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RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones – Director of Environment & Transport

**Proposed Parking Restrictions – Astley Community High & Whytrig
Middle Schools, Seaton Delaval**

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

13 January 2025

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposal to introduce new parking restrictions outside the vicinity of the new Astley Community High & Whytrig Middle Schools development in Seaton Delaval.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are implemented in advance of the new school opening to maintain road safety in the area and the free flow of traffic in the vicinity.

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 granted planning permission for a new school development site to be constructed in Seaton Delaval with accesses to be situated on the land adjacent to Manners Gardens, Prospect Avenue and Western Avenue.

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2. To ensure that road safety is maintained at the school entrances, new waiting restrictions in the form of double and single yellow lines are proposed, along with 'School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings directly outside the access at Western Avenue.
3. Residents, local businesses and the local County Councillor have raised concerns regarding this proposal in the preliminary stages of the planning process and during the consultation period due to reduced parking, but the proposal has been designed to minimise the impact on parking capacity whilst ensuring road safety.
4. The scheme is to be funded through NCC's Education budget.

Background

The new Astley Community High & Whytrig Middle Schools site is situated on land north of Prospect Avenue and Western Avenue near the centre of Seaton Delaval. Vehicles currently access the construction site via The Avenue temporarily whilst work continues, however the grass verge adjacent to the shared use footway is owned by National Trust and therefore permanent access to the new school site cannot be used here moving forward.

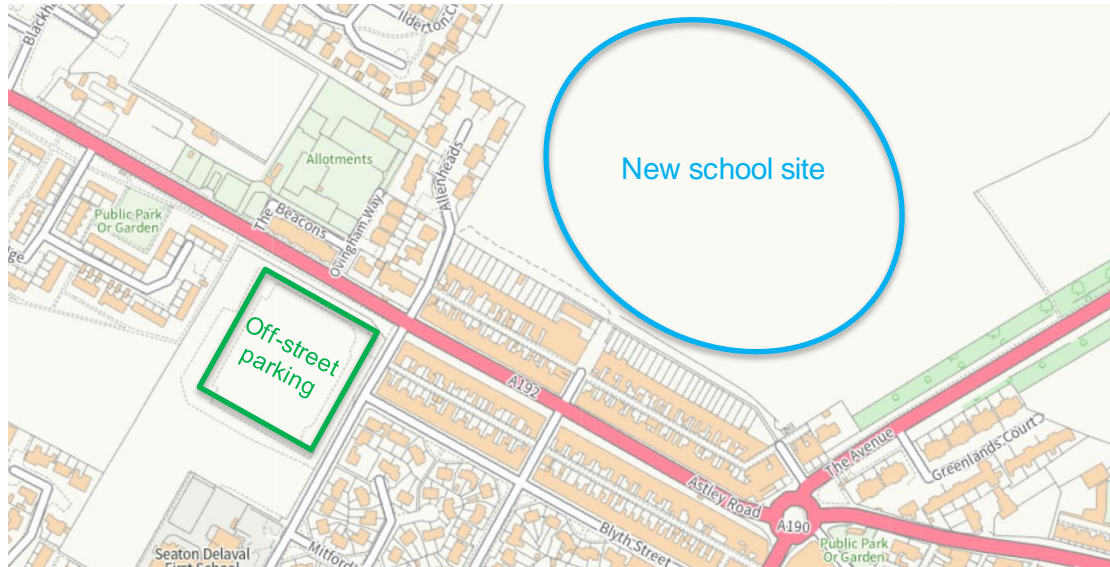


Fig. 1: Site location plan of new Astley Community High & Whytrig Middle Schools and off-street parking sites, Seaton Delaval

Whilst active travel, such as walking or cycling, is always promoted to schools by Northumberland County Council as the main form of transport which parents, staff etc are encouraged to use, improved pedestrian crossing facilities on the A192 Astley Road will be installed to also encourage use of the off-street parking facilities as a 'Park & Stride' form of travel to the school. This ensures road safety is maintained when the site opens and users enter/exit the school via the two new accesses at Western Avenue/Allenheads and Prospect Avenue.

