



Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones

**Proposed Introduction of new 20 MPH Speed Limit Restriction at Darras
Hall First School**

05 June 2018

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed implementation of traffic safety improvements for the new Darras Hall First School.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the new 20 mph Speed Limit is introduced together with highway requirements for the Section 278 agreement for the new school. These requirements include: a revised Traffic Regulation Order; amendment to crossing points at Broadway roundabout; and the provision of pedestrian guard rails at the entrance footway to prevent students from running into the road.

Link to Corporate Plan

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

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

Learning - "We want you to achieve and realise your potential"

Key Issues

1. This report covers highway safety improvements related to the new Darras Hall First School.
2. The provision of 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Darras Hall First School, in line with County Policy will help to improve road safety in the vicinity of the new school. This element of the work will be funded through the Local Transport Plan.

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3. Highway improvements are required as part of the Section 278 agreement for the development of Darras Hall First School. This element of the work will be funded by the developer.

Background

Introduction of 20 MPH Speed Limit

The introduction of a 20 MPH Speed Limit adjacent to Darras Hall First School is part of the 2018/19 LTP. This is part of the County Council's road safety initiative to introduce 20 MPH speed limits adjacent to all schools in Northumberland, provided it is feasible to do so.

Consultation took place between NCC Officers, Local County Councillors, the Parish Council and the school Head Teacher, who are all fully supportive of these proposals.

Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees were notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Orders.

A plan showing the extents of the 20mph speed limit is attached as Appendix A.

Highway Conditions of Section 278

Following the planning application for the development at Darras Hall First School, there were a small number of conditions which were required to improve safety on the Highway:-

- a revised Traffic Regulation Order;
- amendment to crossing points at Broadway roundabout; and,
- the provision of pedestrian guard rails at the entrance footway to prevent students from running into the road.

A plan showing the improvements being introduced at the Broadway roundabout is attached as Appendix B.

1. Amendment to the existing Traffic Regulation Order

One of these was an amendment to the existing Traffic Regulation Order (changes to yellow line restrictions)

A consultation took place in November 2017 to ask for comments regarding the amendments to the existing parking restrictions on Middle Drive. These changes were required as a result of the development of the new school and more specifically the creation of a main access to the school car park from Middle Drive. A copy of the consultation letter and plan is attached as Appendix C.

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The consultation was issued to 30 residential properties and approximately 30 statutory consultees. Four responses were received, three of these were from residents with one being from Northumbria Ambulance Service who did not express a preference. The responses received are detailed in Appendix D, however the results of the responses received are as follows: 1 in favour of the proposed changes, 2 against and 1 did not express a preference.

Taking these responses into consideration and following further discussions with the school, the consultant for the developer and NCC Officers, it was agreed to proceed with a revised plan of restrictions, which removed the single yellow lines at the west of the School Keep Clear Markings (which did not allow parking between 9:30am and 2:30pm) and replaced these with double yellow lines. A plan of these restrictions is attached as Appendix E.

It is considered that these minor changes will compliment the proposed 20 MPH speed limit, by creating a No Waiting and School Keep Clear - No Stopping Area at key times, but still allow an area to "drop off" at school times (single yellow line restrictions). This will allow greater visibility adjacent to the school on Middle Drive for all road users at peak times.

The Emergency Services and other relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Traffic Regulation Orders.

2. Revision of crossing points at Broadway Roundabout

This improvements to the existing crossing points at Broadway roundabout, will allow for greater visibility for all road users.

3. Provision of pedestrian guardrail on Middle Drive, Darras Hall at the new pedestrian accesses to the new school.

The provision of pedestrian guardrail will allow greater safety for pupils, staff and visitors exiting the school via the new footpaths.

Consultation took place between NCC Officers, Local County Councillor, the Parish Council and School Headteacher who all fully supported these proposals to the revision of the crossing points and the introduction of pedestrian guardrails.

