



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones – Director of Environment & Transport

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Errington Place & Fair View, Prudhoe

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

25 November 2024

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce new parking restrictions at Errington Place and Fair View in Prudhoe.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) parking restrictions are implemented 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 has received concerns regarding obstructive and indiscriminate parking on Errington Place and its junction with Fair View in Prudhoe.
2. As a result, parking restrictions in the form of an extension to 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings and new double yellow lines have been proposed to alleviate these concerns.

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3. Due to concerns raised during the consultation period regarding additional 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings, amended plans to remove these from the proposals are recommended.
4. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor.
5. The scheme is to be funded through Councillor Scott's Members' Local Improvement Scheme Allowance.

Background

Prudhoe West Academy has a school entrance situated at the off-street car park in place off Errington Place and its junction with Fair View. When at full capacity, primarily during school start and end times, vehicles overflow onto the street and park at this junction, which impedes forward visibility and obstructs the free flow of traffic.

Parking restrictions in the form of 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings are in operation from Monday-Friday between the hours of 8am-5pm directly at the access to the car park, as can be seen in Figure 1 below, but the rest of Errington Place and Fair View is derestricted.



Fig.1: Existing parking restrictions at Errington Place & Fair View, Prudhoe (Source: Google Maps, 2024)

In order to address the issues of parking on this bend, new 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines were initially proposed along with an additional 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag marking extending in a northerly direction on Errington Place. Details of this original proposal can be found in Appendix A.

During the consultation, it was highlighted that although several residents were in favour of the proposed double yellow lines, the 'School Keep Clear' extension would reduce parking for directly affected properties and push the problem further north into the street. Full consultation results are listed in Appendix B. As a result, it is proposed to introduce double yellow lines on the corner of Errington Place and Fair View only and not to extend the 'School Keep Clear' markings any further. Details of the amended proposal with an overview of the final planned extents are outlined 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, directly affected residents 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

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer	Director of Environment & Transport
Subject	Proposed parking restrictions at Errington Place & Fair View, Prudhoe
Consultation	For: 5 (66%) Against: 4 (44%)
Decision Taken	To introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions at Errington Place & Fair View, Prudhoe

Signature of Director




Date

11th December 2024

Appendix A – Consultation Plan



 Northumberland County Council <small>County Hall Hexham Northumberland NE45 3EP Tel: 01670 520000</small>	Network Management Information System <small>The map is reproduced from Ordnance Survey material with the permission of Ordnance Survey on behalf of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office. Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. Licence no. 100045043 (2005)</small>	Title: Proposed Parking Restrictions Errington Place / Fair View, Prudhoe Drawn: CE Date: Jan 24 Scale: NTS	KEY Existing School Keep Clear Road Markings ———— Proposed Extended School Keep Clear Road Markings ———— Proposed Double Yellow Lines ————
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Appendix B – Consultation Responses