Planning approval for the site and new entrance points requires new parking restrictions to be implemented in order to maintain the free flow of traffic to vehicles such as school buses accessing them and avoid the possibility of obstructive and indiscriminate parking occurring.

Proposal

Highway improvement works involve upgraded pedestrian crossing points along Astley Road, an off-street car park adjacent to Western Avenue and new waiting and stopping restrictions directly outside both school entrances.

On the west side of Prospect Avenue, 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are proposed around the vicinity of its junction with Astley Road and directly outside the planned new school access. These are also proposed on the east side of Prospect Avenue, however to maintain some form of on-street parking for residents outside of peak school hours where

safely possible without obstructing traffic, waiting restrictions in the form of single yellow lines, applying Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-9:30am and 2-4pm, are also proposed. The extents of these measures are illustrated below in Figure 2.



Fig. 2: Proposed parking restrictions on Prospect Avenue (Key: A = No waiting Mon-Fri 8-9:30am & 2-4pm, B = No waiting at any time)

It is acknowledged that Delaval & Hartley Glaziers utilise this section of Prospect Avenue outside the premises for goods purposes, but whilst these restrictions prohibit parking during the prescribed hours, regulations permit loading and unloading to be undertaken on these road markings, as long as this is constantly observed by a Civil Enforcement Officer patrolling the area. It is therefore not anticipated that the proposed restrictions on Prospect Avenue will impact day-to-day deliveries.

At Western Avenue and its junction with Astley Road, 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) restrictions are proposed to prohibit waiting which would otherwise lead to obstructive and indiscriminate parking. This continues on the east side up to Allenheads, where a prohibition of stopping on entrance markings ('School Keep Clear' zig-zag markings) restriction is proposed to apply Monday-Friday between the hours of 8am-5pm, directly outside the school entrance where pedestrians are likely to be most prominent during the peak school hours.

In an effort to maintain on-street parking for residents outside of these peak hours, waiting restrictions in the form of single yellow lines are again proposed to apply Monday-Friday between the hours of 8-9:30am and 2-4pm, in this instance on the west side of Western Avenue. Finally, additional double yellow lines are proposed into Allenheads on the west side of the carriageway beyond

these single yellow line restrictions, so as to prohibit and prevent pavement parking at the extended footway next to where bollards are currently installed. The extents of the restrictions proposed on Western Avenue and Allenheads can be observed below in Figure 3.

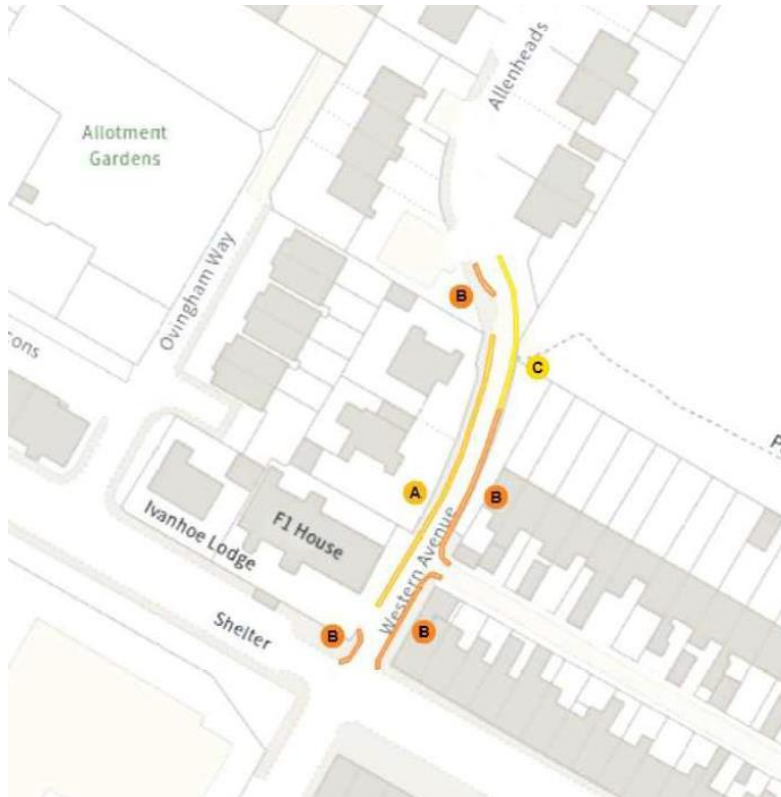


Fig. 2: Proposed parking restrictions on Western Avenue and Allenheads (Key: A = No waiting Mon-Fri 8-9:30am & 2-4pm, B = No waiting at any time, C = No stopping on entrance markings Mon-Fri 8am-5pm)

