



# Northumberland

## County Council

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

**Paul Jones**

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**U3129 Victoria Terrace, Alnwick Zebra Crossing**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle – Local Services**

**31 August 2021**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposed new Zebra crossing and 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions (double yellow lines) on the U3129 Victoria Terrace road at Alnwick.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the new Zebra crossing and proposed parking restrictions are introduced on the U3129 Victoria Terrace in Alnwick.

#### **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. The County Council has received concerns relating to road safety issues for pedestrians directly outside The Co-Operative Food store on Victoria Terrace in Alnwick.
2. A Zebra crossing and associated double yellow lines are proposed to provide a safe crossing access point at this location.
3. The scheme will be funded from the 2021/22 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

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### Background

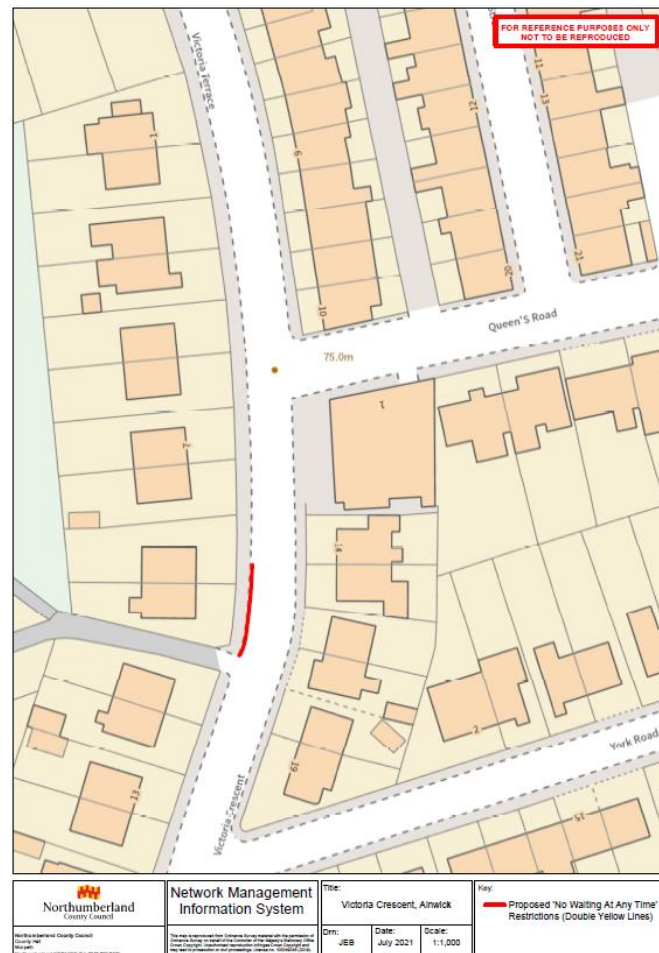
The U3129 Victoria Terrace is single carriageway subject to a 30mph speed limit, and is illuminated by street lighting at the general location of the scheme. A Co-Operative Food store operates along this stretch of road at its junction with Queens Road and is therefore a busy point for pedestrians crossing over Victoria Terrace, however no formal arrangements are in place to facilitate this, as is shown by the current layout demonstrated in Figure 1.



**Fig 1: Existing road layout at Victoria Terrace directly outside the Co-Op**

A new Zebra crossing is therefore proposed to accommodate pedestrians crossing this section of road, alongside other traffic calming measures such as new dropped kerb crossing points with tactile paving on footways, new traffic signs to advise of the new crossing point and removing the southbound bus stop located adjacent to the premises.

Parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are also proposed at the northbound approach to the Zebra crossing in order to maintain forward visibility at a location where the carriageway is relatively narrow and kerbside space is often occupied with on-street parking. In the Stage 1-2 Road Safety Audit associated with this scheme it was found that the potential levels of parking could impact on the required visibility splays for pedestrians as per regulations stipulated in LTN 2/95 The Design of Pedestrian Crossings and would thus increase the possibility of collisions occurring. The proposed extents of the double yellow lines can be observed on the plan in Figure 2.



**Fig 2: Proposed new double yellow lines at Victoria Crescent**

It is expected that the traffic calming measures will improve road safety and promote slower traffic speeds at this location where the presence of pedestrians is more prominent, whilst also discouraging obstructive and indiscriminate parking in the process by introduction of new waiting restrictions.

Details of the proposals are shown on the plans at Appendix A. Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Order.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	Consistent with existing policies
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	Scheme will be financed through the Local Transport Plan Programme
<b>Legal</b>	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TRO_003_46)
<b>Procurement</b>	Road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The proposal is designed to improve road crossing facilities for pedestrians and to reduce the risks associated with obstructive and indiscriminate parking.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Statutory consultees and directly affected residents have been informed of the Council's intentions.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Alnwick

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### **Background papers:**

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\20\HE Minor  
Improvements\HE203405D Victoria Terrace Alnwick Zebra Crossing

Appendix A  
HED20405/00/U3129/10/07 - Traffic Signs and Road Markings

### **Author and Contact Details**

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### DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer:** Service Director, Local Services

**Subject:** Proposed Zebra crossing and 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at U3129 Victoria Terrace, Alnwick

**Consultation:** Not required on the grounds of road safety, however statutory consultees and directly affected residents have been informed

**Decision Taken:** To introduce a new Zebra crossing and 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions at U3129 Victoria Terrace, Alnwick

Signature of Director



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**Date**

1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

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