

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

Paul Jones

**Proposed Parking Restrictions – Hartford Bridge** 

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council

19 May 2021

### Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to provide new 'Residents' Only Permit Parking' areas and 'No Waiting' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines and single yellow lines near Plessey Woods Country Park at Hartford Bridge.

### Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are implemented in order to improve road safety in this area.

### Link to Corporate Plan

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### **Key Issues**

- 1. The County Council has received concerns via the local County Councillor and local residents regarding obstructive and indiscriminate parking by visitors to Plessey Woods Country Park at Hartford Bridge.
- 2. Proposals to introduce new 'Residents' Permit Holders Only' parking areas and 'No Waiting' restrictions have been consulted on along with other physical prevention measures in an effort to alleviate the situation.
- 3. The scheme will be funded from the 2021/22 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

### Background

Plessey Woods Country Park is situated in the small village of Hartford Bridge and is a popular attraction for walkers, cyclists, horse-riders and picnickers who travel primarily by car to visit the area. The existing off-street car park provided and maintained by Northumberland County Council is often at full capacity, especially in the peak summer months and more so over recent months due to restrictions put in place across the North East of England during the global pandemic. The location of the Park's proximity in relation to Hartford Bridge is highlighted in Figure 1 below.



Fig 1: Plessey Woods Country Park (yellow), residential areas at Hartford Bridge (blue), existing off-street car park (grey) and existing double yellow lines (red)

With the exception of 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions south of Hartford Bridge Farm at Hartford Bank, the roads adjacent to the Park are largely derestricted and therefore when the off-street car parks are at full capacity or so as to avoid Pay & Display parking charges, visitors park their vehicles on the highway instead. Due to the high number of vehicles observed to be parking on the A192 Shields Road, Hartford Drive and Hartford Bridge Farm, this has created road safety issues through congestion, reduced visibility with extra footfall and obstructions to footways and traffic attempting to navigate through the vicinity.

As a result of the dangerous parking on the A192 Shields Road and this being a main route through the village for motorists, in December 2020 the County Council put a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) in place to prohibit parking on this section of road at all times and installed new double yellow lines as a temporary measure to improve road safety and the flow of traffic. The extent of these restrictions can be viewed in Figure 2.



Fig 2: TTRO on the A192 Shields Road – new double yellow lines (blue)

The intention is to allow these restrictions to remain in place until a more permanent solution is agreed and implemented.

# Proposals

In September-October 2020 a proposal to alleviate the non-residential parking issues was developed and sent to directly affected residents, along with the County Council's agreed statutory consultees, for comment and consideration. The proposed plan issued is shown in Figure 3 and gives a brief overview of the preliminary proposals and a copy of the letter issued to residents can be read in Appendix A, whereas a summary of the consultation responses can be found in Appendix B.



Fig 3: Consultation plan for proposed parking restrictions at Hartford Bridge

The A192 Shields Road, which currently has the TTRO for double yellow lines in operation, would echo that restriction in most parts, including its junctions with the access to the Hartford Bridge Caravan Park, Plessey Woods Country Park entrance, Hartford Bridge Farm and Hartford Drive. On the east side of the A192 Shields Road where residential properties are situated, a single yellow line would apply which would be in force on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays between 8am and 6pm i.e. during the peak of when visitors access the Country Park, so as to allow residents the option of parking near their properties if required outside peak time periods.

Bus cage road markings would also be implemented between these restrictions where existing bus stops are present and a 'No Stopping except Buses' restriction would apply so as to maintain the flow of traffic for local buses and allow them to pick up/drop off when necessary.

In the most immediate side-street residential locations next to Plessey Woods Country Park, the full length of Hartford Bridge Farm and a short section of Hartford Drive which covers the residential area are proposed to operate under a Permit Parking Area for residents only, applying also on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays between 8am and 6pm. A maximum of 2 permits would be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking.

Just south of these two locations adjacent to the A192 Shields Road is a large grassed area which has been damaged due to vehicles maneuvering onto the verge and parking on it before crossing the busy road and entering Plessey Woods. Physical barriers are proposed to prevent any further driving onto the grass verge, apart from the landowner of the field east of this where an access gate is present. The physical barriers would be in the form of birdsmouth fencing so as to preserve the amenity of the area alongside new double yellow lines.