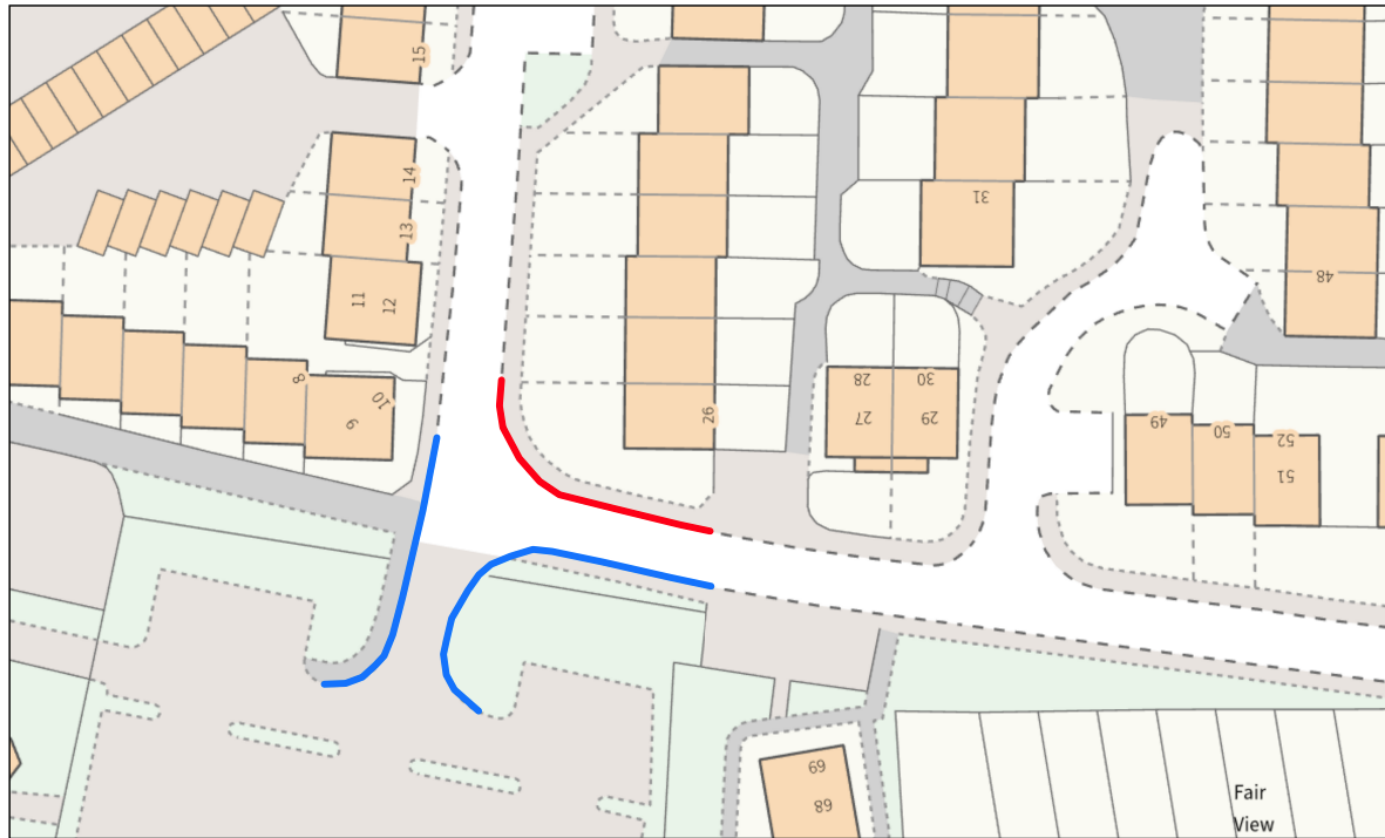
Key: F = For; A = Against

F A	RESPONSES
1	I support the proposed parking restrictions
1	We are residents of X at the north end of the cul de sac. We appreciate the need to consider action on parking in the area. However, we are concerned that the proposed plans will push the residents of houses X-X to park further down the street (north) and therefore in front of our property. There are several cars belonging to residents of X-X who usually park outside of their own properties. The proposed extended school keep clear road markings will stop them doing this, and push them to crowd into the bottom of the cul de sac. This will exacerbate an existing problem. We already have residents who live on the main road (West Road B6395) who are parking on the street in our cul de sac then walking down the main road. This has added extra traffic and parking issues to Errington Place. The new additions will add yet more to the issues at the north end of the cul de sac. We would suggest that the proposed double yellow lines will be effective as none of the residents park in that area, but lots of school users do stop in that area and block the street. The extended keep clear lines will have a negative impact for the residents who park outside their homes and a knock on effect for everyone at the north end of the Cul de sac. To confirm - we support the proposed double yellow lines, but not the proposed extension to the keep clear markings.
1	We find this proposal absolutely shocking as this is the only parking place for her residence. Where will the people whom live on Errington expected to park. The school's car park is always full with staff and parents. On the letter sent out there is a red line directly outside of her home. Will this mean she cannot park outside of the home. More information is needed to be gathered from the residents of Errington Places as the residents are not happy.
1	I have no problems with the proposal as it stands, however from past experience I believe those dropping kids off at the school will just park in the six residents parking bays for our flats at the end of Fair View. Clearer "Residents Only" signs are needed for those six bays as there are disabled and elderly residents here who cannot walk very far, or if an ambulance needs to get in at school times, it will be impossible if the bays are blocked.
1	This measure will hopefully make it safer for residents and parents and children entering and leaving car park. However there are also issues on West Road next to the school. Is it possible to have "School Keep Clear" and zig zags here. Parents often park on double yellow lines and reduce visibility for Lollipop lady. It is my understanding that pencils were going to be erected (similar to the school at Stocksfield) Do you have a date for this work? Any measures to improve safety are greatly appreciated.
1	I am a resident at X Errington Place which will be affected by the proposed restrictions. My first priority and always will be is the safety of the Children. We have written to the West School a number of times over the years. We have lived here for coming up for 42 years now. I am concerned that the parking restrictions will move the problem to opposite side of the street, being that the houses all have driveways, and two of us at the top of the street are private. Before these changes we have had many problems with drive blockages, turning in drive, and destroying rock borders. The people who live on the side then are not allowed to park outside their house! Will there be permit holders system? While I and many others are aware that parking control in Prudhoe is laughable at best, as people do what they want, it is about time that this adherence to the Highway Code is used to its full effect. Thank you.
1	No comments
1	It appears to affect and discriminate residence at number 9-14 EP because of inconsiderate parking from parent, grandparents and care providers during school drop off and collection. There is period of time approx. 60 - 45 minutes between 08.15-09.15 and 14.15 and 15.15pm where there is severe congestion, lack of respect for residence and the inability to obey already implemented parking restrictions on EP. I have witnessed on several occasion people parking from 14.00 hrs waiting to collect their children in order to get a parking space. The weekend proves troublesome when there is an event on at Prudhoe West Academy (PWA). The cause of this is because parking is used by surrounding streets where there are limited parking spaces where they live e.g. West Road and River View this causes congestion on a weekend however not as frequent as during the school week. Recently there was an incident involving my grandson and his partner. A neighbour challenged them and told them stop parking there in front of my home, this led to the perpetrator using foul language and threatening to assault me along with a parting comment that they need to watch they're car. Karbon Homes were informed of the incident and has been dealt with appropriately. This caused further unnecessary stress to what is a stressful time in my life after the loss of my husband some few weeks earlier. I agree and is not unreasonable to add double yellow lines highlighted on the proposed plan. Logically and legally

