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RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING

PROPOSED ONE WAY SYSTEM WELFARE CRESCENT NEWBIGGIN-BY-THE-SEA 16th May 2016

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding proposed one way system on Welfare Crescent, Newbiggin-by-the-sea.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. It is recommended that the following one way system be introduced to part of the U6518 Welfare Crescent Loop Newbiggin-by-the-Sea : - one way system (clockwise direction)

Key Issues

1. This area has been subject to indiscriminate parking over a period of time, causing congestion and traffic safety concerns.

2. The Scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Jim Lang

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BACKGROUND

1. Concerns have been identified to Councillor Lang by residents of the Welfare Crescent, Newbiggin-by-the-sea on a number of occasions with regard to the indiscriminate parking causing congestion in the area.

2. It is proposed to introduce a partial One way System in Welfare Crecent Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

3. It is anticipated that this would help improve the traffic flow and encourage residents to park on one side of the road.

CONSULTATION

4. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 31st March 2016. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 128 residents and 28 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 A).

5. The consultation exercise ended on 15th April 2016 and responses were received from 40 consultees, with 34 in favour and 6 against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.

COMMENTS

7. Councillor Lang was notified of the results of the consultation.

8. There were a number of useful suggestions and observations provided as a result of the consultation. Following discussions between Councillor Lang and Officers, a revision was proposed, attached as Appendix C. Councillor Lang confirms he wishes to proceed with a revised version of the proposal, which will be a partial one way system, this will be funded through his allocation in the Members' Local Improvements Programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. It is recommended that the revised proposal as detailed in Appendix C should proceed. A further consultation was not deemed required as the revision takes into consideration the comments and observations provided within the original consultation.

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.

File References

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Appendix B - Consultation 1 - Summary of Responses
Appendix C – Revised One way System

Implications Arising Out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Members' Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Jim Lang
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	Indiscriminate parking and obstruction
Customer Considerations	Scheme is anticipated to improve traffic flows and road safety in the area
Sustainability	None
Consultation	Newbiggin Town Council, the emergency services, all affected residents and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards	Seaton with Newbiggin West

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):	Director of Local Services and Housing
Subject:	Proposed One way System (revised)
Consultation	40 Responses 34 For 6 Against 0 Neither for nor against
Decision Taken:	Introduce One Way System as proposed (revised).

Signature of Director

Date 18/5/16

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Appendix A

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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed One Way System in Welfare Crescent, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea

Residents have raised concerns with Councillor Lang, about congestion caused by indiscriminate parking in Welfare Crescent, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, and this is causing potential road safety issues. Councillor Lang has therefore requested that a One Way System be considered in order to alleviate these concerns.

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 a One Way System in Welfare Crescent, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea as shown 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 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 15th April 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