Similar to the proposed layout on Prospect Avenue, the restrictions permit loading/unloading to be carried out and therefore enables Melrose Funeral Services to continue their operations as normal. It is acknowledged that this section of the carriageway would ideally be derestricted for the operators but as the premises is situated directly at a junction where large numbers of pedestrians, many being young school pupils, are expected to be crossing to and from Astley Road, it would not be safe to permit regular parking of vehicles at this vicinity, as it would obstruct both traffic and sight lines for pedestrians and motorists, thereby increasing the likelihood of a collision occurring.

The local businesses mentioned here were amongst a total of 101 properties consulted on the proposed parking restrictions, with a response rate of 32%. The majority of responses received stated that the proposals stretch too far and reduce on-street parking, but given the introduction of a nearby off-street parking facility and efforts made by the project team to keep these to a minimum i.e. keeping Manners Gardens and Astley Road derestricted, this is not anticipated to be a scheme which removes a large section of parking for residents. Some suggestions regarding the introduction of residents' only permit parking were made, but these have historically proven to be completely ineffective outside schools and given residents must pay an annual fee per

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permit, this would not represent value for money nor improve road safety outside the new school accesses.

Detailed designs of the above proposals can be found in Appendix A and consultation responses listed in Appendix B. The scheme is intended to improve road safety, increase active travel, 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, local businesses 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 NCC's Education 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, directly affected residents and local businesses have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Seghill with Seaton Delaval

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Background Papers

File reference – TDI23003

Appendix A – Scheme Layout

Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Author

Report Author **William Binks, Programme Officer**

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer	Director of Environment & Transport
Subject	Proposed parking restrictions at Astley Community High & Whytrig Middle Schools, Seaton Delaval
Consultation	For: 1 (3%) Against: 31 (97%)
Decision Taken	To introduce new parking restrictions at Astley Community High & Whytrig Middle Schools, Seaton Delaval

