



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

'NO ENTRY' BURNSIDE, LONGHOUGHTON

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to retain a 'No Entry' restriction in Burnside, Longhoughton, on a permanent basis.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed 'No Entry' restriction should be retained on a permanent basis.

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

1. An experimental 'No Entry' has been in place at the east end of Burnside on an experimental basis for 18 months.
2. The experiment has now concluded and residents have been asked for their views on whether it should be retained or not.

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Background

1. The County Council received concerns from residents of Burnside via the Local Ward Member and Parish Council over the amount of traffic using the street as the main access to the wider estate and to the local Co-op food store.
2. Burnside is a residential street of 29 properties. It is one of two access points to the wider residential area to the north west. In common with the wider area traffic calming has been provided in the form of a speed hump. Its location is shown in Figure 1.



Fig.1 Burnside location plan.

3. This area of Longhoughton also includes a local Co-op food store, a community centre, a nursery and sports facilities. This means that the area is subject to a significant amount of visiting traffic.

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4. Residents pointed out that much of this traffic was currently using the Burnside entrance to the area, when the northerly entrance near the Co-op is more appropriate, as it is shorter, more direct and only passes one residential property.
5. Following consultation with residents a 'No Entry' restriction to prevent traffic from entering via Burnside was provided on an experimental basis so that its effect could be monitored.
6. The experimental period has now closed and residents were consulted to ask whether they felt it should remain or not.
7. 11 responses were received. This is 40% of those consulted. The results were:
 - For: 9 (82%)
 - Against: 2 (18%)
 - Neutral/other: 0

A summary of the responses is shown in Appendix B.

8. The local ward member supports the retention of the No Entry.
9. It is therefore recommended that the 'No Entry' restriction should be implemented on a permanent basis.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	None
Legal	Motorists are required to comply with the traffic regulation order.
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None

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Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Local residents and statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Longhoughton

Background papers:

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Burnside Longhoughton Experimental No Entry decision report.

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Report sign off.

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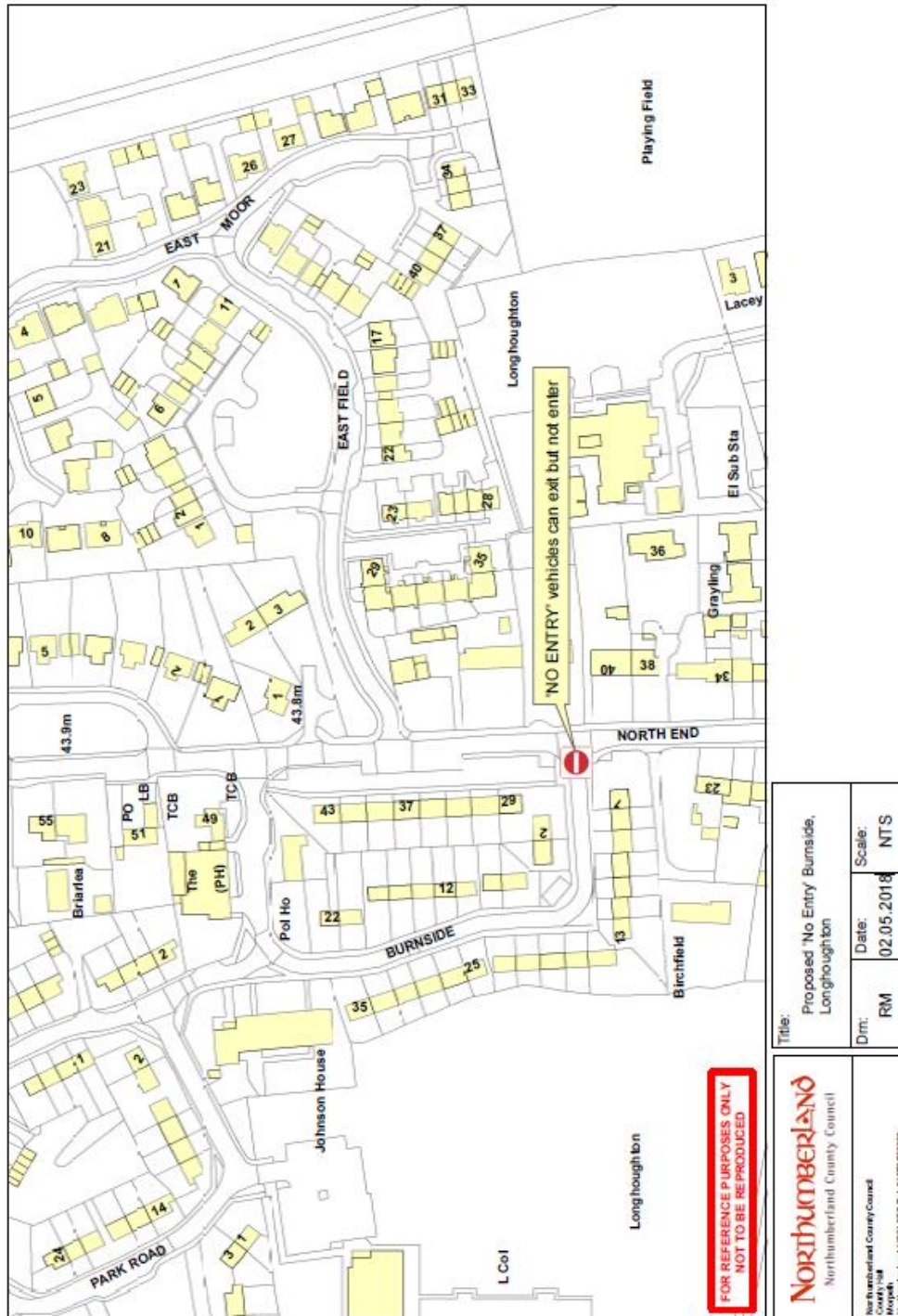
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Appendix A - Consultation Plan



