



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS, LINDEN WAY, DARRAS HALL

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to provide parking restrictions in Linden Way, Darras Hall.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions (single yellow lines - no parking 8am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 4pm), should be implemented on an experimental basis for 18 months with residents be consulted on the effectiveness after 12 months.

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

The County Council has received concerns from residents of Linden Way about indiscriminate parking associated with the nearby Primary School.

The consultation response was positive and the scheme will be funded through the LTP.

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Background

1. The County Council has received concerns from local residents via Ponteland Town Council about indiscriminate parking in Linden Way causing road safety concerns.
2. Linden Way is close to Darras Hall First School and is subject to parent parking at school times. Figure 1 shows its location in relation to the school. The existing parking restrictions are also shown.

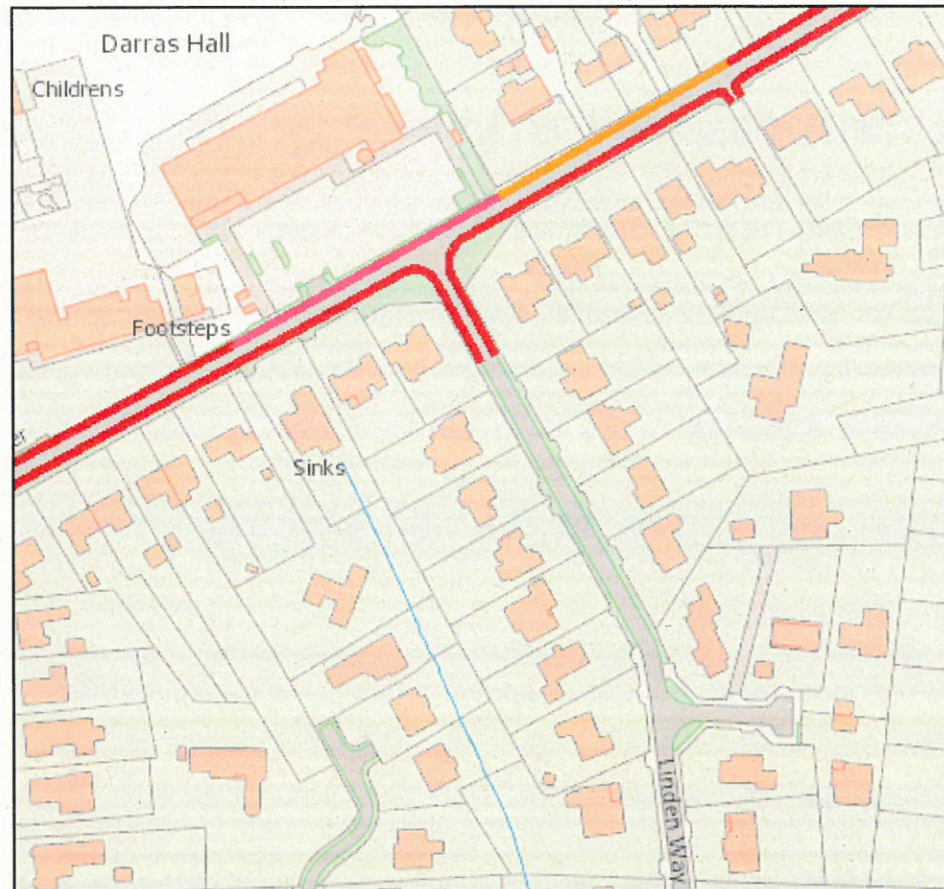


Fig.1. Location Plan & existing parking restrictions (red = double yellow lines, orange = single yellow lines, pink = school keep clear markings).

3. A Prohibition of Driving restriction is currently in place on Linden Way, but this is rarely enforced by Northumbria Police and is therefore routinely ignored.
4. In 2017, safety concerns were raised associated with pedestrians walking in the road on that section of Linden Way which currently does not have a footway. In response, double yellow lines were extended 38 metres into Linden Way.

