



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed Parking Restrictions - Hexham Academies S278

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle - Local Services

20 September 2021

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background and position with the Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed new parking restrictions in the vicinity of Queen Elizabeth High School at Hexham.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions which were originally advertised are not progressed at this time in order to reassess the proposals.

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

Queen Elizabeth High School has been redeveloped and the road layout directly outside the school is to be amended in order to reflect this.

The scheme is part of Section 278 works in accordance with the Highways Act 1980 for the wider development of the Hexham Academies.

Delegated Decision

Background

Whetstone Bridge Road is the single carriageway through-road which is situated directly outside Queen Elizabeth High School in Hexham. It is subject to a 20 MPH speed limit, illuminated by street lighting and has several waiting restrictions in operation in order to prevent obstructive and indiscriminate parking from occurring, especially during school start and end times.

New waiting restrictions have been proposed as part of the new layout for Hexham Academies which includes footway improvements, new vehicular junctions and uncontrolled crossings in several locations on Whetstone Bridge Road and Hellpool Lane. An Intend Notice for a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was published relating to the proposals which had been drawn up and submitted for consideration for the discharge of Planning Conditions. The proposed plan which was advertised as part of the process can be observed in Appendix A.

The proposed TRO briefly comprised of new 'No Waiting' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines, applying at all times, and single yellow lines, which apply during school start and end times, along with 'School Keep Clear' markings outside new entrances. During the Intend Notice advertising period of the TRO, the County Council received over 30 formal objections as well as a petition from residents and these have been considered. In addition the proposals were also being considered as part of the process for discharge of Planning Conditions for the schools project (planning application reference number 19/03998/OCD)

The Council's Highways Development Management service has now recommended that revised drawings are produced in relation to the discharge of Planning Conditions. It is therefore recommended that the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions TRO which was originally advertised is not progressed at this time. Revised drawings will be prepared for the discharge of Planning Conditions process and once these have been considered and new proposals approved through the Planning process, a revised TRO will be produced to reflect the approved plans.

Delegated Decision

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme is to be funded by the developer
Legal	Motorists are required to comply with Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO_007_82)
Procurement	Road markings and 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 associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement
Customer Consideration	Planning application allows for comments to be made by the general public
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Hexham West

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Background Papers:

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\20\TDI Internal Design\TDI20001 - Hexham Academies - Whetstone Bridge Road S278

Appendix A - Scheme Plan

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Delegated Decision

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed Parking Restrictions - Hexham Academies S278

Consultation: Undertaken through TRO process and within planning application process

Decision Taken: That the 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions which were originally advertised through the Intend Notice for the TRO are not progressed at this time in order to reassess the proposals.

Signature of Director



Date 2nd November 2021

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Appendix A – Scheme Plan