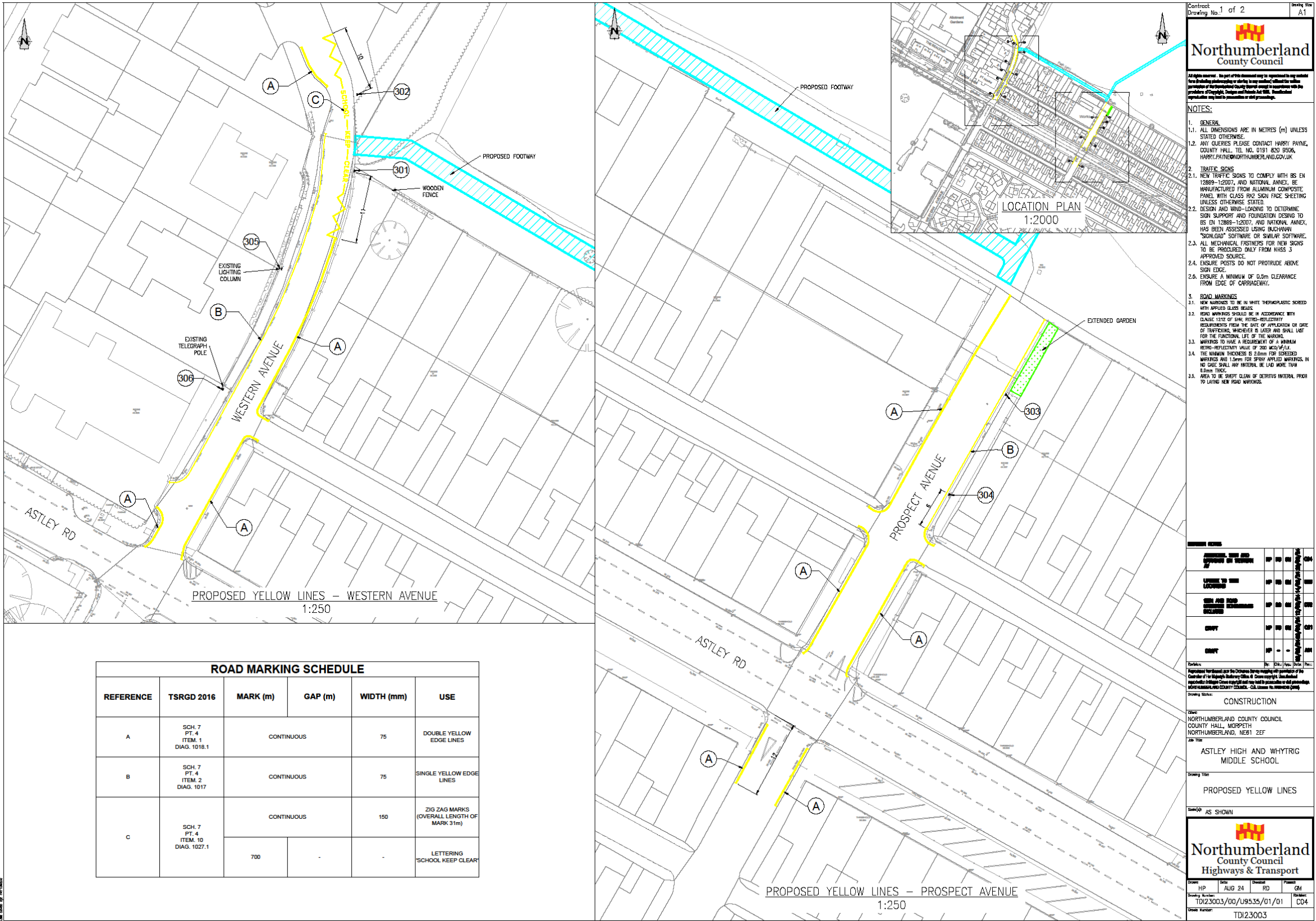
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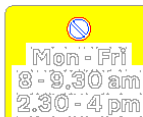
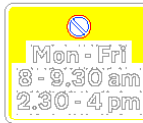
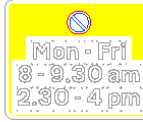
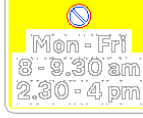


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Appendix A – Scheme Layout



TRAFFIC SIGNS (300 SERIES)											
REFERENCE	TSRGD 2016	"X" HEIGHT (mm)	LEGEND	No.	SURFACE	APPROX.SIZE (m)	POST / SIGNS			MOUNT HEIGHT (m)	REMARKS
							DIA. (mm)	LENGTH (m)	No.		
301	642.4A	40/50		1	CLASS RA2	0.625 x 0.635 (0.40 m2)	76	3.300	1	2.100	SIGN TO BE MOUNTED ON ANTI ROTATIONAL POST IN GRASS VERGE ADJACENT TO EXISTING PICKET FENCE. SIGN TO BE PARALLEL TO CARRIAGEWAY
302	642.4A	40/50		1	CLASS RA2	0.625 x 0.635 (0.40 m2)	76	3.300	1	2.100	SIGN TO BE MOUNTED ON ANTI ROTATIONAL POST IN GRASS VERGE WITHIN 0.5m OF KERB. SIGN TO BE PARALLEL TO CARRIAGEWAY
303	-	20		1	CLASS RA2	0.260 x 0.210 (0.06m2)	76	2.900	1	2.100	SIGN TO BE MOUNTED ON ANTI ROTATIONAL POST. SIGN TO BE PARALLEL TO CARRIAGEWAY
304	-	20		1	CLASS RA2	0.260 x 0.210 (0.06m2)	76	2.900	1	2.100	SIGN TO BE MOUNTED ON ANTI ROTATIONAL POST. SIGN TO BE PARALLEL TO CARRIAGEWAY
305	-	20		1	CLASS RA2	0.260 x 0.210 (0.06m2)	-	-	-	2.100	SIGN TO BE MOUNTED ON EXISTING LIGHTING COLUMN PARALLEL WITH CARRIAGEWAY.
306	-	20		1	CLASS RA2	0.260 x 0.210 (0.06m2)	76	2.900	1	2.100	SIGN TO BE MOUNTED ON ANTI ROTATIONAL POST AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO EXISTING TELEGRAPH POLE. SIGN TO BE PARALLEL TO CARRIAGEWAY

