



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY
SERVICE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES**

PAUL JONES

PROPOSED PARKING AND MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS BEATRICE AVENUE, BLYTH

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the experimental parking and movement restrictions introduced on Beatrice Avenue in Blyth.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the following experimental restrictions are introduced on a permanent basis:

- 1) A one way system is introduced on Beatrice Avenue starting at Plessey Road heading in a northerly direction and then a westerly direction.
- 2) A No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow line) parking restriction is introduced on both sides of Beatrice Avenue on the blind bend.
- 3) A No Waiting 8:30 – 9:15 and 15:00 – 15:30 (single yellow line) parking restriction is introduced on the section of Beatrice Avenue leading to Blyth Golf Club.

Link to Corporate Plan

How - "We want to be efficient, open and work for everyone"

Living - "We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for"

Connecting - "We want you to have access to the things you need"

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Key Issues

1. Indiscriminate parking on narrow road which results in traffic coming to a standstill when vehicles approach from opposing directions.
2. Blind corner with narrow footpath which is forcing children and parents with pushchairs onto a carriageway with excessively restricted sightlines
3. Indiscriminate parking on approach to golf club with reports of near misses as children run across to get to parked cars.
4. A one way movement restriction and parking restrictions were introduced as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order on 24th April 2017 for a period of 18 months.
5. The reasons for introducing these restrictions by way of an Experimental Order was to address highway safety concerns around New Delaval First School, whilst monitoring changes in parking behaviour during and after the construction works on the new housing development, i.e. potential displacement of parking and so on.
6. No concerns have been raised during the period of the Experimental Order and road safety is seen to have improved. It is therefore recommended to make the parking restrictions and one way system permanent.
7. The scheme is supported by Councillor Deirdre Campbell.

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Background

1. Concerns were raised by County Councillor Deirdre Campbell, local residents, and New Delaval Primary School regarding inconsiderate parking and congestion issues on Beatrice Avenue in Blyth.
2. It was reported that during school pick up and drop off times the narrow roads, combined with inconsiderate parking on Beatrice Avenue were reducing the carriageway down to single lane traffic.
3. When vehicles approached from opposing directions, traffic came to a standstill forcing one or more vehicles to reverse back along the obstructed highway where children crossed the road.
4. Parking restrictions and a one way movement restriction were introduced as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order due to the ongoing building works within the vicinity of Beatrice Avenue, as shown in Appendix A. A Experimental Traffic Regulation Order allows for any minor modifications to be made easily if the building work caused further issues.

Consultation

Approximately 30 statutory consultees including the emergency services and various disabled and transport organisations/associations were informed of the experimental restrictions along with local residents and New Delaval Primary School. Considering there has been no feedback to the experimental order it has to be assumed that the scheme has worked well. No objections have been received and anecdotal evidence does suggest that road safety at New Delaval Primary School has improved. It is therefore suggested that the experimental parking restrictions and one way system is introduced on a permanent basis as agreed with County Councillor Deirdre Campbell.

Recommendations

1. From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concerns raised in this area and it is inevitable that some individuals in the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. However in this instance, due to the lack of feedback and support from County Councillor Campbell, it is recommended that the experimental restrictions are introduced on a permanent basis.

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2. 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 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.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	None
Legal	None
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
Risk Assessment	Improvement to road safety on Beatrice Avenue
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	The proposed restrictions have reduced the road safety concerns in the area surrounding New Delaval Primary School making the commute to school for both pedestrians and road users safer.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Newsham

Background papers:

None

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Report sign off.

Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the report:

	initials
Finance Officer	
Monitoring Officer/Legal	
Human Resources	
Procurement	
I.T.	
Director	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Paul Jones - Service Director -Local Services

Subject: Proposed Parking and Movement Restrictions,
Beatrice Avenue, Blyth

Consultation: A one way movement restriction and parking restrictions were introduced as an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order on for 18 months. During this period feedback on the scheme was requested, but none was given.

Decision Taken: To introduce the following restrictions are introduced on a permanent basis:-

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Signature of Director

Date



5/10/18