It is anticipated the works for both schemes can be completed in August 2018, in preparation for the new school year.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed from part LTP and part rechargeable from the Developer via S278 Agreement
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_118 and TRO_007_47) and Planning Application requirements
Procurement	Signage and road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders and materials for S278
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	A reduction in speed will lead to a safer environment for all road users. Road safety improvements will aid pedestrians especially for access to and from the school.
Carbon reduction	Speed reduction assists with carbon reduction
Wards	Ponteland South with Heddon

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Background papers:

File reference -

20 MPH Scheme - S:\Highways\PROJECT\17\HE MINOR IMPROVEMENTS\HE174328 - TROs\HE174328-22 Darras Hall Primary School 20mph

S278 - S:\Highways\PROJECT\17\PI161001 - Darras Hall - New Primary School Development - S278 Works

Planning Application Reference - 16/04291/CCD

Appendix A – Scheme Plan - 20 MPH Speed Limit

Appendix B - Proposed revised Crossing Points at Broadway Roundabout

Appendix C - Consultation on Amendment to Existing Waiting Restrictions

Appendix D - Consultation Responses

Appendix E - Proposed Revised Amendment to Waiting Restrictions

Report sign off.

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed implementation of a new 20 mph speed limit adjacent to Darras Hall First School
Proposed implementation of amendments to No Waiting and No Stopping Restrictions on Middle Drive Ponteland

Consultation: Not required for Proposed implementation of a new 20 mph speed limit adjacent to Darras Hall First School. – proposal part of LTP 2017/18 and supported by Local County Councillors, Parish Council and notified to Northumbria Police

Following unfavourable initial consultation on the amendments to the parking restrictions it was agreed to proceed with a revised plan of restrictions, which removed the single yellow lines at the west of the School Keep Clear Markings (which did not allow parking between 9:30am and 2:30pm) and replaced these with double yellow lines.

Decision Taken: To proceed with the introduction of a new 20 mph speed limit adjacent to Darras Hall First School and Amendments to No Waiting and No Stopping Restrictions on Middle Drive Ponteland

Signature of Director

Date



11/6/18

Appendix A - Scheme Plan for 20mph Speed Limit

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NOT TO BE REPRODUCED

ISSUES

Sinks SKS

Shelter 83m

82.6m

80.5m

Darras Mews

Garage

Darras Station

Darras Bdy

Darras Hall First School

United Reformed Church Darras Hall

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Appendix B - Proposed revised Crossing Points at Broadway Roundabout

Appendix C - Consultation on Amendment to Existing Waiting Restrictions

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Date: Thursday 23rd November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Amendment to Existing Parking Restrictions **U9083 Middle Drive Darras Hall Ponteland**

With the amendment of the access to Darras Hall First School, it is proposed to amend the "Waiting and Loading Restrictions" (single yellow lines and yellow keep clear zig-zag lines) on Middle Drive Ponteland. Please note: This amendment applies to the north side of the carriageway only, all other existing restrictions in the area will remain unchanged.

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 advise you on the proposed amendment to the "No Waiting between 9:30am to 2:30pm" and "Keep Clear Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm" parking restrictions at Middle Drive, Darras Hall, Ponteland, as shown on 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 Executive 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 Friday 5th January 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.