Terry Luck
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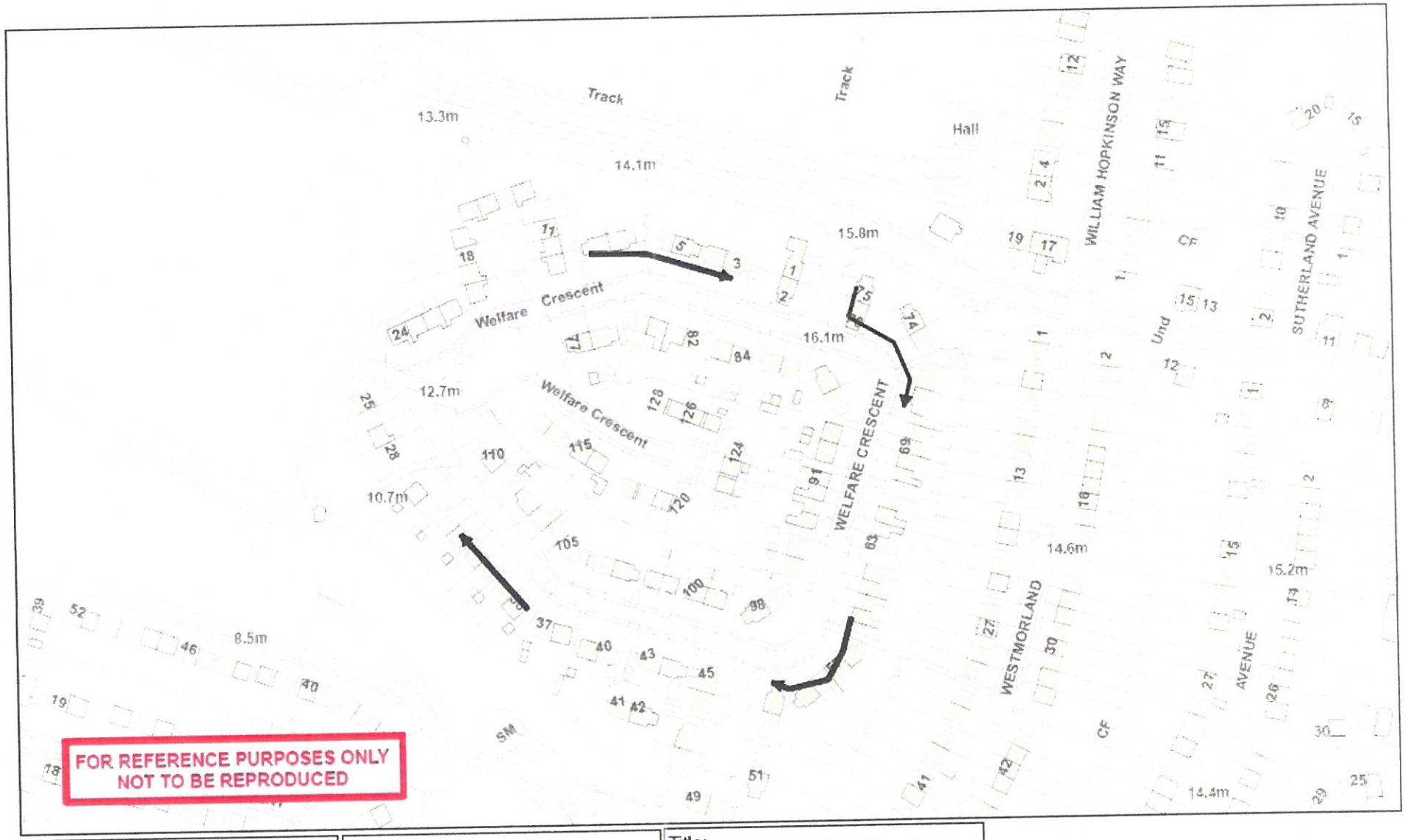

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APPENDIX B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
	1		Access and egress to Welfare crescent, would have to be two way (only access & egress). The unmarked (no through road) between 112-128 and 77 welfare would have to be two way, only (access & egress). Bearing in mind the average width of the road is only 14 foot, vehicles have to park on paths so vehicles can get past, unfortunately this cause's problems with prays & disabled scooters. There are too many vehicles to park on only one side of the road and everyone wants to park outside their own house. Some owners have had drives put in to reduce congestion, unfortunately people park in front of these drives which can cause a lot of aggravation (I personally have had to phone the police to have them removed. You also have to think about emergency vehicles getting round. The only options that we see is Residential/Permit Parking. Area assign to parking vehicles (in front of 111-112 grass area). Drivers need to heed where and where not to park.
	1		I don't agree with the proposal. If the issue is caused by congestion and parking how will a one way system alleviate this? It doesn't matter which way a car is parked if it is causing an obstruction. Off street parking is a better solution. Any remaining council properties could have drives added? Parking tickets for certain people parking work vans etc. on paths may encourage them to park more sensibly too. A one way system will cause big issues for those of us who live at the upper part of the estate especially in poor weather conditions as such as snow and ice. The estate is never gritted. it will also cause more traffic to be circling the estate unnecessarily which is a safety concern for children in my opinion. Another solution should be looked at.
	1		A one way system will only make congestion worse as people will only have one access in and out so if there is a blockage, breakdown or accident no one will be able to enter or leave the estate. A better plan would be to make a car parking facility for residents so they would not have to inconsiderately park if no considerate parking was available . The grassed area in front of the cottages would be an ideal place or at the bottom of the estate field in between Spital and Welfare .
			After conversations with neighbours regarding the proposed one way system on Welfare Crescent, Newbiggin, I feel like more information is needed before I can submit my response. Please could you provide an explanation of how the proposed changes are to alleviate the parking problems? Are residents only going to be able to park on one side of the road? We feel that more than a one way system would be needed if this is not the case. Also could you please provide examples to the residents of the data held which illustrates the current hazards? How many reported incidents/accidents have happened on Welfare Crescent which has brought this proposal to our doors?
1			Should of happened years ago but the majority of no voters will be ones closest to entrance. Will be so much safer for children but can I also suggest signs saying residents parking only but if there was a over spill car park to rear on waste land behind my property would stop people parking in welfare to use the play park and visitors could use as this land doesn't even get any notice from council
1			I think this would be a very good idea and I hope it comes into use.
1			Should have been put in place a long time ago. Either this, or make it mandatory to mount the kerb when parking.

