



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

Paul Jones

**Proposed Parking Restrictions,
C364 Church Road, Stannington**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of proposed parking restrictions on Church Road, Stannington.

Recommendations

While a number of concerns were raised about the impact of the scheme, the proposed parking restrictions are necessary to improve road safety in the vicinity of Stannington First School. It is therefore recommended that the following parking restrictions are introduced:

No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (Double yellow Lines) and No Waiting between 08:30 - 09:15 and 14:45 - 15:30 restrictions (Single Yellow Lines).

Link to Corporate Plan

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

Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"

Key Issues

1. Residents have raised safety concerns for both pedestrians and motorists caused by parked cars on Church Road, Stannington.
2. The scheme is to be funded by Councillor Armstrong, through her Members Local Improvement Allowance.

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Background

1. Residents contacted their local Ward member with concerns regarding safety issues for both pedestrians and motorists caused by parked cars on Church Road, Stannington.
2. Indiscriminate parking on the road is making it difficult for residents to negotiate this road safely.
3. After meeting with Councillor Armstrong, officers proposed that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced in order to alleviate these concerns.
4. A consultation letter was sent to 9 residents and 19 statutory consultees on the proposed parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are attached in Appendix A.
5. 11 responses were received as a result of the consultation letter, with 5 in favour 5 against and 1 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
6. The results of the consultation were discussed with Councillor Armstrong, who agreed that the restrictions should be introduced on safety grounds and be revised as shown on the attached plan Appendix C.
7. The scheme is supported by Councillor Armstrong and funded through her Members' Local Improvement Allocation.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Members Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Armstrong
Legal	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
Procurement	
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	
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. Obstruction / congestion of the highway
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety for pedestrians, residents and road users in the area
Carbon reduction	
Wards	Ponteland East & Stannington

Background papers:

File ref: HO176280

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Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B - Consultation Responses

Appendix C - Scheme Plan

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Report sign off.

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

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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Parking Restrictions - Church Road, Stannington

Safety concerns have been raised with Councillor Armstrong regarding indiscriminate parking on Church Road, Stannington. Councillor Armstrong has therefore agreed to fund the introduction of No Waiting at Any Time parking restrictions, Timed parking restrictions (08.30-09.15 and 14.45-15.30) subject to favourable consultation with affected residents / businesses, which should assist in improving the current situation.

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 Parking Restrictions at Church Road, Stannington as shown on the attached plan.

The County Council is seeking your views on the proposals and a freepost response form is attached (see rear of the response form) to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that comments received will be carefully considered.

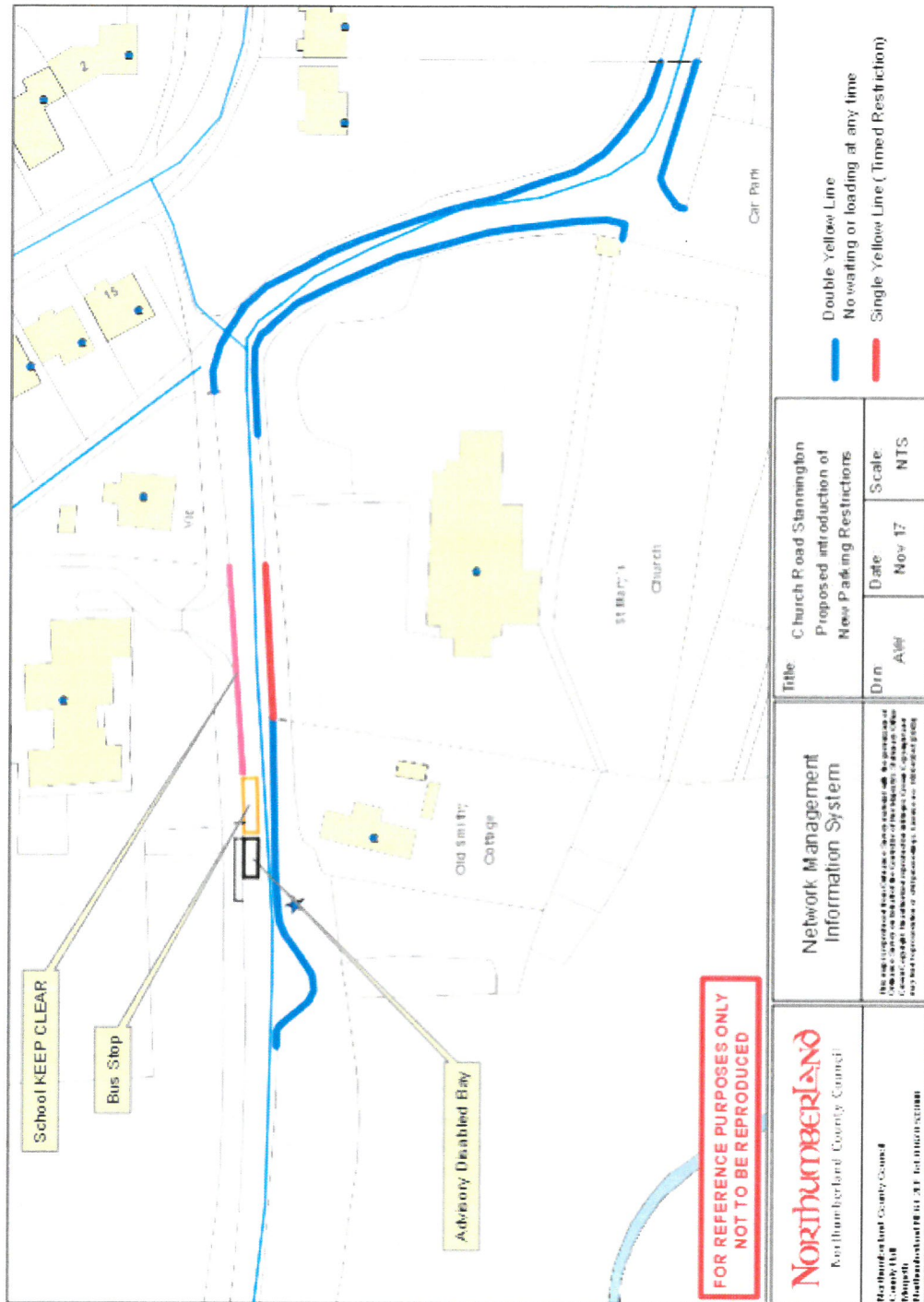
Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and Housing Delivery and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Tuesday 6th February 2018. 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 |