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		<p>this should not even be a debate and parking shouldn't happen although the planned double yellow lines will elevate any element of doubt. The proposed school keep markings down from number 9-14 EP of which has a high percentage of disabled and elderly residence whose are entitled to park outside their home which is vital to maintain direct access to their home and maintain independence. It would appear that implementing the extension of the markings will mitigate the parking outside of numbers 9-14 EP and intensify the problem in the Cul de sac between number 15-10 EP which essentially is not a solution. My questions to you are this 1. Has an enforcement officer ever visited at the suggested times to address the issue perhaps issuing fines which will reduce the chances of inconsiderate and illegal parking. 2. How will this be policed if the plans do go ahead and what consideration will be given to residences living there perhaps a permit which happens in other towns e.g. Corbridge. 3. Consider further parking spaces from the waste grassed area or extending the car park at the entrance to FV. 4. Discuss with the school the need to encourage walking to school and its benefits for health and wellbeing. 5. Discuss with the school the need to be considerate towards residence around the school area.</p>
	1	<p>On 15th April 2024 I received a letter stating a proposed parking restriction was planned for Errington Place, Fair View already has markings but not very long. The proposed parking would prevent us parking outside our home. We have lived in Errington for XX years without the need for markings and as the school has a high car park there is no need to prevent us getting in and out of our residence. My husband and I are both disabled and rely on loading and unloading outside our property. My husband has had a knee replacement and is awaiting another. I am on the list for a knee replacement and need injections for the osteoarthritis in the other knee. I have a rollator and scooter which needs to be loaded into the car my husband has great difficulty doing this. Why the markings need to be extended down from the school is beyond me and will cause us great distress and difficulties. We have requested a parking permit and a disabled bay but have been refused. There has never been an accident or a near accident in Errington. It is unfair that Errington has been singled out for markings that are totally unnecessary. Our whole lives will be up turned for a twice a day visit to the school. We have nowhere else to park and it will confine us to our home. If we load and unload we face a parking fine of £X every time. This situation is causing a great deal of unnecessary distress I have angina diabetes thyroid and other stomach conditions please reconsider your proposals for Errington as it is discriminatory and unworkable. The school has operated without the need for these markings and have no need to Enter Errington Place. Residents already have to battle traffic getting in and out of Errington please don't add insult to injury.</p>
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Appendix C – Post-Consultation Plan




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KEY
Existing School Keep Clear Road Markings — (blue line)
Proposed Double Yellow Lines — (red line)