



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

**Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services**

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**PROPOSED 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' PARKING RESTRICTION AND  
SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKING, HILLCREST, ALNWICK.**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider a proposal to provide 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) and 'School Keep Clear' parking restrictions in Hillcrest, Alnwick, in order to improve traffic safety at St Paul's School & Nursery.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions and 'School Keep Clear' markings should be provided.

#### **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. The County Council has received concerns from Alnwick Town Council over traffic safety on Hillcrest in Alnwick, associated with the adjacent St Paul's School.
2. Congestion occurs at the south end of Hillcrest due to school traffic parking near the junction with the Oaks roundabout.
3. A new entrance to the Nursery unit at the school has been created which currently has no protection from parked vehicles.

## Delegated decisions

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### Background

1. The County Council has received concerns from Alnwick Town Council over traffic safety on Hillcrest in Alnwick, associated with the adjacent St Paul's School.
2. Hillcrest is adjacent to the eastern boundary of the school site and includes a side entrance to the school which is protected from parked vehicles by a 'School Keep Clear' road marking. Although it is the access road to the residential areas of Hillcrest Park and Springfield Park, it is not directly fronted by any residential properties. A view of Hillcrest from the Oaks roundabout is shown in Figure 1.



**Fig. 1. Hillcrest looking north from the Oaks roundabout.**

3. At school drop-off and pick-up times, parents park along both sides of the road.
4. This parking reduces the road width to one lane which can cause congestion.
5. It also creates an issue for traffic entering Hillcrest Park from the Oaks roundabout, which can find itself meeting oncoming traffic 'head on', and sometimes has to wait on the roundabout itself for the road to clear.

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6. Following discussion with the local Civil Enforcement Officer, it is recommended that double yellow lines be provided:
  - on both sides of the road near the junction, in order to keep it clear, and
  - on the east side of the road as far as the junction with Hillcrest Park, in order to address the issues caused by parking on both sides of the road. This will also address visibility issues experienced by those exiting Hillcrest Park.
7. As well as the existing side entrance to St Paul's school, a new entrance has been created for the attached nursery. This new entrance is not protected from parked cars.
8. It is therefore recommended that the existing 'School Keep Clear' road markings are extended northwards to include the nursery entrance.
9. The proposed road markings are shown in Appendix A.
10. A consultation has not been carried out because:
  - there are no properties fronting Hillcrest.
  - The proposals are considered necessary on road safety grounds.
11. Statutory consultees will be informed of the Council's intention to provide the restrictions.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	The proposal will be funded by the Traffic Management element of the LTP programme.
<b>Legal</b>	None
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	None
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Statutory consultees will be informed.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Alnwick

### Background papers:

File ref: HE185325

## **Delegated decisions**

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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	n/a
Monitoring Officer/Legal	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
I.T.	n/a
Director	PJ
Portfolio Holder(s)	GS

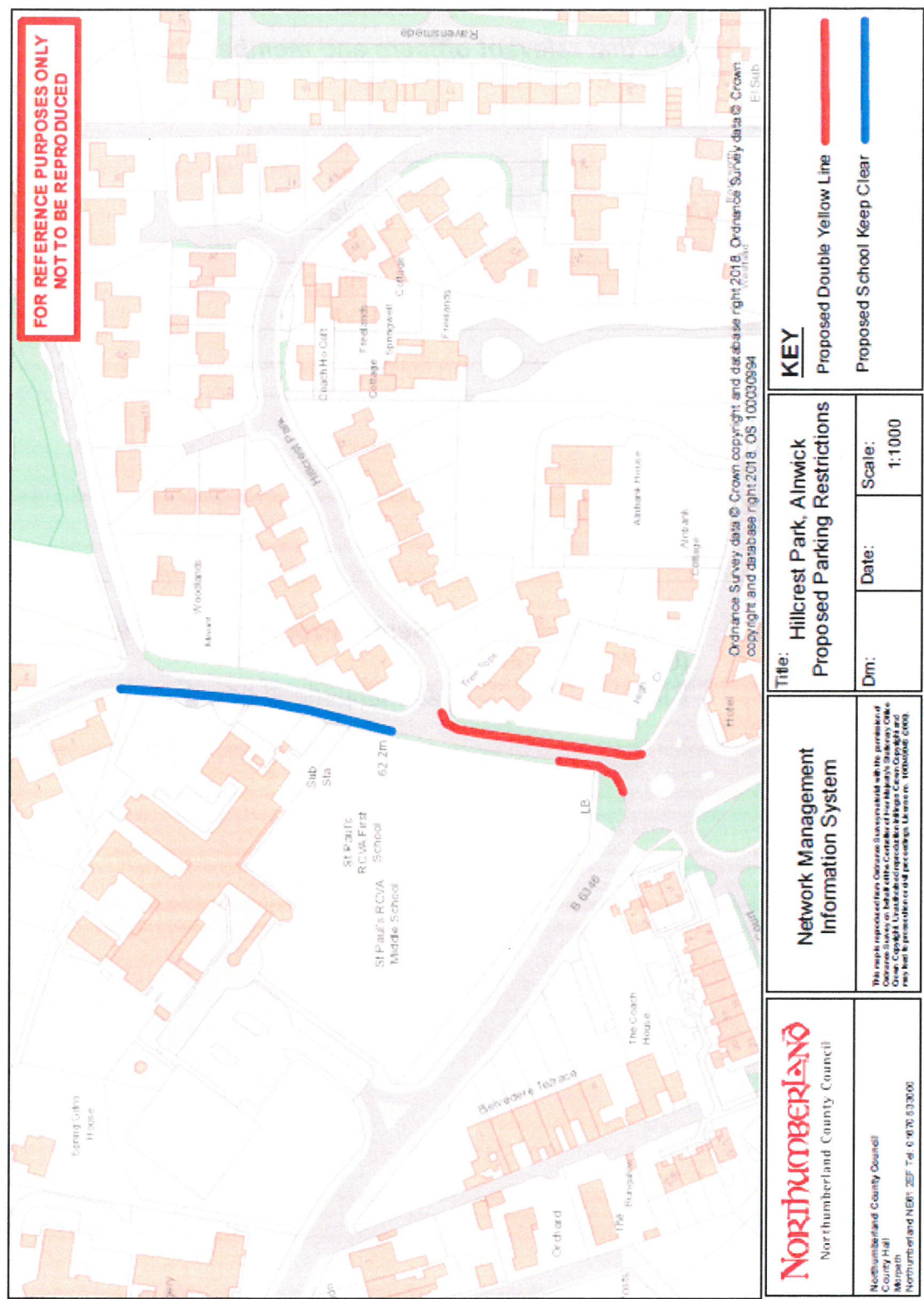
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Appendix A Proposed Parking Restrictions



## DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio  
Holder (where appropriate):**

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

**Subject:**

PROPOSED 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME'  
PARKING RESTRICTION AND SCHOOL KEEP  
CLEAR MARKING, HILLCREST, ALNWICK.

**Consultation**

Statutory consultees to be informed.

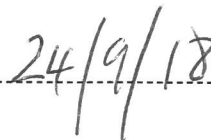
**Decision Taken:**

The proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' and 'School  
Keep Clear' parking restrictions should be provided.

Signature of Director/  
officer/Portfolio Holder where  
appropriate)\*



**Date**



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