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FOR THE FUNCTIONAL LIFE OF THE MARKING.
3.3. MARKINGS TO HAVE A REQUIREMENT OF A MINIMUM
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3.4. THE MINIMUM THICKNESS IS 2.0mm FOR THERMOPLASTIC
MARKINGS AND 1.5mm FOR SPREAD APPLIED MARKINGS. IN
NO CASE SHALL ANY MATERIAL BE LAYER MORE THAN
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3.5. AREA TO BE SHEET CLEAN OF DEBRIS PRIOR TO LAYING NEW ROAD MARKINGS.

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Appendix B – Consultation Responses

Key: F = For; A = Against

F A	RESPONSES
1	Just received the proposed new parking restrictions, from what I can see, parents or whoever are dropping or collecting their child/children can park and wait down Manners Gardens for as long as they want. This will be disastrous for the residents, access to their homes, driveways and garages will be blocked or restricted. This will also have an environmental impact on the residents.
1	I've received a drawing of the new parking restrictions outside my address, I live at X Western Avenue above Melrose funeral directors. Where myself and Melrose park our cars there is an orange line indicating no waiting at any time, this is outside my front door and the door where bodies are taken in and out of the funeral home. I've noticed though that there's nothing on manners gardens at all to restrict waiting or parking. I'm wondering if we as residents will be issued with parking permits when this goes ahead and how this will be policed as just looking at the picture manners gardens will be full of school traffic. Please look into this.
1	I am writing in response to a letter received from yourself regarding the proposed parking restrictions in Seaton Delaval on completion of the new Astley Community & Whytrig Middle School. I am a house owner on Blyth Street, Seaton Delaval and my concern is the fact that the parking in this street as of now is terrible. It is a lottery when I leave home number XX and as a blue badge holder with mobility issues to get parked again is very difficult. When this school opens, I feel that it will be virtually impossible to get parked near my home. Also I own a garage at the rear of my property which I can never use due to people parking in the back lane opposite my garage door. This is very annoying as part of my car insurance I have stipulated that I have garaged parking for my vehicle. I am writing to ask you to please rethink the parking stipulations on Blyth Street or even introduce residential permit parking as I would gladly pay an annual subscription for this benefit. I would also like to see double yellow lines introduced into the back lane. Many thanks for reading this email and I hope that you can help myself and others in this matter.
1	The places in which you intend to impose parking restrictions are nowhere near Astley or Whytrig - and that applies both to their current and intended locations. The First school is on Western Avenue but the other locations are completely unrelated and nonsensical. I'm in favour of parking restrictions to stop the idiots from parking dangerously, but pretending that it's anything to do with the schools is just brining antagonism towards the kids and parents.
1	Where are residents affected by parking restrictions at the junction of Astley Road, Prospect Ave and Manners Gardens supposed to park because of the new school and the choice of entrance to this school. I do not know how this back street entrance is being considered a safe choice for a major school. Astley Road has the potential to become grid locked morning and night with the new rail station, supermarket, and on the cards new Dr Surgery at the top of the main road new school in the middle and shops at the main roundabout. Every road user is going to be looking for the closest parking space to their destination, residents who have a place to park garage, car port or outside their own residence etc will be overwhelmed by other road users vying for a place to park and not use the new car park.
1	I wish to object most strongly to the proposed parking restrictions planed for the access roads to the new Astley Community High & Whytrig schools. Myself and my son live on XX, I park outside my house and my son parks on Prospect Avenue, where the proposed yellow lines are planned to go. There are already numerous parking problems on this street as the majority of residents, like myself, have households with more than one vehicle. Should these restrictions be enforced, there will be less parking spaces available. Could you please tell me where the extra vehicles are meant to park once these restrictions are implemented? Once again, no thought has been given to the nearby residents and the effect on this building on us. It has now been months of disruption, noise, dirt, increased traffic, and light pollution and now we are to lose our parking spaces?
1	I'm writing to you about the restrictions that are possibly going to be put in place in the connecting street of Manners Gardens (Prospect Avenue) the residents use this street for parking as there is no other parking available in Manners Gardens as the residents do not have any parking at the front of our properties. If double yellows are put in place in Prospect Avenue there is nowhere for people to park. Astley Road is totally full with residents vehicles so no space available. I myself am a blue badge holder and struggling to walk a short distance. This will cause me a lot of problems. It has been proposed to make this the main entrance to the new School. It is totally unsuitable as an entrance as it is not big enough for the volume of traffic that will be created and will be an accident waiting to happen. My self and all the residents do not want yellow lines at the bottom of the road. If this is to go ahead alternative parking will be needed for the residents as was previously promised to the front of Manners Gardens. I would also like to say not all residents have been informed about this proposal. I would be grateful if you could reply to my email and let me know the outcome of this proposal.