The access road into the Plessey Woods Country Park main and overflow car parks is also currently derestricted and vehicles regularly park on both sides, which causes further congestion and road safety issues for all road users. As part of the scheme, the intention is to erect additional notice board signage to inform visitors that the car park begins at the entrance to the car park at its junction with the A192 Shields Road and as a result vehicles must be parked within wholly marked bays or be liable to a Penalty Charge Notice.

Detailed designs of the proposed plans can be found in Appendix C. They are intended to increase road safety, maintain the free flow of traffic where possible 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.

# 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 (reference TRO_011_106 & TRO_012_37).
Procurement	Road markings and traffic signs to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders.
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	N/A
(Impact Assessment attached)	
Yes □ No □ N/A □	
Risk Assessment	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees and directly affected residents have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	Scheme encourages reduced car usage
Wards	Bedlington West

# **Background Papers:**

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\20\HE Minor Improvements\HE203423D TROs\HE203423D-18 Plessey Woods, Hartford Bridge

Appendix A – Consultation Letter

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Appendix C – Scheme Plans

## Author and Contact Details

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Title of Officer:	Service Director, Local Services
Subject:	Proposed parking restrictions at Hartford Bridge
Consultation:	For: 12 (86%) Against: 2 (14%) Neither: 0 (0%)
Decision Taken:	To introduce new parking measures in the form of 'Residents' Permit Holders Only' parking areas and 'No Waiting' restrictions at Hartford Bridge

Signature of Director

Date

1<sup>st</sup> June 2021

#### Appendix A – Consultation Letter



Your ref: Our ref: HE20 Enquiries to: William Binks Email: HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk Date: 9<sup>h</sup> October 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Parking Restrictions - Plessey Woods, Hartford Bridge

The County Council has received concerns via Councillor Robinson about indiscriminate parking associated with visitors to Plessey Woods Country Park causing problems for residents. Councillor Robinson has asked us to progress proposals for consultation with residents.

In order to address these concerns, we are considering a comprehensive range of measures which could potentially be implemented. These measures include additional yellow line road which could potentially be implemented. These measures include additional yellow line road markings on the A192 Shields Road, some physical measures to prevent verge parking and a potential resident permit parking scheme for Hartford Drive and Hartford Bridge Farm. More detail is given below and on the plan attached.

Parking control measures are proposed on the A192 Shields Road in the form of waiting Parking control measures are proposed on the A192 Shields Road in the form of waiting restrictions in order to discurrage indicariminate parking. These are also shown on the attached plan and are summarised as follows:

Additional double yellow lines;
New single yellow lines on the east side of Shields Road directly outside residential properties, which would prohibit parking at weekends and Bank Holidays between the hours of 8am and 6pm;
The existing bus stop would be marked on the carriageway as a bus stop clearway to allow buses to stop if needed and prevent vehicles from obstructing the facility;
Barriers could also be installed on the east side of Shields Road near its junction with the 4 1069 to neewent parking on the oregone theorem.

- the A1068 to prevent parking on the grass verge. These could be in the form of bollards or planting

A Residents Permit Parking scheme could also be implemented which would apply to Hartford Drive and Hartford Bridge Farm as shown on the attached plan. A permit scheme would mean that only residents and their visitors could park. However, you should note the following:

 The current charge for Resident Parking Permits is £25 a year per permit;
 A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for residents and one for visitor parking;
 A permit does not guarantee a parking space (note you do not need a permit to park on your own private driveway);
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- properties, which would prohibit parking at weekends and Bank Holidays between the hours of 8am and 6pm;



A minimum of 75% of eligible residents from the properties affected must respond, and of those, 70% must be in favour of the scheme for this to proceed.

I am therefore writing to ask for your views on these proposals. If you wish to make comments please do so via email to: Hig aysProgramme@no

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report to the Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection

The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is 9th November 2020

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours Faithfully.