Andy Walker
Programme & Production Team

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Appendix B

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
1			The introduction of these restrictions will be helpful in this area at school times. One change I would recommend is having the disabled bay as a permanent bay with a valid order on it. From an enforcement perspective we would look foolish if we were enforcing a school keep clear or single yellow line but unable to enforce a disabled bay because it was only advisory. From experience, if motorists know they can get away with something they will, and it will not take long for someone to find out the disabled bay would be unenforceable.
	1		If people can't park on church road, they will start to use The Glebe as a car park. Too many people do this anyway, causing problems for people who already live there, obstructing drives etc. If there is any activity on at the school out of school times, people park cars in The Glebe for hours at a time and this doesn't leave space for people visiting residents who live there.
1			Its extremely busy around the school at drop off and pick up times and people are not parking carefully or safely. Cars often park on the bend or up on the pavement which makes it difficult for pedestrians to get passed without having to walk on the road. There is an accident waiting to happen

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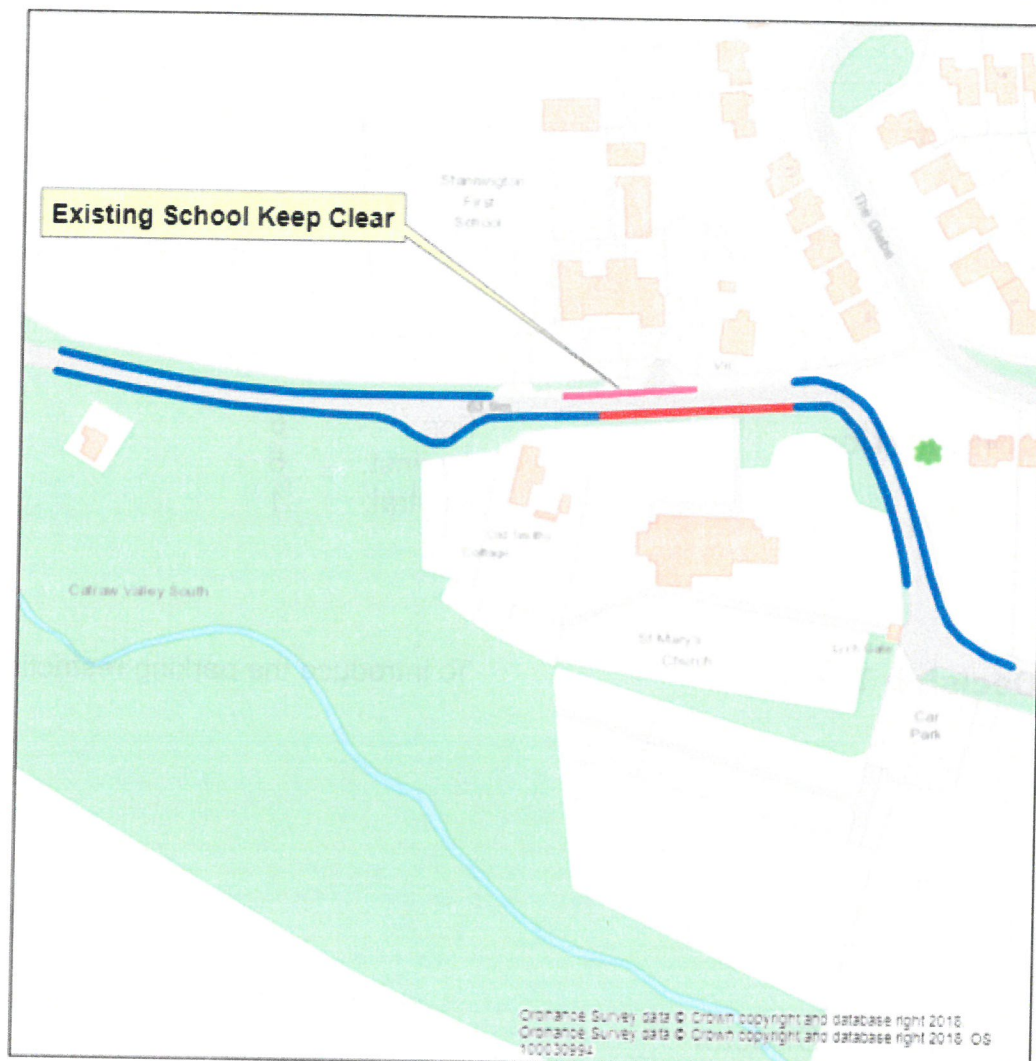
		<p>Thank you for your letter dated 10th January 2018 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as an Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for out-patients appointments. I would thank your for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the ongoing road safety programme.</p>
1		<p>The double yellow lines around the corner leading up to the school will greatly improve the safety of both our pupils and drivers approaching the school at busy drop off and collection times. However, the proposals will move the parked cars elsewhere; hopefully into the car park near the church. Can someone clarify who is responsible for the car park and will it be gritted during icy weather? Often, our parents don't use this parking facility as the car park can be so icy it is dangerous to walk on and difficult to exit in a car.</p> <p>If our parents park either in the car park or beyond the proposed double yellow lines on Church Road, the majority will cut through the church grounds and cross the road opposite the school gates. It would be an excellent idea to add a zebra crossing at this point. The school children frequently use the church for services, assemblies and performances and the church grounds for Forest School activities. A zebra crossing at this point would be hugely beneficial to the safety of our children as, despite, the speed restrictions, some cars do travel down Church Road in excess of the 20 mph limit.</p> <p>I would like a zebra crossing to be considered as part of the proposals and also the addition of a disabled bay on both sides of the road as this will be beneficial to disabled visitors coming into the school or accessing the church.</p>