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5. These extended double yellow lines have succeeded in keeping the area clear. Many of the consultation responses in 2017 stated that the proposal would simply move the problem further into Linden Way.
6. Therefore, a second consultation was carried out in August 2017 on a proposal to provide single yellow lines (No Waiting 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm) on a longer section of Linden Way. Only 46% of responses were in favour so the proposal was not taken forward. Many stated that the problem only exists at school times and restrictions were not required at other times of the day. This view was confirmed by the Council's Civil Enforcement Officer.
7. Since that time the Council has received further concerns from residents who state that school traffic is now parking further into Linden Way, causing the same issues of obstruction and safety concerns.
8. Residents were therefore consulted again on a proposal to extend the parking restrictions further into Linden Way. Both double yellow lines to prevent parking at all times and single yellow lines to prevent parking at school times were proposed as potential solutions.
9. Eleven responses were received as follows:
 - For: 8 (73%)
 - Against: 2 (18%)
 - Neither 1 (9%)

A copy of the responses is shown in Appendix B.

10. The 'neither' response was from the North East Ambulance Service. When this is removed, 80% of the residents who responded were in favour of parking restrictions.
11. Further analysis shows that, of the 8 responses in favour, 3 preferred single yellow lines, 4 preferred double yellow lines while 1 did not express a preference.
12. Those against restrictions referred to the fact that the problems are only experienced at school start and finish times. As mentioned above, this view was supported by the Civil Enforcement Officer previously.
13. Single yellow lines that prevent parking at school start and finish times would address the issues while still allowing parking outside those times so is less restrictive for residents.
14. These could be provided on an experimental basis initially, so that their effectiveness can be measured before a decision is taken on whether to make them permanent or consider an alternative.

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15. There was no response from Ponteland Town Council, however the local ward member supports the proposal.
16. Given the outcome of the consultation, the school traffic issues and the support of the local ward member, it is recommended that single yellow lines are provided on an experimental basis for 18 months. The lines will prevent parking between 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm.
17. After 12 months residents will be asked to feedback on the effectiveness of the lines and state whether they wish them to be made permanent or not.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	The scheme will be funded through the Local Transport Plan Programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order.
Procurement	None
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	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Local residents and statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Ponteland South with Heddon

Background papers:

File ref: HE185325

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Report sign off.

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

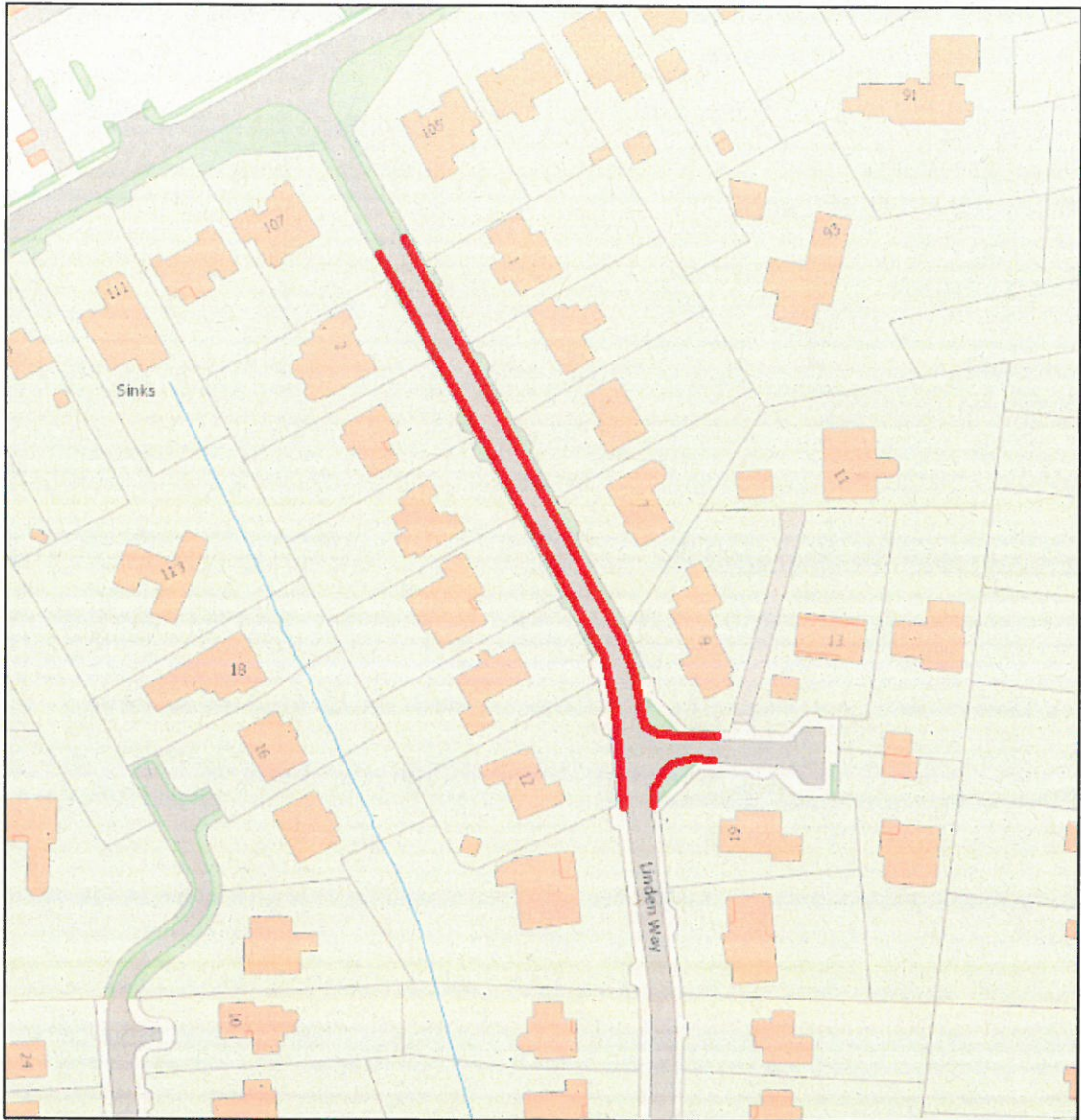
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Appendix A - Consultation Plan