WBinks William Binks Programme Officer

# Appendix B – Consultation Responses

- Key: F = For
- A = Against

RESPONSE	F	Α
(No comments) I think barriers are needed on the east side of Shields Road from the junction of A1068 up to and just around corner onto Hartford Drive would be needed as vehicles drive straightoff Shields Road to park onto the grass verge but they also drive onto the grassed area from off Hartford Drive at the corner of Shields Road.	✓ ✓	
I am writing to confirm that I support proposal ref HE20. Thank you for taking action and creating the proposal. To be in keeping with the area, I would ask that planting is used to prevent parking on the grass verge on the east side of Shields Road near its junction with the A1068 rather than bollards. The flower/planting in Hartford Bridge by NCC is very poor in comparison to other areas, other than daffodils which appear in spring, there is only 1 plant pot which I understand is supported by residents.	~	
1. Double yellow lines along the west side of the A192 are needed to prevent people parking and causing an obstruct i on. 2. I am delighted that the bus stops will be protected by road markings. 3. I do not live along Hartford Drive or in Hartford Bridge Farm but am happy to go along with whatever the residents there decide. 4. I have no strong opinions about planting/bar riers at the junction of the A1068 and A192. The junction of Hartford Drive and the A192 is often used by the police speed camera van and I wouldn't want to stop that from coming. 5. Parking outside my house isn't a problem most of the time but it can be on bank holidays and at weekends. I'm in favour of single yellowlines to restrict parking at these times.	~	
I feel these changes would improve the safety of residents and other road users as on several occasions in the past few months the road has been almost blocked to vehicles passing through the village bringing it down to single file traffic. I live on Shields Road and have also had difficulty reversing safely from my drive onto the A192 due to parked cars restricting my view of the road. I would welcome these changes.	~	
I confirm that I am in complete agreement with the proposals you make regarding parking problems and that I am in favour of the scheme. Could I just mention a couple of things? Cars are beginning to park on the flower meadow n ear the A192 and A1068. Also the lanebit of Hartford Drive is used as a rat run to avoid the main junction. I wonder if some road calming could be installed perhaps similar to those as you enter or leave Longhirst where one of the two lanes is blocked. Anything like that. Thank you.	<	
I totally agree with the recommendations, especially the yellow lines outside our homes as it is often difficult to get out of our homes due to inconsiderate parking. Opposite my home people have damaged the railings to Plessey Woods to get through and therefore I think these railings should be replaced and perhaps bollards placed in the make-shift lay-by. Why can these people not park in the huge car park in Plessey Woods - is it because they don't want to pay the small parking fee?	~	
My family and I live at X Hartford Bridge Farm and we would welcome the permit parking and I will happily pay for this. However we do have four cars in our family. Clearly one car is usually on our drive but often we have the other three cars outside on the road and this is without any visitors. I am happy to pay for four permits but clearly I could not support this if we are only allowed two permits especially when we pay over £270 per month in council tax for living here.	~	
I would think that double yellow lines both sides of the A192 is the preferred option as the amount of large trucks, buses and emergency vehicles using this road find it very difficult with cars parked both sides of the carriage way. An other concern is families with toddlers and pushchairs unloading roadside and then having to cross the road in between the parked cars with live traffic trying to get through the congestion.	~	
We approached Councillor Robinson about parking problems surrounding Plessey Woods 2 years ago. There are several problems concerning the parking for Plessey Woods Country Park as follows: Firstly we would suggest you drive over Hartford Bridge from Cramlington and look through a visitor's eyes trying to find the park. The signage is totally misleading in that as soon as the bridge is crossed there is a sign on the left almost hidden in the Country Park announcing Plessey Woods and a car park available so many yards away. Then there is nothing further to advise on car parking so naturally on reaching the entrance to Hartford Bridge Farm to a visitor that must be the car park. The sign needs to be moved from the bottom of the bank to the entrance of Hartford Bridge Farm. Secondly, the car park is just not big enough. Most people who parked outside of our house X at the height of the summer during Covid travel restrictions when I tried to re-direct them said they had been and the car park was full. There will always be a problem when it was free, and most people I have approached when blocking my entrance or garage simply don't know where the car park for Plessey Woods is! The problem was increased to impossible proportions in the summer where residents' visitors had nowhere to park. We don't have a driveway only a garage so have to park outside of our property or park in the garage which is very difficult with cars parked on theroad opposite and either side. We certainly do not want parking permits issued for our property as apart from the cost it would not be enforced and doesn't guarantee a parking space in any event as you have pointed out. As for yellow lines on the east of Shields Road, we feel th is would increase the problem for both Hartford Bridge Farm and Hartford Drive. The answer we feel is better signage for the car park and make the car park bigger. While travel restrictions are in place the demand for public parks will remain high and free park and make the car park bigger. While travel restrictio		~
The road surface is badly in need of repair in front of numbers X to X inclusive. Work was scheduled in the Summer, but has not been carried out. Heavy vehicles cause shaking of the properties as the road surface is so poor, particularly when traveling at speed. The repairs should be carried out before the new road markings are painted. Despite the flashing 30 sign to the North of Hartford Bridge, which has considerably improved the situation, many vehicles continue to exceed the speed limit. Painted markings to imply there is a chicane would also help to slowtraffic. The speed of traffic makes it quite dangerous to cross the road between the footpath entrance to Plessey Woods and the east side bus stop in the centre of Hartford Bridge. There is a bend in the road blocking the site line from the entrance side of the road towards Morpeth making west to east crossing particularly tricky. Parking restrictions as described will help. Traffic flow has been obstructed by inconsider ate parking in recent months, particularly at weekends, so the yellow lines on the East side, as described, will give the police an opportunity to improve traffic flow and make access to the properties much safer and easier. The problem is particularly bad today, Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2020. I do not know why, but the road is very severely restricted by parked vehicles. I have no issue with bol lards or planting being used near the entrance to the car park for Plessey Woods or barriers to prevent parking and perhaps similar at the east end of Shields Road at the A1068 junction to prevent parking on the verge. I also have no objection to parking permits for Hartford Bridge Farm and Hartford Drive provided this does not cause an issue for the residents. I trust the Co uncil find	✓	

