



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Introduction of a time change to the No Waiting Restrictions on Middle Drive, Darras Hall, Ponteland

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

13 November 2019

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed implementation of a time change to the No Waiting restrictions (Single Yellow Lines) on Middle Drive, Darras Hall, Ponteland on an Experimental basis

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed time changes to the No Waiting Restrictions on Middle Drive, Darras Hall, Ponteland be introduced on an experimental basis. This will directly replace the existing No Waiting restrictions, Everyday 9.30am to 2.30pm (Single Yellow Line), with an Everyday 8am to 5pm (Single Yellow Line), adjacent to Darras Hall Primary School.

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. There are continuing concerns with indiscriminate parking adjacent to the new Darras Hall Primary School, which raise a number of road safety concerns.
2. Inconsiderate parking is causing congestion which is disrupting bus services.
3. The scheme is supported by county councillors across Ponteland and the Head Teacher at Darras Hall Primary School.

Background

Introduction of a change to the No Waiting Restrictions (Single Yellow Lines) on an experimental basis.

There has been a history of indiscriminate parking adjacent to Darras Hall First School, which causes a number of road safety concerns. These concerns have increased since the school became a primary school last year.

As a result of feedback received by NCC Officers and county councillors across Ponteland since the introduction of the new school in September 2018 it is proposed to replace the existing No Waiting restrictions, Everyday 9.30am to 2.30pm (Single Yellow Line), on Middle Drive adjacent to Darras Hall Primary School, with a No Waiting Everyday 8am to 5pm (Single Yellow Line) restriction. This will be done on an experimental basis for 18 months. (See Appendix 1).

The existing Single Yellow Line restrictions were introduced prior to the new school being opened and were intended to provide additional short term parking during school drop off times. Anecdotal evidence suggests that this restriction is causing confusion to road users in the area and it is also causing additional congestion. Darras Hall Primary School, currently has a wide catchment area for their pupils, many of which rely on motorised transport to take them to the area.

This proposal is intended to further complement the existing restrictions already in place i.e. Double Yellow Lines and School Keep Clear (Yellow Zig Zag markings). By introducing these restrictions on an experimental basis, it allows Officers to monitor feedback, assess the overall impact of parking restrictions and road user habits around the school premises, and make any necessary changes during the experimental period. This process will help to provide additional evidence for any further long term solutions around schools.

Delegated Decision



The restrictions will be introduced on grounds of road safety and therefore public consultation is not necessary.

The Experimental Order will be advertised in the press as part of the legal process.

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

We will continue to work with the school to review sustainable methods of travel to school and we have also arranged for Civil Enforcement Officers to increase the amount of enforcement they carry out during the initial period of this change.

Delegated Decision

Implications Arising out of the Report

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| Policy | Consistent with existing policies |
| Finance and value for money | Scheme will be financed from the 2019/20 Local Transport Plan |
| Legal | Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO_007_63) (Experimental) |
| Procurement | Signage to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders |
| 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 | The proposal is being introduced to minimise reported road safety risks. |
| Crime & Disorder | Reduction in indiscriminate parking |
| Customer Consideration | Residents and road users will benefit from the introduction of these restrictions |
| Carbon reduction | The amendment to these restrictions may encourage some parents to use more sustainable methods to transport their children to school. |
| Wards | Ponteland South with Heddon |

Delegated Decision

Background papers:

File reference -

S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\HE Minor Improvements\HED19323 Traffic
Regulation Orders\HED19323-30 Middle Drive Ponteland

Appendix A – Scheme Plan -

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer:

Service Director, Local Services.

Subject:

Proposed introduction of new No Waiting Everyday 8am to 5pm (Single Yellow Line) restriction on an experimental basis on Middle Drive, Darras Hall Ponteland. This will directly replace the existing No Waiting restrictions, Everyday 930am to 230pm (Single Yellow Line). Adjacent to Darras Hall Primary School.

Consultation:

Consultation will take place via feedback received over the duration of the Experimental Order. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and the Head Teacher of Darras Hall Primary School.

Decision Taken:

To introduce No Waiting Everyday 8am to 5pm (Single Yellow Line) restrictions on an experimental basis on Middle Drive, Darras Hall Ponteland

Signature of Director



Date





