



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY  
SERVICE DIRECTOR, LOCAL SERVICES  
Paul Jones**

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**Proposed Introduction of a  
Prohibition of Driving (Except for Cyclists)  
Low Greens Link Road, Berwick**

**14 March 2018**

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**Purpose of Report**

To consider the proposal to introduce a "Prohibition of Driving" (Except for cyclists) on U107 Low Greens Link Road, Berwick.

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

1. a "Prohibition of Driving" (Except for cyclists) traffic regulation order be introduced on U107 Low Greens Link Road, Berwick.
2. a planting box be placed at the west end of Low Greens Link road to augment the traffic regulation order.
3. No Through Road signs be erected as appropriate.
4. the current 'No Waiting at any Time' parking restriction be revoked on Low Greens Link Road to provide additional on street parking for the residents parking scheme.

**Key Issues and Background**

1. This area has been highlighted by the Residents' Association as a safety concern.
2. The roads in Low Green area lead only to residential properties and terminate in footpaths which are used extensively by pedestrians as a route to the town centre. During a site inspection it was found that the roads were inadequately signed with respect to this dead end.
3. It was also noted that by removing the through traffic from one small section of highway, this would increase the safety of pedestrians and increase the on street parking for residents.



4. The scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Catherine Seymour through her Members' Local Improvement allocation.

### **Consultation**

1. A formal consultation did not take place as this proposal is being introduced on traffic safety improvement grounds.
2. Support for the proposal is provided by both Councillor Seymour, and The Residents' Association. (See appendix B).
3. Statutory consultees have been notified.
4. Advertising of the scheme will be carried out via the legal process for the introduction of a new Traffic Regulation Order.

### **Recommendations**

1. It is recommended that the proposal as detailed in Appendix A, should proceed having the full support of the Residents' Association and County Councillor, including proceeding with the introduction of a No Through Road in Low Greens, Berwick.
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 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.

### **File References**

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### **Appendix Index**

Appendix A – Information Letter and Plan  
Appendix B - Letter of support



## Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	None
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement allocation for Councillor Catherine Seymour
<b>Legal</b>	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
<b>Procurement</b>	
<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>	Introduction of No Through Road (Except for Cyclist and Pedestrians)
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Traffic safety concerns i.e. Accidents involving pedestrians
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Scheme is anticipated to improve safety for pedestrians and parking provisions for a resident in the area
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	
<b>Wards</b>	Berwick North

### Background papers:

None



**Report sign off.**

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

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## DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio Holder**

Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:**

Proposed No Through Road (Except for Cyclists)  
Restriction  
Low Greens Link Road, Berwick

**Consultation:**

Not conducted – All statutory consultees and interested bodies notified.

**Decision Taken:**

To introduce No Through Road (Except for Cyclists)  
Restriction

Signature of Service Director

**Date**

  
11/6/18



## Appendix A



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31st January 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Proposed Prohibition of Driving (except for cyclists) Low Greens Link Road, Berwick**

The Greenses Resident Association, recently raised safety concerns with County Councillor Seymour, regarding the Link Road at Low Greens, Berwick. Following a site meeting where safety and residents parking issues were discussed, Councillor Seymour has agreed to fund the design and implementation of a scheme which will prevent vehicles from using this road.

It is proposed to introduce a Prohibition of Driving order on the Link Road and place a large planting box at the western end, with appropriate advanced warning signs. Pedestrians and cyclists will be unaffected by these measures. The Greenses Resident Association has agreed to maintain the planter. As the Link Road will no longer be subject to through traffic, it is also proposed to amend the current parking restrictions to provide extra on street parking for the residents parking scheme.

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 "Prohibition of Driving" traffic regulation order (except for cyclists) and the removal of 'No Waiting at any Time' parking restrictions at U107 Low Greens Link Road, Berwick, as shown on the attached plans.





Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "AW", written over a horizontal line.

Andy Walker  
Technical Assistant (Members Small Schemes)





Road Signs Schedule										NOTES	
Ref	TSR & GD 2016 Diag. No.	Legend	No.	Surface	Approx Size(m) (W x L)	Posts/Signs			Mount Height (m)	Remarks	
						Dia (mm)	Length (m)	no			
TS01	Schedule 11, Part 2, Item 5, Diagram 816		1	Class R2	0.400 x 0.620	76	3.32	1	2.1	Proposed sign and post.	<p><b>1.0 GENERAL</b> 1.1 ALL DIMENSIONS IN (mm) UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE. 1.2 ALL LEVELS IN (m) IN REFERENCE TO GPS CO-ORDINATE SYSTEM.</p> <p><b>Key</b> Area of road marking to be removed</p>  <p>Existing Double Yellow Lines</p> 
TS02	Schedule 11, Part 2, Item 7, Diagram 817		1	Class R2	0.525 x .450	76	3.15	1	2.1	Proposed sign and post.	

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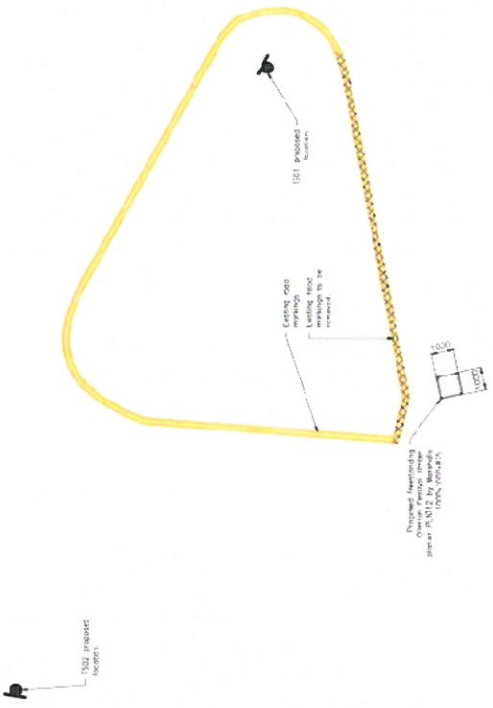
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**Title: U107 LOW GREENS  
BERWICK**

Dm: AW Date: Scale: NTS

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**SCHEME LAYOUT**  
SCALE 1:100



## Appendix B

On 23 Oct 2017 19:05, "James Forrest" <[jimmyforrestXX@XXXX.com](mailto:jimmyforrestXX@XXXX.com)> wrote:

*Just a quick note to say thank you for your input into the safety concerns outside my house. Also a huge thank you for your offer to use your small scheme allowance to fund the work. Myself and the Greenses Committee members are delighted with the solution.*

*I already cut the grass and plant out the boat so another planter (brilliant idea) will be no problem for me to look after and I am sure will look great!*

*Thanks again. Jimmy Forrest*