



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed One Way System – Beamsley Terrace, Ashington

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposals to introduce a new ‘One Way Only’ system for vehicles on a short section of Beamsley Terrace in Ashington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed ‘One Way’ and ‘No Entry’ movement restrictions are implemented in order to improve road safety on Beamsley Terrace in Ashington.

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 installed a new Puffin Crossing for pedestrians in January 2019 on the A196 North Seaton Road which has led to a change in the road layout. The Stage 3 Road Safety Audit identified that the visibility splay at its junction with Beamsley Terrace is obscured by buses when stationary at the new bus stop and therefore exiting from this junction should be prohibited.

The One Way system is to be funded by the 2021/22 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

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Background

The A196 North Seaton Road is a single carriageway subject to a 30 MPH speed limit, is illuminated by street lighting and in January 2019 had a new Puffin Crossing installed just north of its junction with Beamsley Terrace in order to improve the safety of those crossing. A northbound bus stop was relocated as part of these works and identified as a road safety problem in the subsequent Road Safety Audit following completion of the scheme. The summary of the problem point is outlined below:

“Visibility splay to the north at side road junction will be obscured by a stationary bus. This may result in “T-bone” or head on type collisions between a vehicle exiting the junction (to turn north or south) and a southbound vehicle on the A196.”



Figure 1: Location of bus stop on A196 North Seaton Road as seen from visibility splay at junction with Beamsley Terrace

It was recommended that appropriate measures are undertaken to avoid the visibility splay to the north, at the side road junction, being obscured by a bus stationary at the bus stop.

Proposals

The solution agreed is to make the short section of Beamsley Terrace ‘One Way Only’ with travel permitted only to the west, accessed only from the A196 North Seaton Road, with an accommodating Prohibition of Entry restriction on the opposite side which bans vehicles from entering the A196 North Seaton Road via this junction from the east.

Details of the proposals for the new One Way system are shown on the plan in Appendix A. They are intended to parking restrictions associated with the works are intended to maintain the free flow of traffic where possible, to improve road safety 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 2021/22 Programme
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROM_210).
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 proposals are designed to reduce the risks of collisions at this location.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees are to be consulted
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Ashington Central

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Background Papers:

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Appendix A – Scheme Plan

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed new 'One Way Only' system at Beamsley Terrace, Ashington.

Consultation: Not required on the grounds of road safety, although statutory consultees will be informed of the proposed measures.

Decision Taken: To introduce the new 'One Way Only' system at Beamsley Terrace, Ashington.

Signature of Director



Date

27th April 2021

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Appendix A – Scheme Plan