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	1	Although I personally do not use the road for parking, I am concerned that where I currently park will become too congested. I would be happy to support the proposal if additional parking areas could be identified.
1		We would broadly support the planned changes, but prior to implementation there would need to be an extension of the footpath on the school side of the road towards the west where there is a real danger to parents and children at drop off & collection points. Currently it can be parked back to the crest of the hill and families run the gauntlet making it to the footpath. This will only get worse with increased numbers at the school.
	1	I understand the need to have double yellow lines on the corner bend at the church due to being dangerous on the approach. I do not believe there is sufficient parking in close proximity of the school to accommodate at peak pick up and drop off time. In fact more people will end up parking further down the bank on approach to the school (from St Mary park) which could cause an accident as there is already a tail back with current parking.
	1	The road is widely used by parents dropping off and collecting their children from the first school as a result of these proposals there will be little option but to park further up the road into the wooded area this will then result in parents walking with children down a national speed limit country lane which I would consider far more dangerous than parking outside the school. The other alternative would be swamping a residential area with cars during this period of which there would be an impact to the residents. For parents who live in the new housing development St Mary Park there is no other option than to drive the 2 mile country road to the school.

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			<p>There is definitely an issue outside Stannington first school with regards to safely being able to take children in and out of school, the village school was originally built to educate the children within Stannington Village and does not have the infrastructure needed to cope with the additional children from the recent new developments. This has resulted in parents parking on both sides of the small country road which prevents vehicles from safely driving around the tight bends near the school.</p> <p>The proposed parking restrictions will not solve any of the parking issues within Stannington Village. By preventing parents from parking outside the school, these parents will just park on the outskirts of the restrictions. To the west of the school this will mean that children will now have to walk passed all of the parked cars along the wrong side of a narrow uneven county road. To the east car will park on the next bend along which will just move the issue here and be compounded by the entrance to the already overused church car park.</p> <p>I wouldn't like to see current green fields allocated to parking as the 'village feel' of Stannington needs to be preserved, but I feel that other measures to reduce the number of cars outside the school such as provision of a bus from outlying areas or extended drop off hours in the morning (8:30-9:00?) may help the village to resolve the issues caused during these peak times.</p>
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1			<p>The road at the moment lacks parking restrictions which is evident by the poor parking of road users.</p> <p>They often leave their vehicles in an obstructive position which causes a danger to pedestrians and drivers of other vehicles.</p> <p>All of the restrictions that were already in place have now worn off the road surface.</p> <p>The road surface it's self needs looking at before any restrictions are painted on as this causes a danger in it's self.</p>
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- Proposed Double Yellow Line**
No Waiting or Loading at any time
- Proposed Single Yellow Line (Timed Restriction)**
(08:30 to 09:15) & (14:45 to 15:30)

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer:

Service Director, Local Services

Subject:

Proposed No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (Double yellow Lines) and No Waiting between 08:30 - 09:15 and 14:45 - 15:30 restrictions (Single Yellow Lines) to be introduced on Church Road, Stannington.

Consultation

For: 5
Against: 5
Neutral: 1

Decision Taken:

To introduce the parking restrictions as proposed

Signature of Director



Date

15/10/18