



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones – Director of Environment & Transport

Proposed Parking Restrictions – B6395 West Road, Prudhoe

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle, Improving Our Roads & Highways

02 December 2024

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to replace 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) parking restrictions with 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings outside Prudhoe West Academy on West Road in Prudhoe.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions are amended to 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings in order to improve road safety in the area.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the following key themes in the Corporate Plan for 2023-26:

'Thriving Places and Culture – Neighbourhoods are safe, clean and well maintained'

Key Issues

1. Northumberland County Council (NCC) has received concerns regarding obstructive and indiscriminate parking on West Road in Prudhoe during school start and end times.
2. An amendment to the existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) parking restrictions is proposed to be replaced with stopping restrictions in the form of 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings directly

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outside the school entrance on West Road in Prudhoe to alleviate these concerns.

3. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor.
4. The scheme is to be funded through Councillor Scott's Members' Local Improvement Scheme Allowance.

Background

West Road is situated to the north of Prudhoe West Academy where the main entrance of the school faces directly onto the busy B6395 main road. Parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are in operation, but this means vehicles can park on these restrictions to load or unload and pickup or drop off, whereas Blue Badge holders can park on double yellow lines for up to 3 hours.



Fig.1: Existing parking restrictions at West Road, Prudhoe (Source: Google Maps, 2024)

Following a site meeting with Councillor Scott, officers from NCC Highways Improvements, Civil Enforcement Officers and the school Head Teacher it was agreed that a section of the existing double yellow lines on both sides of the carriageway should be removed and replaced with 'No stopping on entrance markings' restrictions in the form of 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings outside the school's main entrance.

NCC's policy for the implementation of 'School Keep Clear' restrictions is that to be effectively enforced, they will apply from Monday-Friday between the hours of 8am-5pm, which was reflected in the initial scheme proposals and consultation plan which can be found in Appendix A. Following feedback during this period and a review of the proposal, parking outside of these hours on the 'School Keep Clear' markings could lead to further road safety issues relating to obstructive and indiscriminate parking. As a result, it is proposed that these restrictions will operate at all times.

A summary of the responses from the information letter can be found in Appendix B and the amended proposed plan can be found in Appendix C. The proposal is 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 Traffic Regulation Order.

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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 local County Councillor's MLIS Allowance budget.
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order.
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Risk Assessment	N/A
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees and directly affected residents have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Prudhoe North

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Background Papers

File reference – HO220061

Appendix A – Consultation Plan

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Appendix C – Post-Consultation Plan

Author

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer	Director of Environment & Transport
Subject	Proposed parking restrictions at West Road, Prudhoe
Consultation	For: 1 (100%) Against: 0 (0%)
Decision Taken	To amend 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions and replace with 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings at West Road, Prudhoe

