



Northumberland County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones - Director of Environment & Transport

ADDENDUM

Proposed Parking Restrictions – Hartford Bridge

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

24 January 2024

Reason for Addendum

Proposals that were originally consulted upon and agreed for parking restrictions at Hartford Bridge are proposed to be amended by this Addendum as local views on the need for parking restrictions have changed since the original report was prepared and the decision taken. The purpose and recommendations from the original report on parking restrictions at Hartford Bridge were as follows :-

Purpose and Recommendations of Original Report

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.

Recommendation

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

Link to Corporate Plan

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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 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 was funded from the 2021/22 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.
4. The proposed amendments to the parking restrictions are supported by the local County Councillor.

Purpose of Addendum

Due to the popularity of Plessey Woods Country Park especially during the peak summer months, concerns were raised regarding vehicles using the A192 Shields Road, grass verges and residential streets nearby as a form of overflow parking when the off-street car parks were at full capacity.

Original proposals recommended that 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions were introduced on the A192 Shields Road, with 'No Waiting' (single yellow lines) restrictions applying at weekends including bank holidays between 8am – 6pm proposed to apply outside residential properties to allow parking for those living there and visitors outside these hours. Residents only permit parking was also proposed at Hartford Bridge Farm and Hartford Drive during those hours. Details of these proposed restrictions and their extents can be found in Appendix A.

Temporary double yellow lines were installed on the A192 Shields Road as a result of road safety issues presented by vehicles parking there and ignoring 'No Waiting' traffic cones whilst the consultation for a permanent scheme was ongoing. These are shown below in Figure 1.

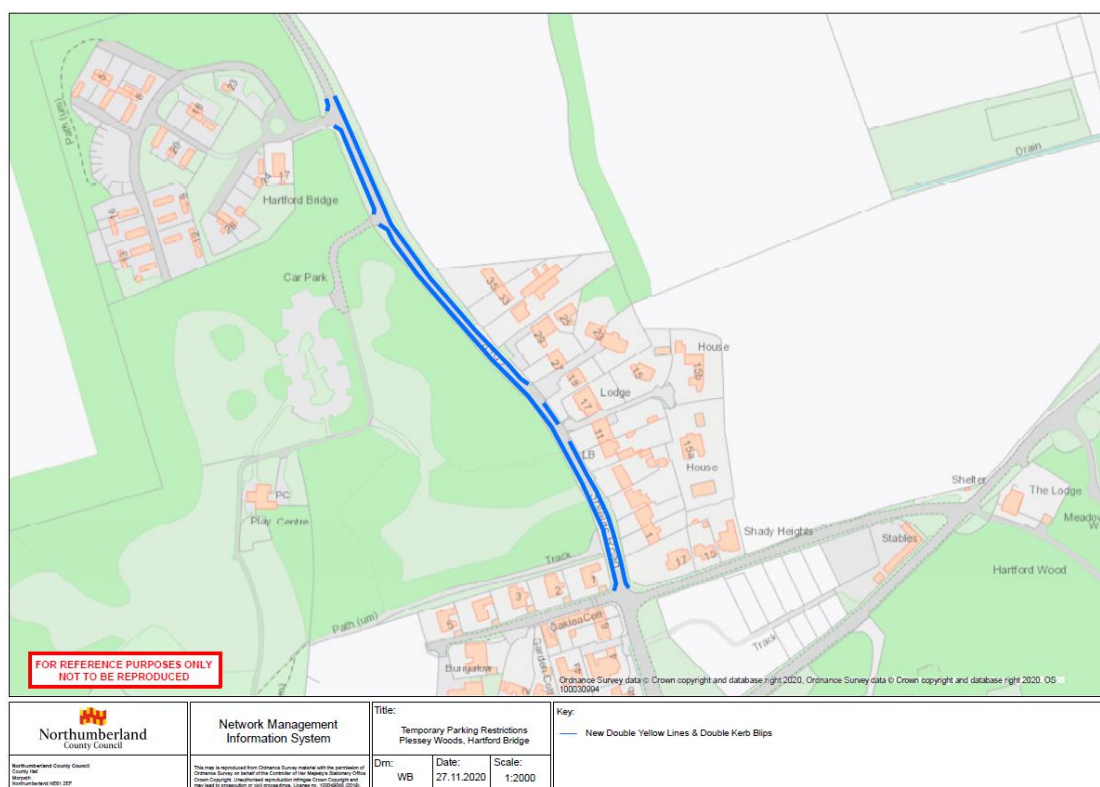


Fig. 1: Temporary double yellow lines on A192 Shields Road, Hartford Bridge

Feedback by residents and local residents' groups indicated that the vast majority of those living on the A192 Shields Road adjacent to Plessey Woods Country Park preferred to keep the temporary double yellow lines on a permanent basis as opposed to a single yellow line outside their properties, whereas those on Hartford Bridge Farm advised that they would prefer not to pay for a permit as they did not believe it was necessary following the opening of the overflow car park within Plessey Woods Country Park. Site observations

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have suggested that the congestion of vehicles in residential areas has now reduced significantly.