Appendix B - Consultation Responses

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			Other Relevant Comments
F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	
1			With regards to the north entry restrictions on Burnside I think it should remain. It is clear that parking is tight down the street and it is often very difficult to drive your car through in one direction. Should there be cars travelling in both directions especially in the evening or over the weekends when there is football on at Westfield Park there is potential for an accident especially as there are works vans that park on the street and people parking opposite each other leaving very little room to get through without coming face to face with oncoming vehicle. It would make things easier for me as I'm the house nearest the No Entry signs, however this is not about me and I feel the potential/likelihood for an accident and/or damaged to vehicles parked down there will increase.
1			To whom it may concern, I live at number X Burnside and I definitely want this restriction to remain. Since I moved in I have witnessed cars speeding the wrong way down the street with no regards to children crossing the road. At Least with the restriction in place it stops 90% of cars doing this. I understand that people now have to do a full loop, myself being the furthest but it keeps the road safe.
	1		I think the No Entry sign should be removed as it was waste of time more come throw more signs up - People go to co-op then through Burnside. Maybe put top end of Burnside and put no sat nav signs wear no entry are now -or try it out!
1			I am emailing regarding the No Entry Restrictions Burnside Longhoughton. As a resident in the street, I believe it is paramount that we keep the No Entry restrictions at the Southern entrance to Burnside. With the volume of cars that park in the street, on both sides of the road, driving through the street is much easier when its' only one way. Bumping into another car coming in from the Southern Entrance causes blockages in the street. Also, we have noticed a drastic change in the amount of cars using Burnside as cut through to the co-op on West Field Park. As well as delivery vans to the co-op
1			I am responding to your recent letter regarding the one-way system and "no entry" at the above address. I believe the current one-way system should stay in place as it is much safer for all concerned that the dual system. There are too many cars in the street and a blind corner, meaning only the central part of the road is ever available and there is only ever room for 1 car to negotiate the road at a time. A one-way system means you can navigate the parked cars and round the corner without fear of getting stuck or struck by an oncoming car.

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1			I think it would be a retrograde decision to reverse the No Entry restriction to Burnside. It is a narrow road, with huge problems with both household parking and other parked vehicles, and the one-way system has greatly eased problems with cars attempting to pass in such narrow and difficult conditions. Many households in Burnside have more than one car, any more park works vehicles, vans and lorries in the street also. It has become a safer road for the children, not only those living in Burnside but those of Longhoughton Village, using it as a thoroughfare to the local school. The older children walking unaccompanied. There has been far less traffic congestion, especially with so many more large delivery lorries visiting houses in Burnside, during the Corona Virus crisis this year. To summarise, I would be extremely disappointed should you consider reversing the current one-way system. It has enhanced our road, eased congestion and parking difficulties and become safer for the local children
1			I think the No Entry is good but there is a lot of traffic coming through the wrong way so could one end of the Burnside not be blocked off and a turning circle put in also double yellow lines on one side of the road as there is people parking on other side of road to other people and making it hard for cars, vans, delivery wagons getting through. Many thanks.
1			I'm in favour of the No Entry signs being retained. There is still traffic coming through and when I've stopped the cars their answer is they haven't seen the signs so maybe the signs should be lowered. However, there is a lot of traffic using Burnside after leaving the Co-op. Would it be possible to have residents only sign put up at the Co-op end. Also, people leave cars on their side of the road so you have to maneuver through the cars so could double yellow lines be put down one side of Burnside.
1			Happy for the one-way system to continue. Sat Nav needs to be updated, as vehicles are still directed to enter the one-way system (the wrong way). Also, one-way signs need to be tilted inwards. I have seen a few near miss accidents as drivers turn off the main road (realising they are about to enter a one-way system
1			The No entry has reduced the amount of unnecessary traffic and as the number vehicles parked in the street has increased it would be of benefit to keep it. The signs are difficult to see until you are on top of them. They could do with some adjustment to enable them to be seen more clearly
1	1		With reference to the above I think these restrictions SHOULD be removed given that the only access to the whole of this housing estate and the Westfield community centre is by the Co-op. This road becomes extremely busy at times with vans and lorries parking on pavements which is totally unacceptable and causes mothers and children and the elderly to walk on the road. Some traffic management system in this area would be helpful and to control speeding which is another major issue in this village.
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DECISION TAKEN

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

Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services

Subject:

**PERMANENT 'NO ENTRY' BURNSIDE,
LONGHOUGHTON**

Consultation

- For: 9 (82%)
- Against: 2 (18%)
- Neutral: 0

Decision Taken:

The 'No Entry' restriction should be provided on a permanent basis.

Signature of Director



Date

6 May 2021
