Tweed	
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APPENDIX 2 – COUNCILLOR GAVIN JONES SUPPORT OF SCHEME

From: Jones, Gavin
Sent: 26 January 2016 20:21
To: Snowdon, Neil
Subject: RE: Northumberland Avenue / Lovaine Terrace

Thanks Neil.

Please the double yellow lines on Northumberland Avenue be extended to cover where the buses are turning from Lovaine Terrace into Northumberland Avenue on the opposite side of the road (ie to extend beyond the intersection to cover at least the length opposite the houses ie opposite house number 13). (Restrictions already in place).

Thanks,
Gavin.

From: Snowdon, Neil
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 4:13 PM
To: Jones, Gavin
Subject: RE: Northumberland Avenue / Lovaine Terrace

Hello Gavin,

Thank you for your email.

Please find enclosed a new plan with additional restrictions. I've also added double yellows south of the Lovaine Terrace junction.

Are you happy with the extent of the double yellows on the approach to the Caravan Park?

If not, I enclose a blank plan of the area, please could you mark on this where double yellows are required.

With regard to the sign on the school side of Lovaine Terrace, this should be protected by the new restrictions. These signs need to be sited at the start of the Residents Parking Zone, once the new restrictions are in place we can monitor this.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Neil

From: Jones, Gavin
Sent: 26 January 2016 09:17
To: Snowdon, Neil
Subject: RE: Northumberland Avenue / Lovaine Terrace

Hi Neil,

Thanks that's great - to add to this scheme, as per previous correspondence, there is:

- Double yellow lines on the corner of Northumberland Avenue adjacent and opposite to the school grounds east of the Bell Tower prior to getting to the Golf Course road. This is where the caravans are getting stuck and blocking the road.
- Moving the sign on the school side of Lovaine Terrace further back from the corner.

Thanks,
Gavin.

From: Snowdon, Neil
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 2:55 PM
To: Jones, Gavin
Subject: Northumberland Avenue / Lovaine Terrace

Hello Gavin,

Enclosed is a plan of proposals for amended and new parking restrictions at Northumberland Avenue / Lovaine Terrace.

A draft Decision Report has been compiled, the Background and Key Issues are as follows:-

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If you are happy with the Key Issues, and the proposals, could you indicate your support by email. Your support will be attached as an Appendix to the final report.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Regards

Neil

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