

## Delegated decisions



# Northumberland County Council

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

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

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### **PROPOSED 'RED ROUTE', HEXHAM AMBULANCE STATION**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider a proposal to provide a 'Red Route' on the approach to Hexham Ambulance Station in Bridge End Industrial Estate, in order to maintain a clear route for ambulances responding to emergencies.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed Red Route is implemented.

#### **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 Ambulance Service is experiencing problems of access and egress from Hexham Ambulance Station due to parked vehicles.

This is a particular concern in emergencies when ambulances can find the route congested.

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### Background

1. The Ambulance Service is experiencing problems of access and egress from Hexham Ambulance Station due to parked vehicles.
2. The ambulance station is located on the U8308 road at Bridge End Industrial Estate and is circled on the plan below.



3. As the main access road into the Industrial Estate it is well trafficked, including significant HGV movements.
4. Roadside parking often takes place on the access road, including by HGVs, some of which park overnight. This can impede access and egress by ambulances.
5. In order to address these issues and provide a clear route for emergency vehicles, statutory consultees were consulted on a proposal to provide a Red Route on the access road.
6. Red Routes are clearways which apply to the entire highway width, i.e. verges and footways as well as the carriageway, (standard clearways only apply to the carriageway). No vehicle is permitted to stop for any purpose, except in an emergency. Loading and unloading is not permitted. Vehicles displaying a blue badge are permitted to stop to pick up or drop off a disabled person but are not permitted to park.
7. A Red Route is marked with double red lines. Signs are also provided on each side of the road, as shown below:

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8. Given the need to ensure access for ambulances responding to an emergency, a red route is considered preferable to double yellow lines which allow a certain amount of loading, and parking by blue badge holders.
9. No responses were received to the consultation, however, the Ambulance Service and the local ward member support the proposal.
10. The neighbouring businesses have their own parking areas and sufficient on-highway parking is available nearby, including to the north of the ambulance station access.
11. It is therefore recommended that the proposed Red Route Clearway is implemented.

## Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	None
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	The scheme will be funded through the Local Transport Plan Programme.
<b>Legal</b>	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order.
<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"/>	None

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<b>Risk Assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	None
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Corbridge

### Background papers:

File ref: HE203423

### 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	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

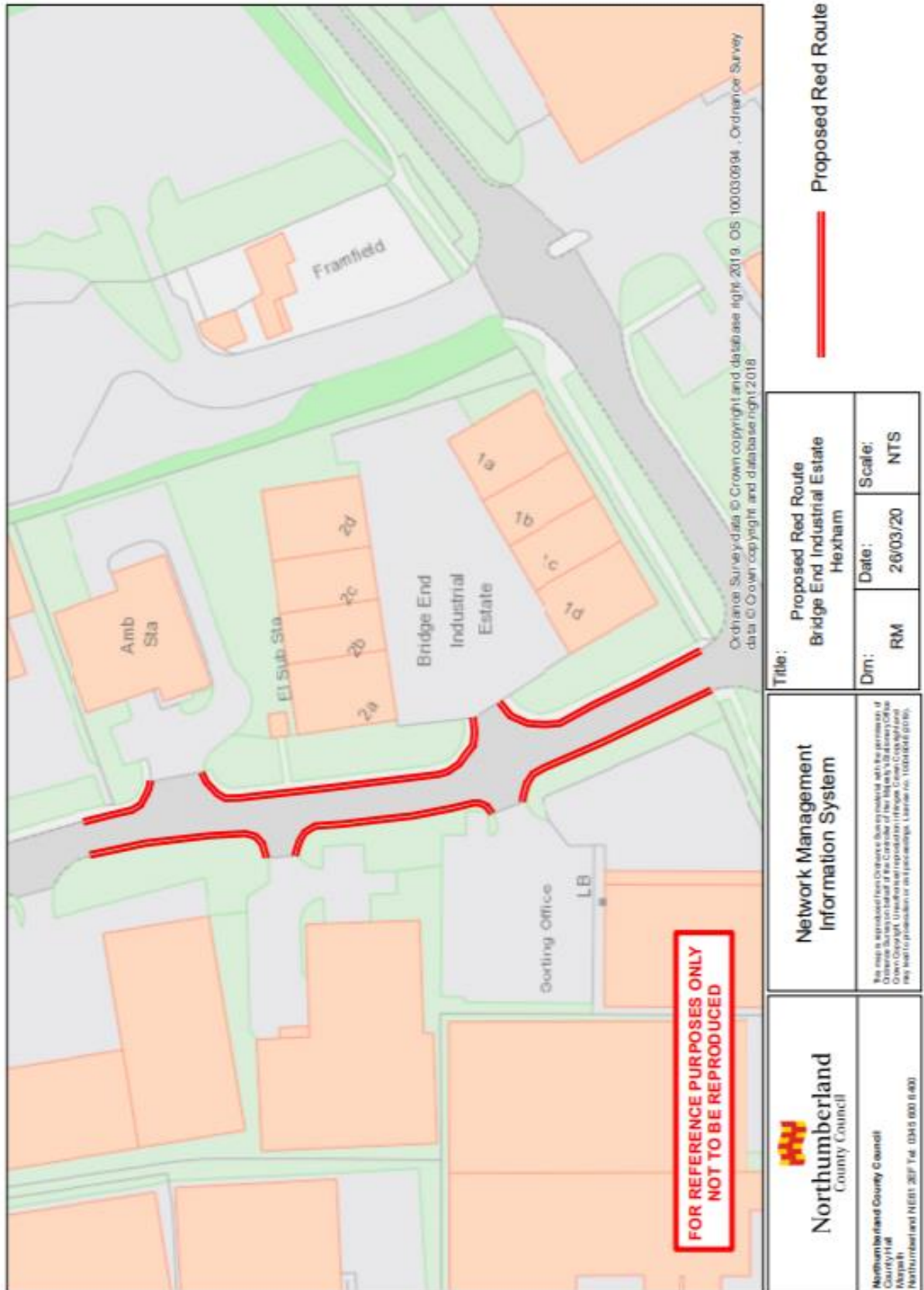
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## Appendix A – Consultation Plan



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## DECISION TAKEN

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

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

**Subject:**

**PROPOSED 'RED ROUTE', HEXHAM  
AMBULANCE STATION**

**Consultation**

- No responses received.

**Decision Taken:**

The proposed Red Route should be implemented.

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



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**Date**

27 November 2020

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