#### these comments useful.

I am pleased the residents repeated complaints which I have raised on their behalf with your Chief Executive et al. and with Councillor Robinson about indiscriminate parking is now to be addressed. We are most grateful of Councill or Robinson's support on this matter. Unfortunately the plan on the proposed parking control measures on the A192 Shields Road and potential permit scheme was not attached with your letter. I have requested this but this has not been for the coming. In the absence of this the response below represents the views of the X household and is based on our understanding of the village layout. 1. Additional double yellow lines - can you confirm where these will be located? 2. Single yellow line east side Shields Road - we would firmly support this given the on-going problems we have with vehicles parked over the public footpath, of which we counted 46 vehicles in the village only last Saturday. Can you confirm how these measures will be enforced, is this through Parking Enforcement? 3. Bus stop clear way. We fully support this and see this as essential given that vehicles frequently obstruct these locations. 4. Barrier east side of the junction - We fully support this as the grass verge is frequently parked on and is currently a quagmire. Note: part of this grassed area is also a designated wild flower meadow. 5. Resident Permit Parking Hartford Drive & Hartford Bridge Farm - Whilst we fully support such an option we do not believe this will be supported by all our neighbours given a number of residents have more than 2 cars and 2 permits per household is inadequate and would not allow forvisitor parking. Can more than two permits per household be purchased? Further, how will such a system be enforceable if vehicles are parked on these lanes? Is it down to a resident to take note of the vehicle number plate and report it to Highways? Such a system may in itself present undue hassle for the residents. Also, we sense residents do not feel they should have to pay to park outside of their properties. We are fearful if there are parking restrictions on Shields Road visitors to the park will resort to park on these lanes rather than pay a parking fee or as is often the case when Plessey Woods car park is full. This in turn will be a nightmare for residents where clearly the overarching issue is one of adequate parking for visitors to the park. It is understood funding has been secured to provide a further 'greenscreed' overflow carpark but we firmly believe this will not be adequate given the continued popularity of the park particularly at weekends, bank holidays and during the warm weather. This is not just a 'Covid phenomena' to get out as has previously been suggested in replies on this matter. Can you confirm or direct us to the appropriate individual who can confirm the date when the work for this car park will commence? Further, what other parking restrictions can be instituted to address parking on these lanes in the absence of a permit system? As referenced last Saturday & Sunday the village was once again in undated with vehicles parked throughout the village, on the carriage, no stopping zones outside of the village boundary and haphazardly on grass verges and on every bit of space within the park. We are extremely concerned that the Council have been aware of these traffic problems for many months but have not taken any interim action to address concerns, indeed it has left to warden staff to try and effect traffic control at the park entrance. I understand 'no parking' bollards had been requested by park staff but have not materialised. We are further astounded that traffic warden was ticketing vehicles in the park, that is visitors who had paid and park ed on grass verges but did nothing to inhabit parking throughout the village. Whist this may be a bylaw of the Park parking rules not to park on the grass we suspect visitors will not read the small print as most are currently desperate to get out in the fresh air. Vehicles obstructing the footpath throughout the village is an ongoing nightmare particularly at weekends. I have had to walk out into the road into oncoming traffic with my dog on numerous occasions as the footpath is inaccessible. I was told only last Sun day by vehicle