



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed Parking Restrictions & 20 MPH Speed Limit – Long Park, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposals to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions at the Front Street junction with Central Parkway and the entrance to Long Park, as well as a new 20 MPH speed limit along the full route of Central Parkway.

Recommendations

It is recommended that both the proposed parking restrictions at Front Street, Central Parkway and Long Park are approved and the proposed 20 MPH speed limit at Central Parkway is implemented in order to improve road safety in the area.

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 County Council has received concerns regarding road safety issues at the Front Street junction with Central Parkway and entrance to Long Park.
2. A new crossing facility is to be installed at this junction to improve road safety for pedestrians in the form of a refuge island.
3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillors (Councillor Simpson and Councillor Lang).
4. The scheme was originally funded from the 2019/20 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme and has been carried over into the 2020/21 LTP financial year for construction.

Background

The B1334 Front Street and U6519 Central Parkway are single carriageways with 30 MPH speed limits and illuminated street lighting in place. At the junction of these carriageways, a pedestrian refuge island is to be provided in the mouth of Central Parkway arm. ‘No Waiting’ restrictions in the form of single yellow lines, which prohibit parking during the hours of 8am – 6pm, are in place at this junction, but parking is permitted outside of these hours.

The Northumberland Church of England Academy, Grace Darling Campus is accessed to the west of this junction via Central Parkway, which is largely unrestricted and allows indiscriminate and obstructive parking to occur during school start and end times. Therefore, double yellow lines are proposed to maintain the flow of traffic and improve visibility for pedestrians and motorists at all times.

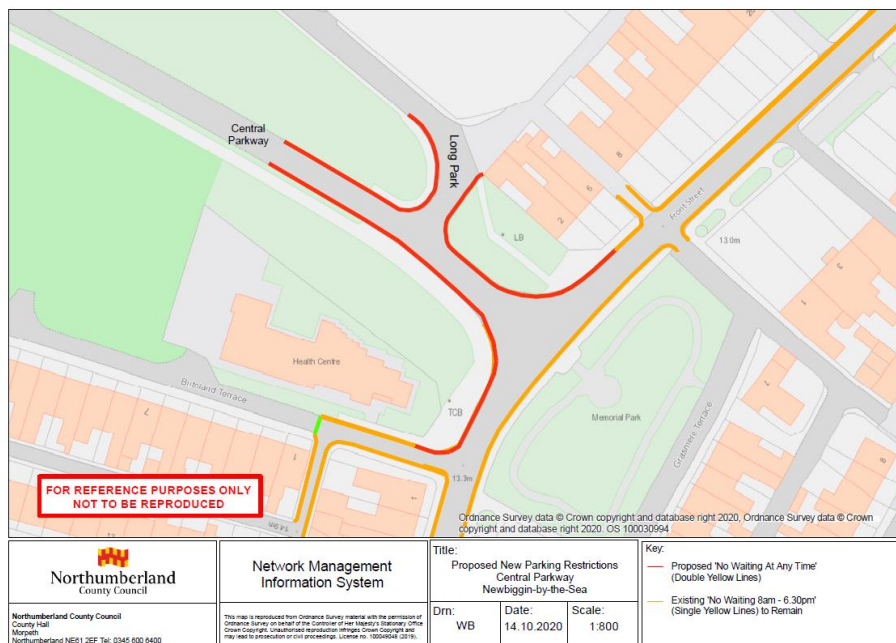


Figure 1: Proposed new parking restrictions at the Front Street/Central Parkway/Long Park junction

A new 20 MPH speed limit restriction for Central Parkway is also proposed as part of the scheme in line with the County Council’s road safety initiative to introduce these speed limits adjacent to all schools in Northumberland, provided that it is feasible to do so.

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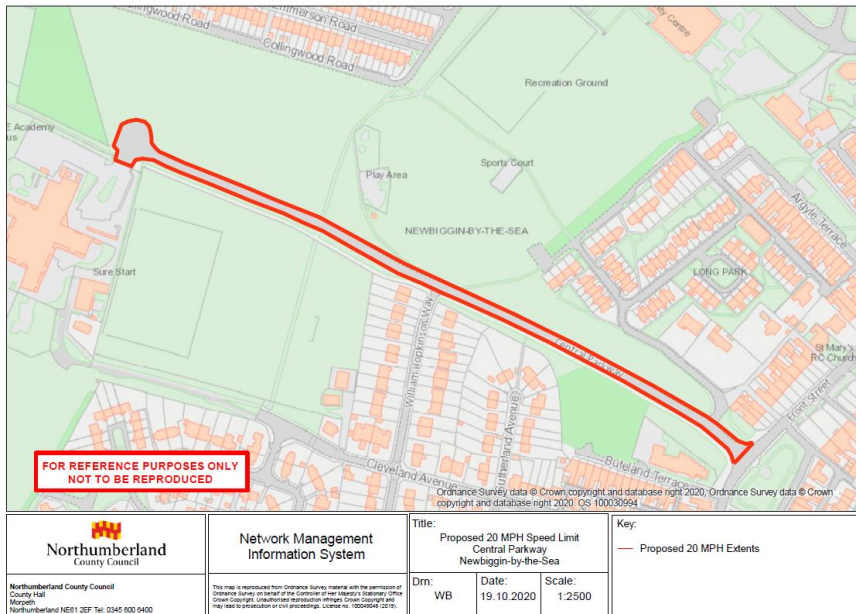


Figure 2: Proposed 20 MPH speed limit extents at Central Parkway

Details of the proposals for the new pedestrian crossing facility are shown on the plan at Appendix A. The parking and speed limit restrictions are intended to maintain the free flow of traffic where possible, to improve road safety around the schools and to protect the amenity of the area overall.

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

Policy	Consistent with existing policies.
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the LTP 2020/21 Programme, carried over from the LTP 2019/20 Programme.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO_011_100 & TROM_201).
Procurement	Road markings and associated traffic signs 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 parking proposals are designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement. 20 MPH speed limit schemes will reduce vehicle speeds and promote a safer environment in the area where the new speed limit is being introduced.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted. Residents in the area, parents and staff using the school will benefit from reduced vehicle speeds.
Carbon reduction	Reduced vehicle speeds can lead to reduced vehicle emissions and parking restrictions can lead to a potential increase in the use of more sustainable forms of transport such as walking or cycling.
Wards	Seaton with Newbiggin West

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Background Papers:

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\HE Minor Improvements\HED19307 Long Park Newbiggin

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines at Front Street/Central Parkway junction and 20 MPH speed limit on Central Parkway, Newbiggin-by-the-Sea.

Consultation: Not required on the grounds of road safety, although representatives from the school and the Local County Councillors have been involved in the design process throughout.

Decision Taken: To introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Front Street, Central Parkway and Long Park and a 20 MPH speed limit on Central Parkway.

Signature of Director



Date

26 October 2020