Your Faithfully



Terry Luck
Programme Officer

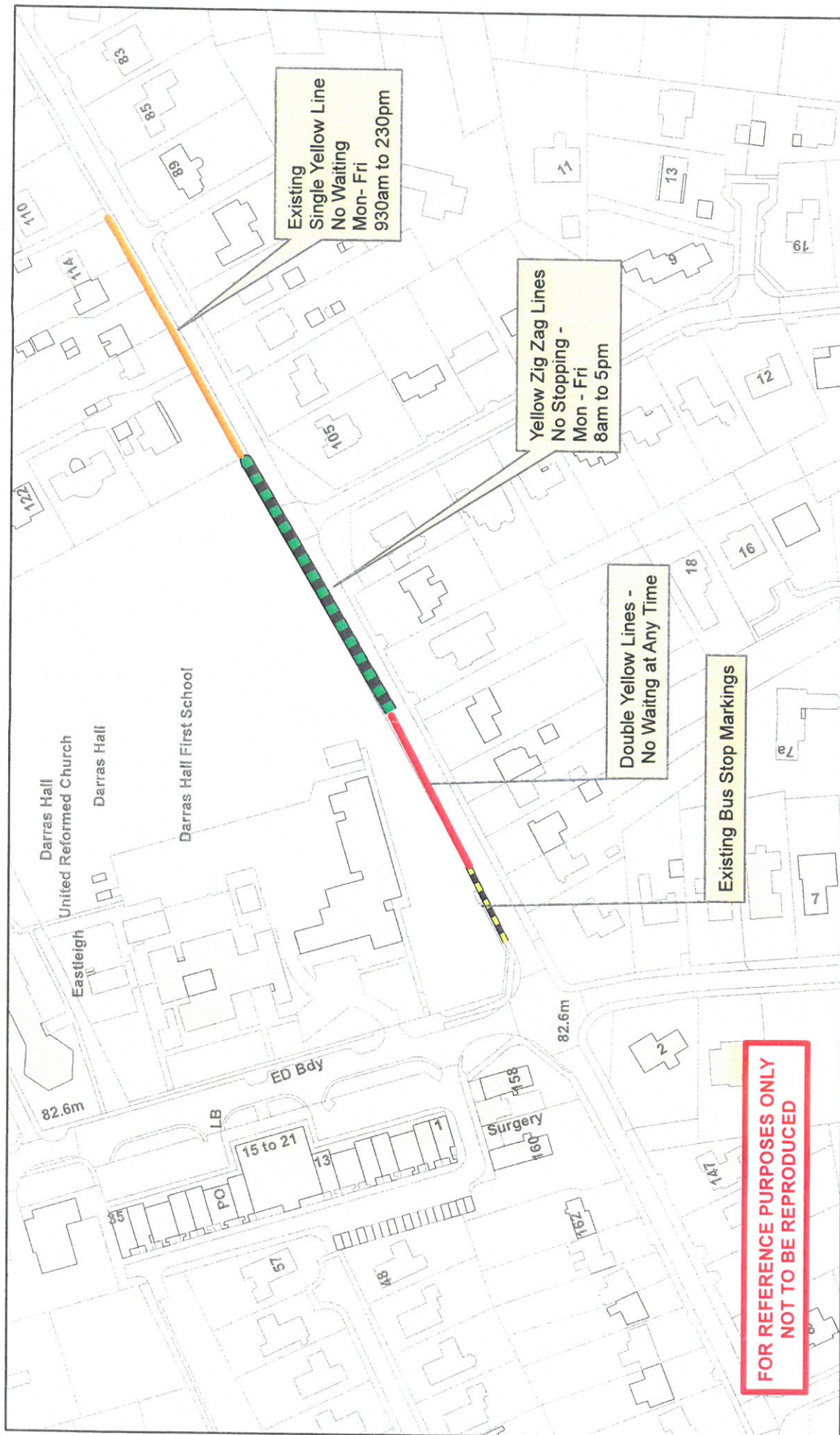


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Appendix D - Summary of Consultation Responses

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
			Other Relevant Comments
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 23rd November 2017 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as 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 outpatient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the ongoing road safety programme.
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		1	We have 2 objections / concerns with the proposals: 1. No stopping (Mon - Fri, 8am - 5pm) : we were led to believe that the entrance to the new school buildings for school drop off was to be from Broadway. If true, WHY do we need 'school keep clear' & these restrictions on Middle Drive as SURELY you will have made adequate physia for school drop off, accessed from broadway, in your school redevelopment plans? Since we live directly across from the proposed restmitia what happens if we have delivery drop offs? we do not agree to these restrictions & fail to understand why they are needed. This is unnecessary disruption to Residents 2. We don't understand the 9.30 - 2.30pm 'no waiting'. From our observation the school traffic comes before 9 and after 2.30 so we believe this will be ineffectual. We suggest you clear your facts on the busy traffic times & modify accordingly. Finally, since the school is built in the middle of the estate, within easy walking distance, why not encourage / mandate parents to access the school without their vehicles, making it better for all residents. Ultimately, the school access SHOULD NOT IMPACT RESIDENTS.
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Appendix E - Proposed Revised Amendment to Waiting Restrictions



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