As a result, the Council intends not to implement any residents' only permit parking in Hartford Bridge and to implement the 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions on a permanent basis, as opposed to introducing single yellow lines.

The revised and final proposals can be observed in Appendix B. They are intended to increase road safety, maintain the free flow of traffic where possible and to protect the amenity of the area. Northumbria Police, other emergency services, relevant statutory consultees and directly affected properties will be notified of this amendment as part of the process for making the 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 LTP 2023/24 programme.
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	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 residents have been consulted, invited to leave feedback throughout and will be informed of the agreed amendments.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Bedlington West

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Background Papers

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

Appendix A – Original Scheme Proposal

Appendix B – Revised Scheme Layout

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer	Director of Environment & Transport
Subject	Proposed amendments to parking restrictions at Hartford Bridge
Consultation	Consultation was undertaken as part of the original scheme process
Decision Taken	To amend existing parking restrictions at Hartford Bridge

Signature of Director

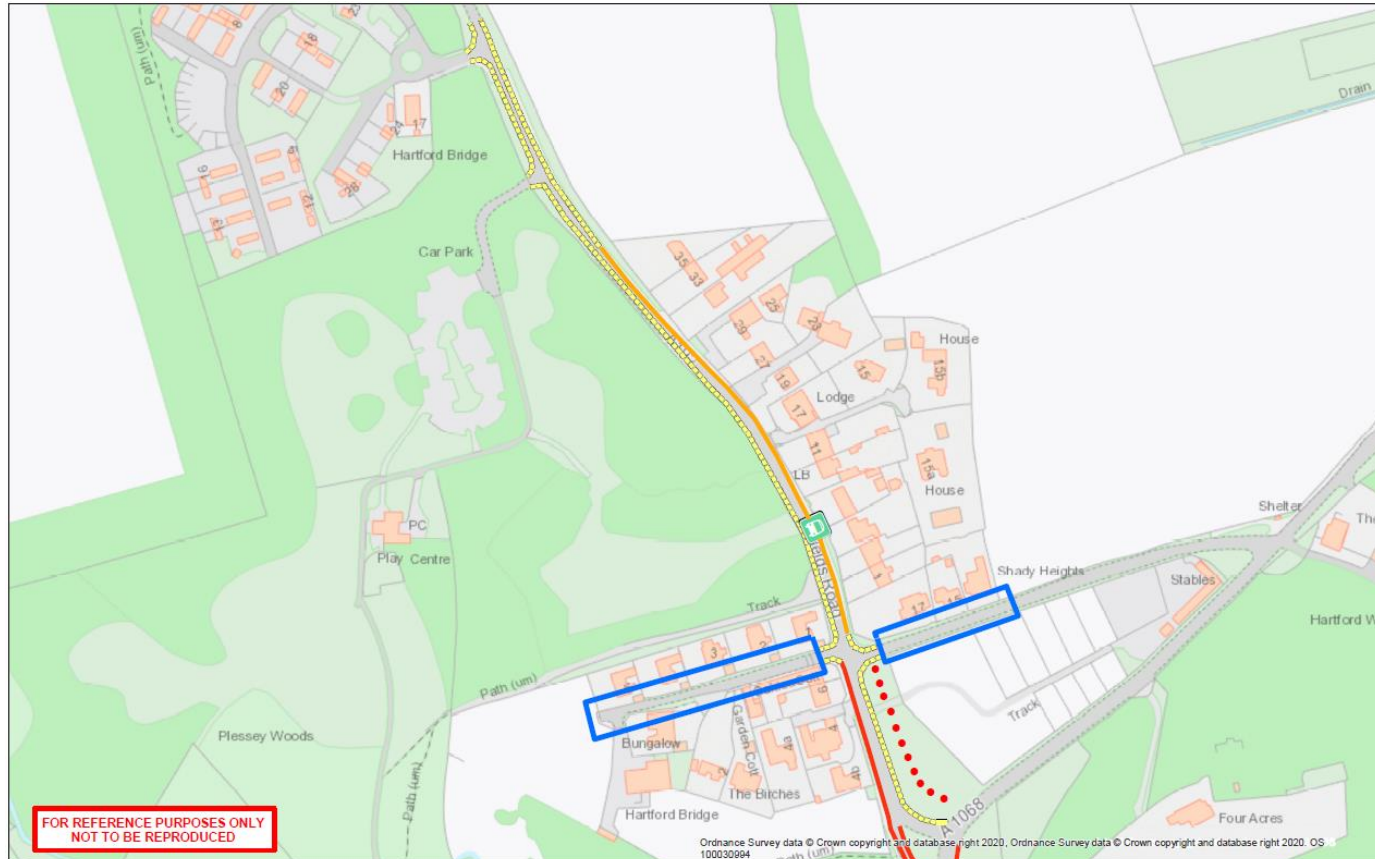



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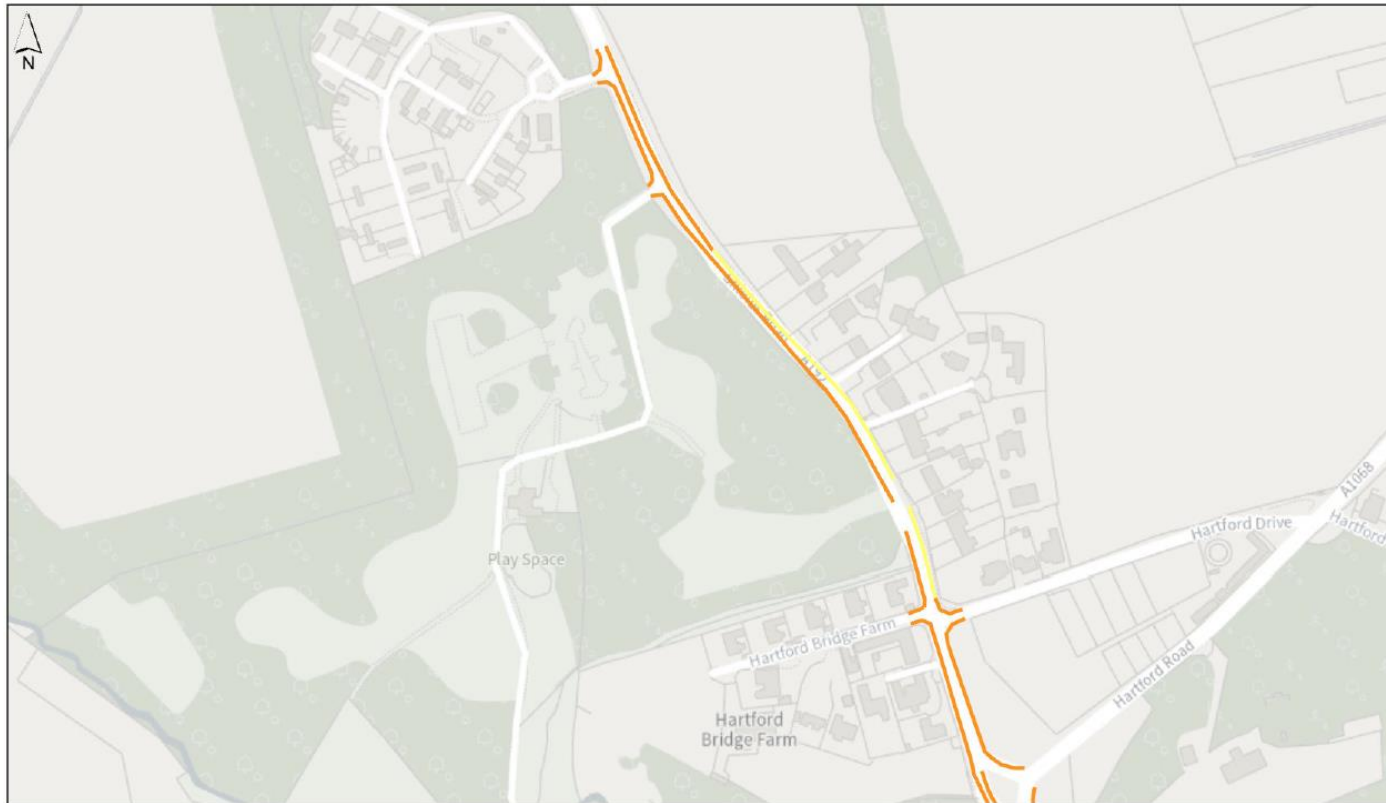
Appendix A – Original Scheme Layout




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Appendix B – Revised Scheme Layout



 Northumberland County Council	Proposed Parking Restrictions Plessey Woods Hartford Bridge			Key: — 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines) to remain — 'No Waiting' (Single Yellow Lines) Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays 8am-6pm to be replaced with 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines)
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