



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,
Junction of Curlew Way with Lapwing Close & Plover Close, Blyth**

10th May 2018

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Curlew Way, Blyth adjacent to South Beach Children's Centre, Bede Academy (South)

Recommendations

It is recommended that No Waiting at Any Time restrictions (Double yellow Lines) be introduced on Curlew Way, Blyth

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. Indiscriminate parking at junctions of Curlew Way with Lapwing Close and Plover Close, Blyth, causing traffic safety issues.

Background

1. Residents contacted their local Ward member with concerns regarding parking by parents dropping off and picking up school children at Bede Academy (South)

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2. Indiscriminate parking on Curlew Way at its junctions with Lapwing Close and Plover Close, Blyth is making it difficult for residents to negotiate these junctions and their own driveways safely.
3. After meeting with Councillor Reid Officers proposed that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced at the following junctions in order to alleviate these concerns:
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 - The junction of Curlew Way with Lapwing Close, Blyth
 - The junction of Curlew Way with Plover Close, Blyth
5. A letter was sent to 31 Residents and 25 statutory consultees on the proposed parking restrictions. A copy of the consultation letter and plan are shown in Appendix A
6. Ten responses were received in response to the consultation letter, the results were as follows:

For:	7	(70%)
Against:	0	(0%)
Neutral:	3	(30%)

A copy of the responses are shown in Appendix B.

7. The majority of residents were in favour of the proposal, but requests were received from some residents to modify the proposal and extend the parking restrictions to incorporate their homes. After meeting with the property owners Councillor Reid has agreed to have the scheme design amended accordingly. The scheme will be introduced as shown in Appendix C.
8. The scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Jeff Reid through his Members' Local Improvement Allocation

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Jeff Reid
Legal	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
Procurement	
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐	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	Plessey

Background papers:

File ref: HO176354

Appendix Index

Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan

Appendix B - Consultation Response

Appendix C - Amended 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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Thursday 15th February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,
Junction of Curlew Way with Lapwing Close & Plover Close, Blyth**

Residents have raised concerns with County Councillor Jeff Reid, regarding vehicles being parked too close to two junctions on Curlew Way, Blyth, causing traffic safety issues. Councillor Reid has therefore requested that "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions be introduced at the following junctions in order to alleviate these concerns:

- The junction of Curlew Way with Lapwing Close, Blyth
- The junction of Curlew Way with Plover Close, Blyth

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) to formally advise you on the proposed introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction at U9520 Curlew Way and the junctions of U9520 Curlew Way with U9520 Lapwing Close and with U9520 Plover Close, Blyth, as shown on the attached plan.