owner who had parked completely over the payement that the traffic warden had told them they could park there. Such disparity of approach is completely un acceptable particularly when such wardens vehicles are parked up on the very lanes which this proposal is attempting to address. Indeed, the village has become inaccessible for villagers to walk through during these periods which is not acceptable, let alone the increased Covid risk such an influx of visitors bring to the village. The council needs an interim uniform enforceable system and should not be leaving this to park staff to regulate. A joined up approach with Highways, Police and park staff to address this is urgently required. A simple solution would be to place 'no parking bollards throughout the village at peak times to prevent such parking to prevent a foreseeable serious in jury as the public resort to walking on a main busy road due to obstructed footpaths. Please advise how the immediate is sue will be addressed? Further, given the closing date of the survey when will residents receive feedback on survey out comes and the timescales/measures to be introduced? On a broader highway issue what action is the council going to take to prevent speeding vehicles through the village? Despite the 30 mile flashing signage at both end of the village this is frequently ignored with drivers using the A192 Shields Road as a speed runway particularly at evening. We have flagged these concerns a number of times with the Council but understand as Shields Road is an A class road traffic calming measures cannot be used, is this correct? If so, could a fixed speed camera be installed rather than random mobile Policespeed camera van parked in the lay-by? This approach is only a temporary deterrent and fails to address the full scope of speeding traffic throughout the village. Finally, we have previously reported the damaged state of the tarmac to A192 Shields Road and the blocked rain water drains which cause water to flood and further erode the road surface. The Council has placed some traffic dampening surfaces in patched locations on this road but this has also decayed. We are given to believe the road surface is to be repaired. Please advise the date when these repairs will be effected and what action is going to be taken by the council to unblock the rainwater drainsonthisroad? We would like to respond in favour of all the measures proposed in your letter namely: 1.Additional double yellow lines. 2. New single yellow lines on the east side of Shields Road, to prohibit parking at weekends and Bank Holidays between the hours of 8am and 6pm. 3. Bus stop to be marked as a clearway. 4. Barriers to be installed on the east side of Śhields Road near its junction with the A1068 - either bollards or planting. We have witnessed a number of incidents over the last few mon ths including: - pedestrians having difficulties walking on the east side of Shields Road and also having much greater difficulty in crossing the road safely, buses unable to negotiate the space left on the road and having to wait until vehicles move and, more importantly, more than one ambulance with lights flashing, having the same problems. We reiterate our support for your proposals and would welcome a timeline of works once these are approved. I had to go out on Sunday afternoon in my car and was astounded by the cars that were parked from the top of our street and were parked on both sides of Shields Road all the way through Hartford Bridge. Mrs X counted 64! It has been worse over the summer, the half term is here and yet again we are in undated with cars. I managed to drive through the village, but as I approached the main entrance to Plessey Woods I could see there was a bus, an X21, attempting to manoeuvre the cars to get past. I managed to pull in, but the car behind me had nowhere to go, nor did the cars behind him to make roomfor the bus to get through. In spite of the speed indicator at the North end of the village, we still have idiots driving at speed up the hill an d they would have careered straight into the back of cars that were trying to back up to let the bus through. There is nowhere for pedestrians to walk because the cars are parked on the pavements and there are families getting out of cars and then