1			It should have been put in years before now, I will be pleased to see one way system.
	1		A one way system would not stop the (double) parking on the estate. The proposed system would increase the traffic to the East and South of the estate increasing the potential for accidents at the places in concern. Due to double parking delivery vehicles would not be able to have second option I.E. turn and go the other direction to an address and cause more frustration.
1			As long as cars are on one side of street maybe get rid of one pavement to do this.
1			I would like to suggest residents parking only sign in the cul-de-sac door numbers 45-54 as we have parking issues when non-residents park here to go to swing park, etc. having no consideration for residents!! We need a car park at the rear of 49+50 on the waste ground to help clear congestion.
1			- CCTV camera can be put in place as well as introducing a fine. - putting a barrier in the direction of which the traffic should not pass. - Or trust that all residents of Welfare Crescent will follow the new proposed plan, keeping in mind it is for the safety of everyone.
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1			Not to include: police, Fire brigade and ambulance.
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1			This is long overdue. We have had so many near misses so dangerous.
	1		I understand that the purpose of the proposal is to increase the safety of the traffic flow around Welfare Crescent where additional danger is caused by indiscriminate parking by certain residents. I do not agree that either of these aims will be met by the introduction of a one way system around the crescent. If it is introduced, and enforced, every car will currently have to pass by every house, while this is not the case currently. There are 3 main areas where cars routinely turn around and return the way they entered the crescent, as this is often the shortest route for them to leave. While I appreciate that the idea of only 1 lane of traffic sounds like it should make it easier and safer for vehicles to navigate the crescent, i think that it will increase the chances that drivers will speed up as they will not expect traffic to be approaching in the opposite direction. With many families living in the crescent, this additional speed will increase the risk of serious injury, especially to young children. An altered proposal which involves a partial one way system (clockwise from the entrance through to the crescent through to the 4 o clock position) could help the traffic where it is worst, while remaining mostly neutral for the rest of the crescent.
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1			Yes we would support a one way system but we also feel that there needs to be something done about the paring on this estate. To achieve a better outcome.
1			I have lived in this house for 22 years and I think resident here had been asking for 1 way system for quite some time before that far too many near misses on the bends with cars driving both ways.
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1			The trial/motor bike comes tearing down to get to Spital. It's very rarely they wear helmets.
1			The letter stated that the proposed one way system is to be introduced to ease congestion caused by indiscriminate parking. I think a one way system may be beneficial but I do not see that it will make any difference at all to the way that people park!