Signature of Director

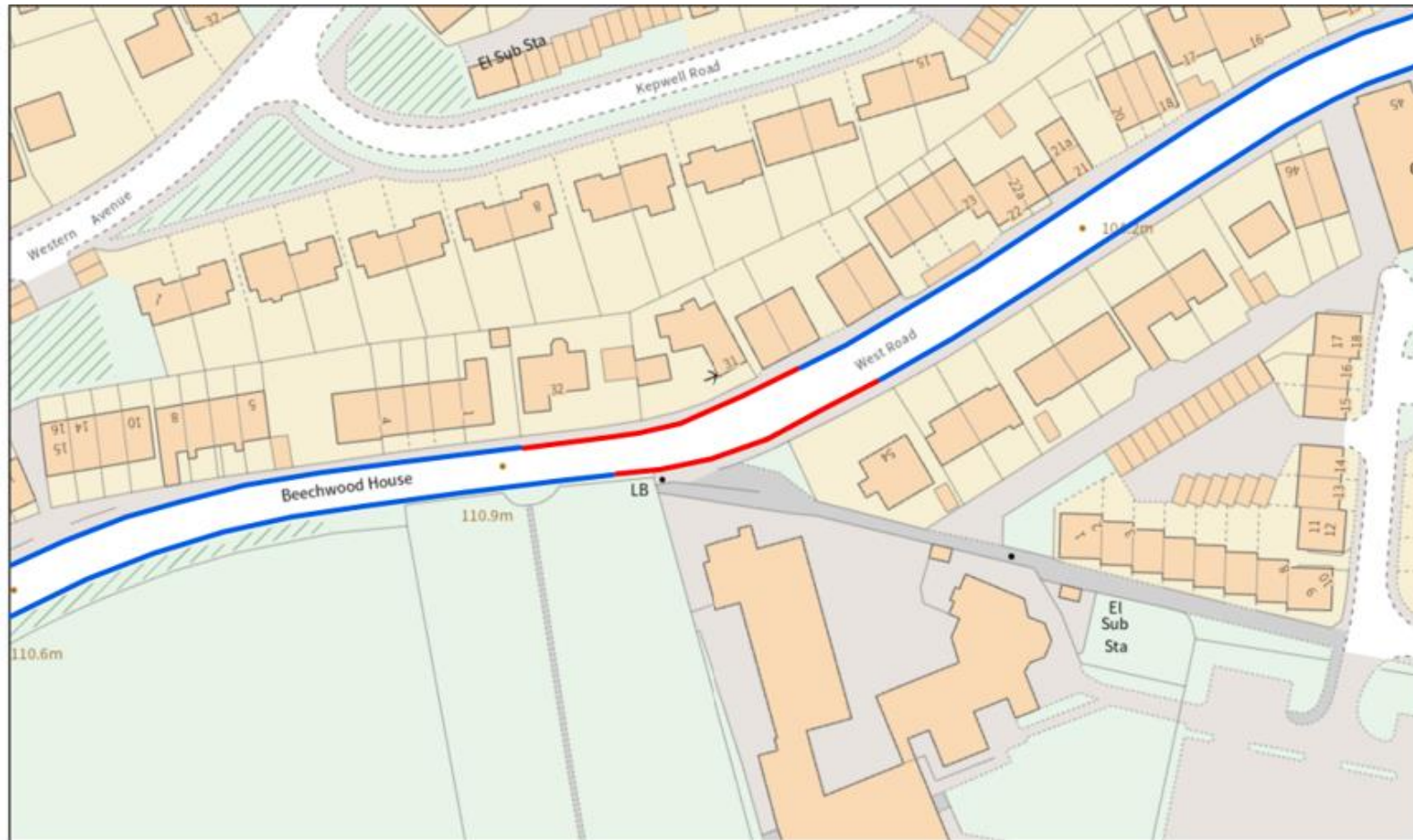


Date

11th December 2024

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Appendix A – Consultation Plan




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Network Management Information System

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Prudhoe West Academy
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Existing Double Yellow Lines 

Proposed School Keep Clears Mon -Fri, 8am - 5pm 

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Appendix B – Consultation Responses