Proposed Parking Restrictions, Linden Way

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Appendix B - Consultation Responses

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
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1			Single yellow lines should be enough
1			Single yellow lines would be a waste of time & money. You have already tried the road signs stating no access except for off street parking which have not been adhered to. The only way to stop this would be double yellow lines in my opinion.
		1	Thank you for your correspondence dated 21st January 2019 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-patient appointments. I thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the on-going road safety programme.
1			Thank you for your letter regarding further parking restrictions in Linden Way, I've heard the problems caused by specified times between those parking and even fighting over places. So I've opted for option 1, no parking at all times.
1			We would favour the option of single yellow lines preventing parking at specific times of the day i.e. school start and end times
		1	The current parking restrictions we consider to be sufficient. The school cars parked in the early morning and evening are not extreme, and there is a blockage for only about 10 -15 minutes. We have an elderly relative who stays with us occasionally and we do have friends and guests who visit during the day. Any further parking restrictions would hamper these visits. If the new restrictions are introduced, a permit parking structure may be required to allow residents to park on the main highway / road
1			Parking restrictions during school times (No parking at these times)
1			I support the extension of double yellow lines along Linden Way. I don't think a footpath is the solution as parents have said they could park on them. According to the latest school newsletter there was another near miss on Linden so obviously the current restrictions are not adequate. I was under the impression that on a new build school adequate parking was taken into account. I see little evidence of this.
1			I support the extension of double yellow lines along Linden Way. Single yellow lines are futile as has been witnessed on Middle Drive with parents paying no regard to the time limitations.
		1	Your letter of 21 January enclosed draft parking restrictions in Linden Way. I do not wish to see any further extension of the restrictions which are already in force. I believe the proposals shown would be more of an inconvenience to residents than the benefits they would bring. The parking problems caused by the relocation of the school entrance only last for around 30 minutes twice a day in term time. Traffic restrictions would apply 24 hours, 365 days and be a much greater problem to residents losing on street parking. Before any further restrictions are made I would wish to see two steps taken. 1. The existing Access Only restriction being enforced. 2. The access to the school from Broadway reinstated, at present it is still closed off by a gate within the school. I commented at the planning stage that a path should be retained giving access to the school from Broadway so that parents continued to drop their children on Broadway and not on Middle Drive which is a more dangerous road.
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DECISION TAKEN

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

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

Subject:

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Consultation

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Decision Taken:

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



Date

18/4/19

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