1			The number of near collisions because of blind corners on this estate is extremely large. This poses a risk to children who are out playing in the estate too, which as a mother of 4 living here, I am obviously concerned. I think the proposed one way system is a brilliant idea and very strongly support it.
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1			We have tried for years to get a one way system it will be good if you could make it happen.
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1			There's ben many a time a accident has nearly happened, its only a time someone will be hurt, its less change having, this one way system will be less dangerous d for drivers to slow down, its best for a one way system as I and my husband has been in that situation.
1			The residents have asked for this for over 30 years we have waited a long time for this. I would propose that some signs with the speed limit may need addressing.
1			This should have been done 30 years ago along with enforced speed restrictions. Failure of this scheme would leave residents and visitors at ever increased risk of vehicular accidents.
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	1		I am against a one way system that stops all traffic having to go all of the way around Welfare Crescent. I live in the entrance to Welfare and all traffic has to pass by my house which makes it busy. This would be even more problematic at the bottom of the street which is where the problem already lies. I would however support a partial one way in which it is one way once you turn left but I think it should be two way traffic if you turn right at least until the OAP bungalows at which point it would become a no entry zone and provide a turning point to allow the two way traffic to turn around.
1			Parking on the street is a problem in certain parts of Welfare Crescent. There are instances where vehicles are parked opposite each other in the carriageway and therefore narrowing the space which other traffic can pass through, sometimes this space can be very narrow making it very difficult for emergency vehicles or delivery vehicles. There is little off-street parking available, perhaps Bernicia could consider creating off-street parking for their properties as I am aware that new build local authority housing now have allocated/off-street parking.
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1			We agree with the proposals in principle but are concerned they my not be adhered to and h danger this will cause. With so many residents having off street parking nowadays, I'm sure many are concerned that chicanes for example may be positioned in front of their parking spaces making access impossible. We hope this is not the case.
1			Excellent plea for motorist's pedestrian alike. I hope the proposal goes though!
1			It will stop cars speeding around the corners as they come in, and other cars coming out don't have to reverse back and there is a lot of children in Welfare who play outside.
1			This I have said should of happened years ago but you'll find the majority against will be those closest to the entrance as they don't want to drive all the way round. Better for children also can I suggest private parking resident only signs a car park at bottom field between Welfare and Spital would alleviate some problems?
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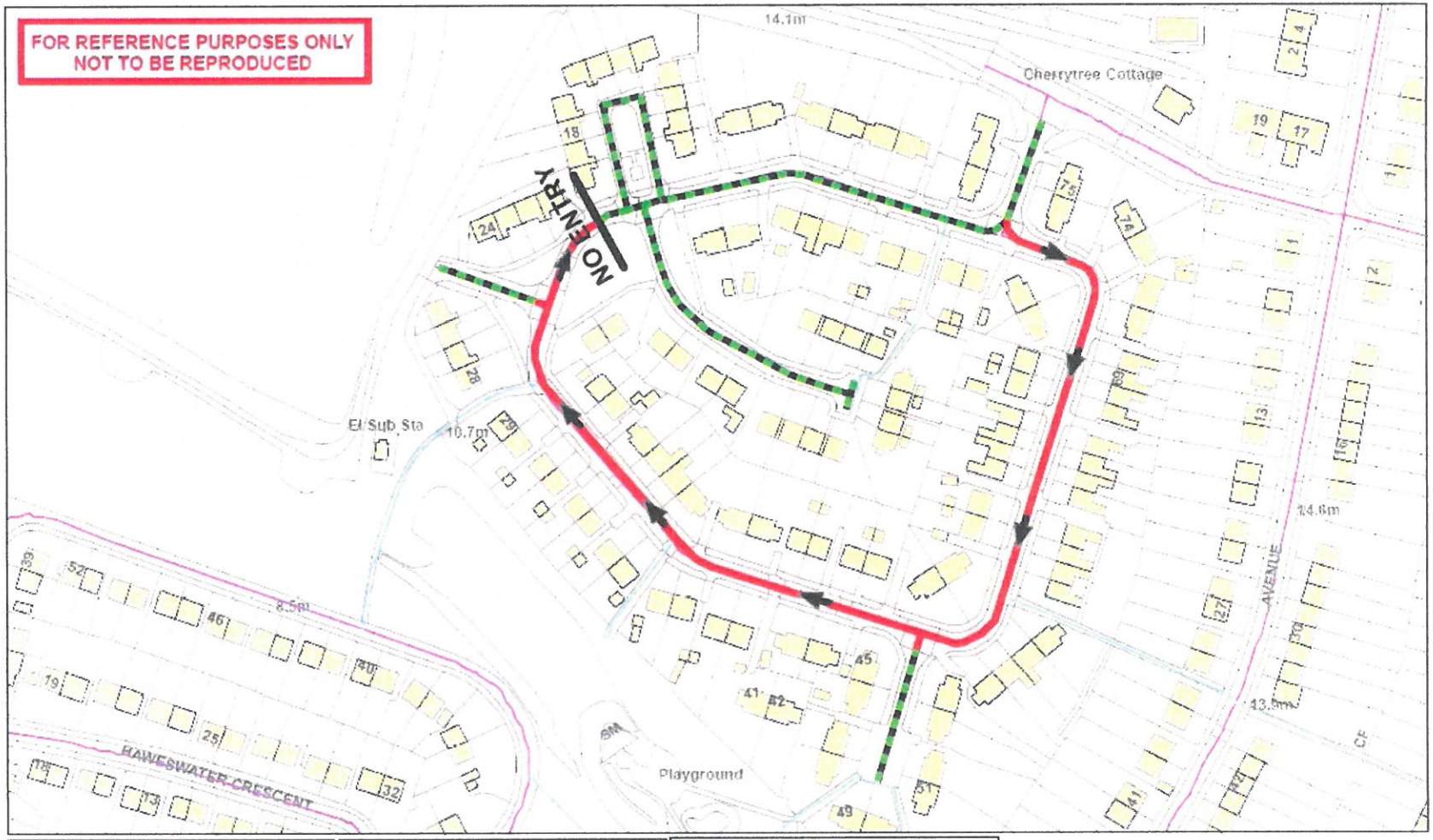

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APPENDIX C