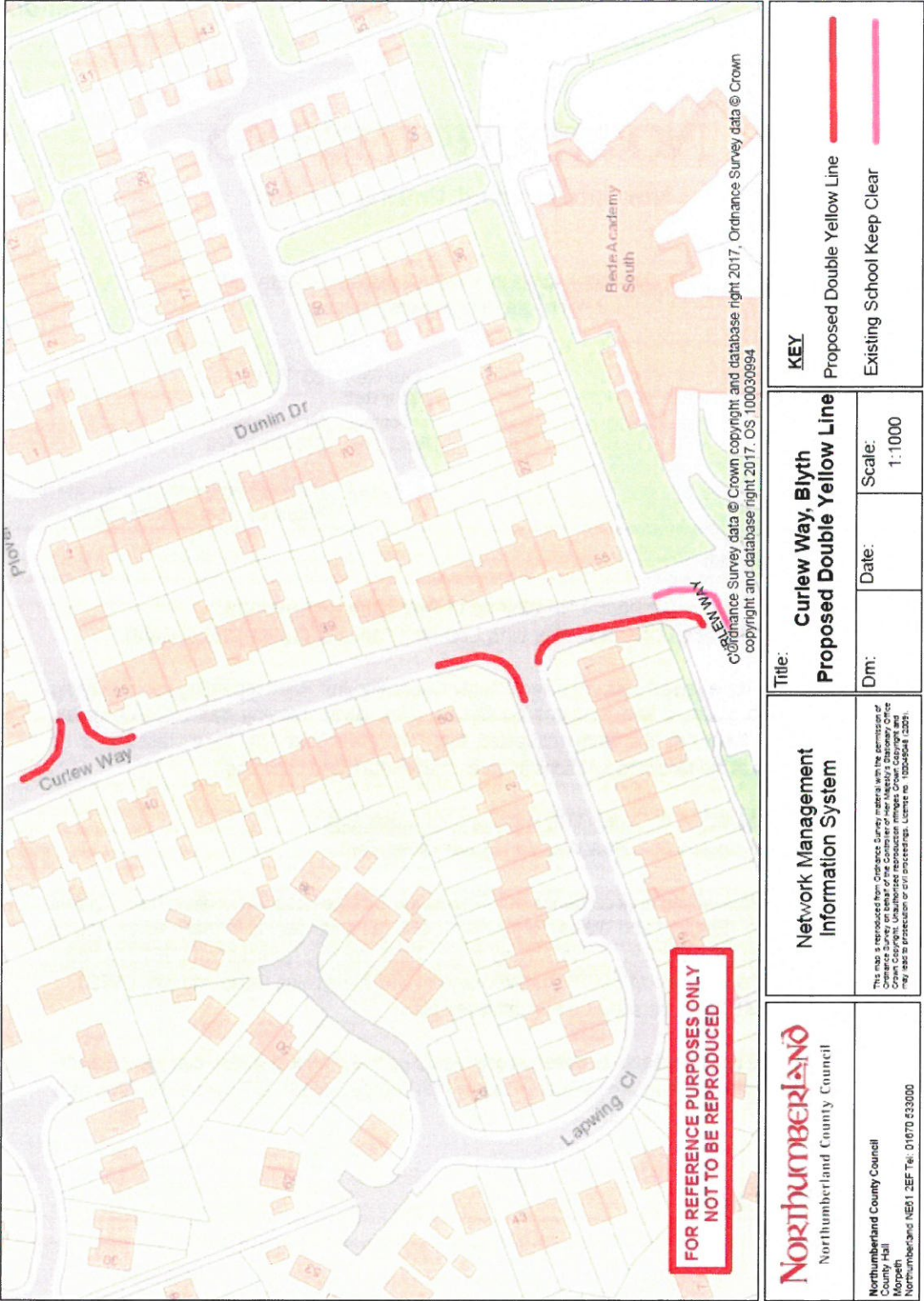
If you have any comments or observations regarding this proposal please can you email or write to Highways Programme Team, County Hall, Morpeth NE61 2EF before the 9th March 2018