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1	Talking with neighbours we do not find it very clear. You are calling it "no waiting" does this mean no parking at all or just waiting? Parents could park their cars and go into the school if it is just waiting! No consideration appears to have been given to after school or weekend events at the sports fields or school events like parents evening etc. I am concerned that Western Avenue leading to Allenheads will get very congested so I am happy to have restrictions put on it. I think it would be much better to have no parking at all except for residents who could be given a pass to put their car or guests car. Congestion could also restrict the emergency services, like the ambulance which we see regularly going past our window to someone in Allenheads. Large vans park opposite from drivers who do not live here which could also create problems when the school is open. I can see accidents happening at the junction to our road and Ashley Road if traffic for the school or sports fields are allowed to have access to parking in it. It could cause more difficulty for the residents coming in and out their drives. I hope these comments are helpful in coming to the final decisions.
1	The proposed parking restrictions would severely affect the running of our business. We would be unable to load and unload glass, doors etc safely onto our vans to carry out our daily work. We also have daily deliveries from glass supplies. We have no input as to what time these deliveries arrive and obviously, being hazardous materials, the drivers have to park outside the factory to offload the heavy glass units safely. These restrictions will also impact our "walk in" customers, as lot of which are elderly people, who rely on parking outside our premises to collect glass that they have ordered.
1	I am against these proposed parking restrictions. When have you done a survey or contacted the residents of Seaton Delaval that are affected by this in anyway? You need to discuss and listen to the voice of local residents and businesses. See how they feel about this or what they would like regarding parking restrictions and yellow lines? There are significant changes that will affect trade, business and residents. You need to consult with all of us. You do not know how the residents feel, for Northumberland Council to make these decisions! Yes we want yellow lines on dangerous junctions and parking restrictions, but not without a proper consultation. The current proposals appear to have been designed by people who do not live anywhere near Seaton Delaval or who are following an agenda set by the council which does not reflect the reality of living in the village. Sadly, I do not expect anything other than "we are going to do what ever we want" which unfortunately is my experience of living here. It is absolutely ridiculous, how you expect a funeral directors to run a business, whilst having to wheel bodies down the street or over the road to the new car park! The parking is horrendous now and that is due to all the workers parking in Manner Gardens and Astley road and not on the site. As I say, many many people are up in arms against the proposals, but you will ignore us all, form your nice little offices.
1	In response to your proposed restrictions for the new Astley High and Whytrig School, I object most strongly. The reasons for my objection are as follows:- 1) It is very difficult to find a parking place along Manners Gardens due to the high number of vehicles that park on a daily basis. 2) There are no alternative parking places close to these houses and that is why you have not given any. 3) The parking restrictions will have a massive impact on both Glaziers and funeral directors. 4) There will be no where for my family, friends to visit and any tradesmen who would work on my house to park.
1	Parking for residents of Manners Gardens is restricted to parking in the lane behind Astley Road, while the residents of Astley Road also have parking in front of their properties BUT most park in the lane. The restrictions proposed will impose further parking difficulties to the residents of Manners Gardens. A possible solution, and possible added income for NCC would be parking restrictions in the lane only for residents parking pass holders as used in Blyth.
1	I would like to put my concerns about the new parking restrictions at the new Astley High school Seaton Delaval. I live in XX where the parking access to my house is already atrocious this in regards as to get in supplies, deliveries and grandchildren safely in my property I feel that the new restrictions will only push more cars in to the back lane, which I feel has not been considered in fact, I feel that Manners Gardens totally ignored in the building of the new school. I also fear for the local businesses which this will affect massively I feel these points I have brought forward should be considered.
1	We live on Manners Gardens and are a two-vehicle household. As a result of theft in the area the van needs to be parked outside our home to protect the contents as my partner is self-employed. As a result, I park in the middle of Manners Gardens alongside the Glaziers. As I have a six year old, to park my car elsewhere and walk across what is a very busy main road a minimum of twice a day is unacceptable and ultimately puts residents at risk.
1	We would like to make our feelings heard about the proposed parking restrictions. These parking restrictions will have a huge detrimental impact on us as residents of Manners Gardens, as well as the business, in which is already a busy back lane where residential parking is already an issue. This is just going to add to extra chaos to us as residents.
1	I would like to request an explanation of the difference between "No Waiting" and "No Parking" as it is very misleading. I understand you have concerns regarding parking, however you have only indicated no waiting between restricted hours. There doesn't seem to have been consideration given to the multiple users of the afterschool sports facilities and meeting that will be held outside of these set hours, and the fact that they will then park as it will be outside these restrictions. This