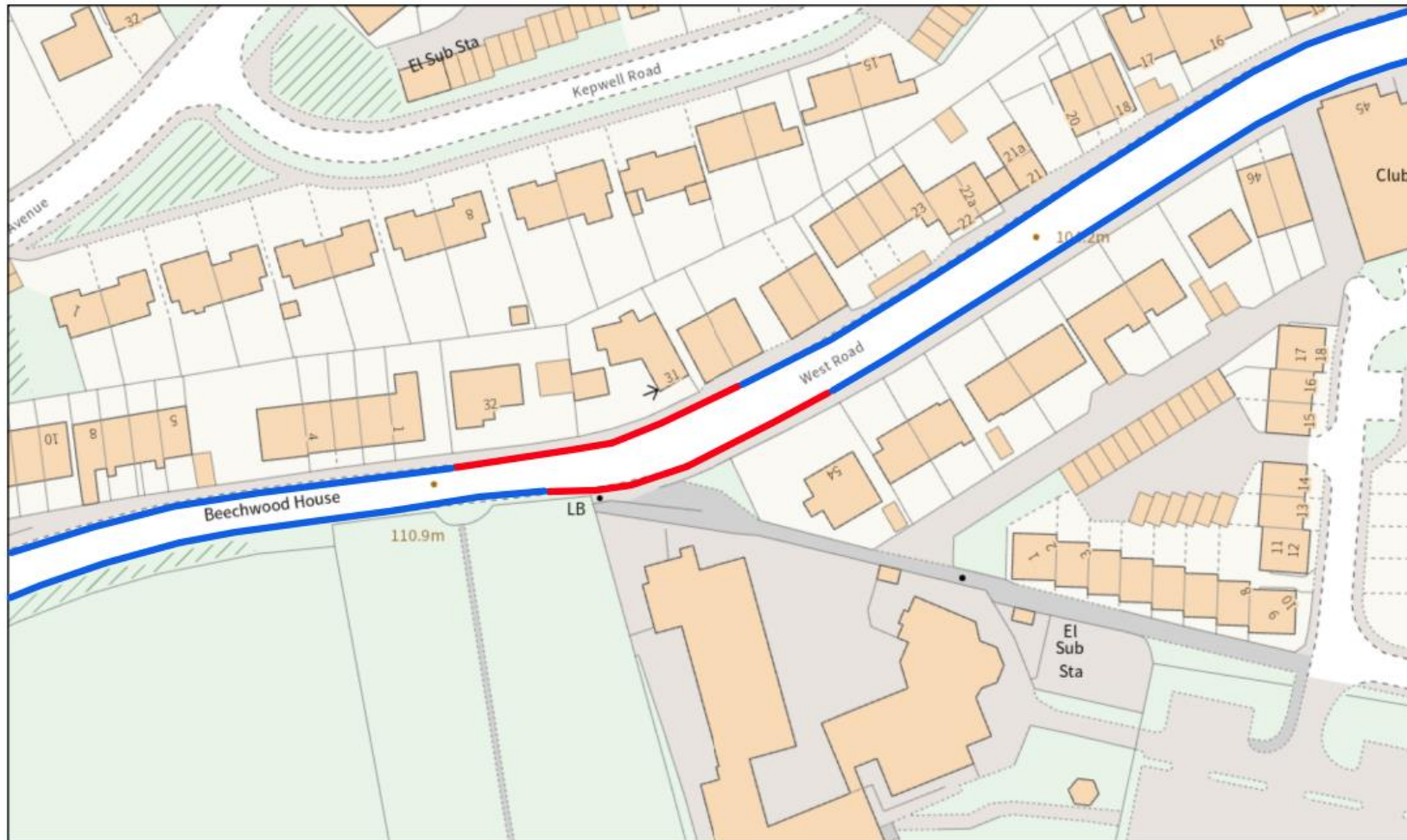
Key: F = For; A = Against

F A		RESPONSES
1		I live overlooking the area of the proposed amended parking restrictions. I wholeheartedly agree that stricter restrictions are needed at school opening and closing times. Every school day we see the dangers caused by parking and by people doing U turns in the road close to the school crossing on a blind crest. Would the School Keep Clear lines replace the double yellow lines or would they be in addition to them? If they were to replace them I have concerns about parking in this area outside of the hours 8am to 5pm. Parking is at a premium in this area and many people park on the double yellow lines overnight. If there were no restrictions 5pm till 8am then I anticipate that people would use this area to park on both sides of the road overnight. This would cause the useable part of the road to be narrowed considerably on a blind crest and bend in the road. This is a busy road, a main bus route and there have been accidents there in recent years. Another concern I have is that the problem of people parking on the double yellow lines will be 'moved' further east and west. This could cause problems for us exiting our access road (next to the former Conservative Club) which is already a treacherous junction. I would hate that my concerns prevent any stricter restrictions near the school crossing but I hope that they will be given consideration.
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Appendix C – Post-Consultation Plan


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Proposed School Keep Clears All Days, All Hours 