Yours faithfully

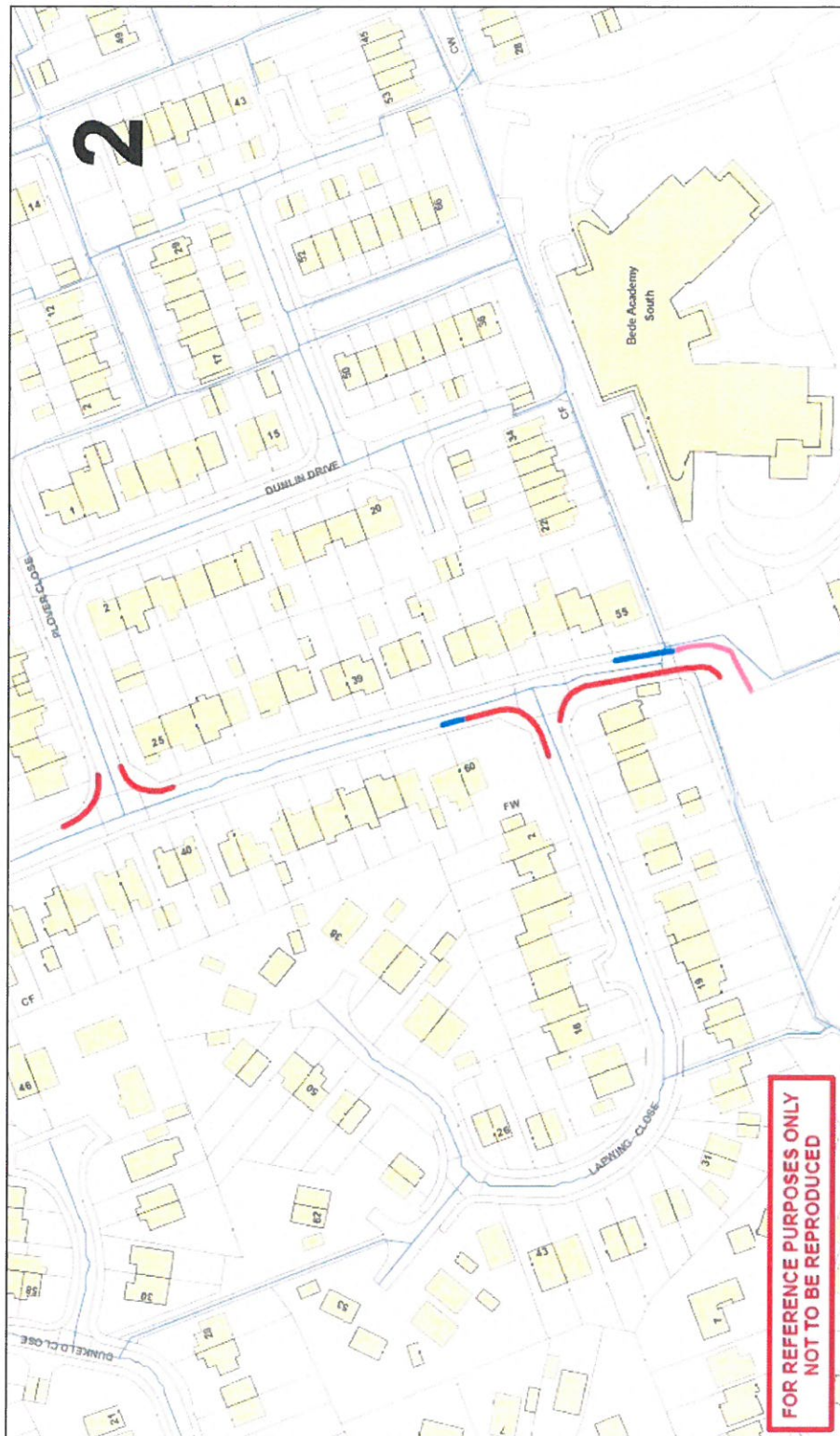


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Programme & Production Team

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A N G E A I T F I N H O S E R	Other Relevant Comments	
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	With reference to your recent correspondence regarding traffic congestion in and around Curlew Way, South Beach Estate. I am fully in support of whatever restrictions can be imposed, it's a start, but I would really wish for more robust measures to be implemented. During the 'school run' every day parking along Curlew Way is at an unacceptable level with cars parked outside residents homes totally restricting the flow of traffic. These people have a high disregard for immediate home owners in this area. Because of the amount of cars parked on the pavements a vast majority of slabs are cracked and broken. Not only is this unsightly to the residents but is a tripping hazard for the general public. Some enforced parking restrictions need to be put in place such as resident permit only or extend the school car park to accommodate the number of pupils attending the school. In the past the parking / traffic congestion has been patrolled but the problem still exists and without proper controlled no parking measures the problem will continue until a member of the public or a child is hurt. Your comments would be appreciated.	
	The introduction of these restriction will keep access and sight lines clear at school times however would a single yellow with time restrictions not be more appropriate as the issue only arise at the start and end of the school day?	1
	Thank you for your correspondence dated 15th February 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, onto convey patients to hospital for out-patient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.	1
	The correct Colour is Double Red for No Stopping at these points, it would not effect Stopping at the Junction as Vehicles would be on Highway and if necessary stop Signs fitted at the Junctions to give further guidance to Drivers that it is a Giveaway Junction. Double Yellow Lines do not work, as Public think No Traffic Wardens, but Double Red are No Stopping Lines and anyone caught gets an instant ticket with a Camera placed watching Junctions when Camera Required operated by CCTV Monitor Controller, hence No Escape for Law Breakers.	1
	Phone: I fully support the proposal, but request that the DYL is extended from the corner of Lapwing Close to the far gable end of 58 Curlew Way. The lady living there doesn't have a car and I'm sure she won't mind. Apologies I forgot to confirm in writing following conversation the other week re: double yellow lines on curlew way. I am more than happy with the proposal and I have spoken to neighbours and they are happy for yellow lines to be extended in front on number 60 and 58. The owner of 60 was going to email in to confirm as well, as I mentioned on the telephone lady at 58 has dementia so is unable to confirm anything in writing.	1
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	I am in full agreement with your proposal regarding no waiting at any time with regulation 5 local authorities traffic order 1996 Curlew Way, Lapwing Close, x Plover Close. Since the school opened I have had problems with parking across my drive, this causes obstruction with traffic. I have put no parking signs also enforced the drop kerb law but I need a visual mark. Across the drive. I have recently had to get the police involvement on this issue. I would be grateful if you could do this.	1