pedestrians to walk because the cars are parked on the pavements and there are families getting out of cars and then attempting to getacross Shields Road, but who cannot see oncoming traffic. It is a tragic accident waiting to happen. Local residents are increasingly fed up. It is extremely dangerous for me to get my two dogs along the path into Plessey Woods because of parked cars on the pavement. The bus drivers who have to try and manoeuvre their buses through the cars are in danger of damaging cars because there is no room. We have all had a letter from the County Co uncil regarding proposed parking restrictions. The measures suggested with yellowlines on the road etc would address the problem and need to be implemented as soon as possible, along with the proposed bollards on the east side of Shields Road.

West Bedlington Town Council fully supports all of the measures proposed within the consultation. Additionally we would ask if consideration could be given to an extension for the double yellow lines (to restrict parking) on Hartford Drive - From the limit of the proposed residents parking area - eastwards to the junction with A1068. And we would support a preference for "planting" as opposed to barriers in areas where planting/barriers have been suggested.	~	
We note your proposals however it would seem logical in the first place to resolve the parking situation within the Woods as that is where the visitors are heading. Opening the overflow carparks, resurfacing if necessary would we feel almost resolve the problem. Make the parking free would also help. We realise there is a cost implication but after all the effort that has gone into making the woods attractive surely you want visitors. We certainly want to see the Woods well visited just not our days spent with this horrendous parking situation. In answer to your proposals we say:- Additional double yellowlines - we would request double yellowlines throughout the village as we feel this is the only full solution. Lines would need to exist from the village sign at the north of the village then down the Bank to the junction with the A1068. It may seem drastic but an y other referred to measures we feel will not resolve the situation. Single yellow line with parking restrictions at week ends and Ban k Holidays - I am writing this on a Monday at School half term and the parking is horrendous. Thus the yellow lines would not solve the problem today. You can check the situation with a traffic warden who has been checking the situation today. We fully support the idea of the bus parking bay however without other restrictions could well cause further problems as cars will park very close to the bay. Barriers near A1068 seems like a good idea. The idea of parking permits is best an swered by those residents who will be affected. However we will support their will be residents who for various reasons can't reply i.e. illness. Finally we would say that our homes are probably th e most affected by the current situation as we live nearest the main entrance to the Woods and see the awfully d angerous situation severy day. We urge you to proceed with the greatest speed possible to resolve the is situation.	~	
On behalf of X and X Shields Road we agree with the proposed parking restrictions howeverfell that the single yellow line should have Anytime 8am-6pm until the extended parking in the park has been completed. Cars will continue to park on the roadside in the school holidays due to lack of spaces in the park or to avoid charges. Weekends and Bank Holiday restrictions will not be enough until the car parking in Plessey Woods has been resolved.	~	
I am a resident at Hartford Bridge and just replying to your letter re the proposed parking restrictions. I would be happy with the proposals suggested to combat an ever increasing and dangerous problem.	~	
Parking has been an issue especially this year due to the Coronavirus problems. We understand that it has been a difficult time and the park should be enjoyed by all. Firstly, better sign posts for the car park would help. It is misleading as the few signs that are present do not make it clear where the car park is located. Secondly the car park is insufficient for the number of visitors to the park in the summer months. Especially this year when people have been stuck indoors! This is the source of the problem. It is about time that this issue be addressed. There is plenty of space for the car park to be extended thus alleviating the problem for the village. Also, there should be a minimal charge for parking so that the public do not resent paying for the upkeep of the park. There can also be a donating box for anyone who wishes to pay a little extra for the maintenance of the park. If there is adequate parking for visitors then there would be very unhappy residents. Yellow lines on Shields Road and serve no any real purpose. The source of the problem should be addressed and that is better sign posts and an extension to the car park. This is sue o ccurs mainly when we have good weather. Plessey Woods is a beautiful park and should be enjoyed by all. Especially through this very difficult time that we all face. If the car park is full what choice do people have?		~

Appendix C - Scheme Plans





