



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

**Paul Jones**

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#### **Seghill First School Road Safety Improvements**

**Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services**

**4th October 2019**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the requirement to amend the current parking restrictions to accommodate the new boundary fencing that is being installed around the perimeter of Seghill First School.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the amendments to the existing parking restrictions outside Seghill First School are introduced to tie in with the boundary fencing proposals.

#### **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. The existing metal boundary fencing with brickwork pillars and a section of wall is being replaced by a 1.8 metre boundary fence.
2. The existing school access gates are moving to new positions as per the boundary fence design, therefore the existing 'School Keep Clear' markings will also need to be moved to protect each new access.
3. Existing parking issues are also evident outside of the school, therefore the process offers the opportunity to address any additional road safety concerns.
4. Representatives from the County Council have been working closely with the school and the developer to establish and process the proposals.

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5. School representatives have been keeping affected parties including school parents up to date on the proposals.
6. The cost of the TRO will be covered by Property Services as part of the boundary fence works.

### **Background**

Seghill First School is bounded by Main Street North, Main Street South, East View, Cheviot View and Barrass Avenue. The surrounding streets mainly provide access to residential properties. The school accommodates nursery children, reception and years 1 to 4 with approximately 100 pupils in attendance for any given year.

The existing brickwork boundary fence is being upgraded to current standards, which requires some of the school accesses to be moved on Cheviot View and to accommodate an area of visitor parking.

'School Keep Clear' markings are installed to prevent vehicles parking too close to school entrances, where they cause obstruction and restrict visibility. Because the school entrances are moving, the existing 'School Keep Clear' markings associated with those entrance will also need to be moved and positioned in front of the new entrances.

In addition, there is provision in the LTP 2019/2020 programme of a permanent 20 MPH speed limit adjacent to Seghill First School, in line with the County Council's current policy.

This scheme is currently being prepared and it is anticipated that both schemes may be programmed together, in order to minimise any disruption and deliver cost savings. This scheme will be detailed in a separate Decision Report - Seghill First School - 20 MPH Speed Limit 2019.

### **Proposals**

Following meetings with the Head Teacher and the Site Manager for the school, it is evident that indiscriminate parking is also taking place in areas across junctions which further restricts visibility as well as on footways which are already narrow in nature. The required amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) to accommodate the boundary fence detail, affords the opportunity to address the concerns raised by the school at the same time.

#### ***Parking Restrictions – 'School Keep Clear' (No Stopping Monday to Friday 8am – 5pm)***

The two existing 'School Keep Clear' markings on Cheviot View will be moved to accommodate the new school entrances and the visitor parking requirements.

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The two existing 'School Keep Clear' markings on Barrass Avenue have recently been re-laid due to micro-surfacing works on the road. No entrances are moving on this section, therefore the markings will be retained. An additional 'School Keep Clear' marking is proposed on Barrass Avenue to prevent parking near the entrances on an already narrow footway.

### ***Parking Restrictions – 'No Waiting at Any Time'***

'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are also proposed at the south-easternmost junction where Barrass Avenue meets Laycock Gardens, and where it meets the A190 Main Street South. Anecdotal evidence suggests that parents park within the mouth of the junctions which restricts visibility for motorists emerging from the junctions.

Details of the proposals are shown on the plan at Appendix A. The proposals are intended to maintain the free flow of traffic where possible and to protect school entrances. Pedestrians will also benefit from having access to existing footways.

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.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will be financed by Property Services as part of the proposed boundary fencing amendments..
<b>Legal</b>	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO_011_085). Signage and road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders.
<b>Procurement</b>	N/A
<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"/>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The proposal has been designed to minimise the risk to vulnerable road users needing to access the school premises.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Users will benefit from improved road safety measures.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	The measures actively promote alternative and more sustainable means of transport.
<b>Wards</b>	Seghill with Seaton Delaval

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### **Background papers:**

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\RT Rechargeable  
Schemes\SC181028 Seghill First School

Appendix A – Scheme Plan - S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\RT Rechargeable  
Schemes\SC181028 Seghill First School

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**DECISION TAKEN**

**Title of Officer:**

Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:**

Proposed amendments to the current parking restrictions to accommodate new boundary fencing that is being installed around the perimeter of Seghill First School.

**Consultation:**

Not required on the grounds of road safety. However, representatives from the school and the local councilor have been involved in the design process throughout.

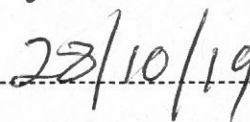
**Decision Taken:**

To introduce and amend parking restrictions to accommodate the revised boundary fence layout surrounding the perimeter of Seghill First School.

Signature of Director



Date



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## Appendix A