	As the residents of 60 Curlew Way we agree with the above proposals. We would also welcome the 'no waiting at any time' restrictions being extended further along Curlew Way, to cover the full front of our property. We have discussed this extension along the full extent of our house, with No 43 Curlew Way, the house directly opposite us, and they were happy with this suggestion. Could you please advise me if this is a viable suggestion.	1
	I am emailing in response to the letter we received regarding the proposed "no waiting at any time restriction" to be introduced at the junctions of Lapwing Close and Curlew Way. My husband and I both agree that this is an excellent and necessary measure to improve the accessibility of these roads and make the route safer for the many pedestrians who use it during school run times. According to the plan that we received, the proposed double yellow lines on the north side of Lapwing Close extending into Curlew Way appear to go as far as the gable end of 60, Curlew Way. If this is the case, then that would definitely improve the visibility for drivers exiting the Lapwing Junction. I would certainly welcome an extension of the double yellow lines as far as possible onto Curlew Way as the access to our drive way (number 45, Curlew Way) and my neighbour's drive way at number 43, is regularly compromised by people parking on the unbroken stretch of pavement across properties number 60 and 58. This difficulty is not just at school drop off and collection times but evenings and weekends too. Due to the difficulty accessing and exiting my own driveway, I regularly need to leave my car parked on the road which I am very reluctant to have to do as I feel I am then adding to the parking issues on our street (not least of which is the fact that cars must be parked partially over the pavements) and it also has implications for my car insurance. I should have added to my email the fact that the parking outside of numbers 58 and 60 Curlew Way is not due to the residents who live there. This space is used regularly by other people who actually have parking space outside of their own properties.	1
	Living 'facing' the junction of Curlew I think without waiting restrictions it will only be a matter of time before there is a serious incident. I have witnessed numerous near misses with the roads being blocked by parked cars literally on the junction.	1
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- Proposed Parking Restrictions (DYL)
- Proposed Extra Parking Restrictions (DYL)
- Existing School Keep Clear

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	Title: HO 176354 Curlew Way, Blyth Proposed Double yellow Lines	Dm: AW
	Date: May 18	Scale: NTS

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer:

Service Director, Local Services

Subject:

Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions,
Junction of Curlew Way with Lapwing Close & Plover
Close, Blyth

Consultation

For: 7 (70%)
Against: 0 (0%)
Neutral: 3 (30%)

Decision Taken:

To introduce the parking restrictions as proposed

Signature of Director

Date



11/7/18