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	will then give rise to issues faced by the emergency services as they are regularly called to residents in Allenheads. Could you confirm if you are going to issue parking permits for the residents who live nearby and are now left with nowhere to park their vehicles? There have already been double yellow lines marked on one side of the road and across driveways which residents were told were temporary?
1	With reference to the proposal concerning the parking restrictions, in around Manners Gardens, it is absolutely ludicrous. I have been resident here since 1983 and have seen the parking gradually becoming worse. The local residents haven't got enough parking available to begin with. Some won't be able to park outside their own homes, exactly how would you like it? There are well established businesses that will be affected too. Children walking passed an undertakers seeing bodies coming in and out is by no means acceptable let alone totally disrespectful to the families. Let's see if common sense prevails. NO yellow lines and some sort of security that the residents will be able to park outside their homes with access they can actually drive off their own driveways. 1 I wait with interest.
1	I object to the Proposed Parking Restrictions for the new Astley Community High & Whytrig Middle School in Seaton Delaval, as outlined in your letter dated 9 September 2024. My objections are:- 1) School Children walking towards the entrance at Prospect Avenue will be at risk from - i) Residents driving to work out of blind junction. ii) Delivery vehicles accessing both Glaziers, and the residents. iii) Parents driving down Manners Gardens as a drop-off point. iv) Glaziers loading glass panel onto their vans. v) Vehicles entering and leaving the school. 2) The double yellow lines proposed along Prospect Avenue outside the Glazing business do not stop the loading and unloading of van and lorries. The proposed waiting restrictions do not guarantee clear access for a coach. 3) The funeral directors prepare a 3 limousine funeral cortege directly outside its premises several times each week. It is beyond all realms of decency to impose parking restrictions here. 4) You do not give any alternative parking for the 16, or so vehicles that will be displaced by the parking restrictions. 5) It is unrealistic to think parents rushing to work, are going to make a detour up Western Avenue to the car park. They will just drop their kids off wherever they can.
1	You are going to remove all possibility of me parking safely outside of my home "at any time", why you are putting double yellow lines I will never know, my stationary car outside of my home is no threat to kids going to school, your double yellow lines don't stop those people living here or visiting from driving up and down the road on that part of Western Ave, which is more dangerous than stationary cars. Why on earth can I or other residents not park there, also no-one has ever parked on the other side of the road opposite my house, and that side is going to be getting a single yellow line? Are you going to stop people driving their cars in this street/area who are going to work at the same time as the kids are going to school and leaving school, as I mentioned moving cars are more dangerous than stationary cars. Whoever has thought this whole scheme through has made some of these decisions out of malice. Absolutely stupid planning, along with the dangerous position of the entrances to the school for the kids, the main entrance should be on the Avenue, and the amount of football pitches you are planning is ridiculous, some of that space could have been a car park for parents to drop off their children, many of us can unfortunately envisage an accident on Astley Road, many parents will just pull up on the street to drop off and when you add impatient drivers in the mix then it will be an absolute nightmare, a tragedy waiting to happen, as angry drivers aren't safe. I hope you can all sleep at night when something goes wrong and a child is killed, one accident will be one too many! Astley Road is a well-used route for blue light ambulances going to and also coming from Cramlington Hospital, they will be in a hurry, it could be chaos. You have built a carpark across the road on Western Ave, but that along with the criminals constantly trying to get in people's cars is going to hike up residents insurance, as well as encourage more crime, because for most people it is not outside their own home. How are you expecting Melrose funeral directors to move the deceased, they are constantly having to load and unload bodies from vehicles, they can't use the carpark across the road and leave a body unattended in the back of a hearse whilst preparing for a funeral, this is ludicrous, it would be a different situation if it was one of your relatives who was being pushed across the road on a trolley from two streets away or it would be different if it was your home having parking restrictions put in place, and you were making the decisions, it just wouldn't happen would it? Oh but none of you people making these decisions live in this area so none of you actually care about those people's lives who have lived and worked here, serving the community for years, it's absolutely disgusting. The best thing for Manners Gardens residents is parking permits, also with the workmans vehicles etc on Astley Road, those residents on Astley are now trying to take up any possible spaces they can on Manners Gardens, this is just a shambles, and if there are going to be further parking restrictions on Astley Rd, Manners Gardens will be a nightmare for the residents who are already struggling. Please think about the parking, and what affect your decisions are having on residents daily living.
1	In response to the proposed parking restrictions for new Astley High and Whytrig Middle School. I strongly object to this. My objections and reasons are 1. it is very difficult to park in Manners Gardens and Prospect Avenue due to a very high level of vehicles parking on a daily basis. 2. this will impact the small business in the vicinity Seaton Delaval Glaziers-Melrose Funeral Services. I do not want to see the funeral directors carrying a coffin along Astley Road to somewhere they can park their cars. 3. there will be nowhere for my family and friends when they come to visit. 4. There

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	is alternative parking close to the house. 5. I am currently looking to purchase an electric car where will I charge it if parking restrictions are being put in I don't think running an extension lead across Astley Road. There has been no thought been put in to how this affects people lives.
1	<p>Firstly I am not impressed that I wasn't informed of the proposals. I live on Manners Gardens and as a resident who parks in the Prospect Avenue this does directly affect me. I was informed of this by a neighbour who did get a letter, which should not have been the case! When I arrived home from work this evening there were 11 other vehicles parked on this part of Prospect Avenue, that's 11 other residents that are going to be affected and who may still be unaware of the proposed double yellow lines. Where are you proposing that the residents of Manners Gardens park? We only have the back lane to park in, we don't have vehicles access to the front of our properties - which we were promised at the very first consultation evening that was held at the school, and parking on Astley Road is virtually impossible. Many of the residents of Manners Gardens are elderly or disabled and should not have to park away from their homes, we could have a residents parking permit scheme put in place but that still wouldn't help the lack of space available in the lane. I believe that having a main entrance to the school in a back lane is an absolutely ridiculous idea for the following reasons: 1. Astley Road is already a very busy main road, it is the main ambulance route to the hospital and already if I want to turn right onto Astley Road from Prosopect Avenue, I have to turn left and to right around the roundabout to do this. The traffic will increase again when the new station is built and traffic will back up right down the main road during rush hours, not only because of the station but because the traffic will not be able to get past the buses when they have to stop at the bus stops that are not set back off the road at all. This alongside the extra proposed traffic lights will be terrible. Then put into the mix 2 new schools and parents trying to drop off their children, I can guarantee that parents will just stop on Astley Road and drop their children off as close to the school as they can possibly get. They will not use the satellite carpark on Western Avenue is already full of traffic because of the first school, and why would they take the time to get into that car park when they can get closer to the school, they will not be thinking of children's safety when they are running late for school. 2. Visibility on the corner of Astley Road and Prospect Avenue is already bad and I worry about children's safety, especially when weather is bad or visibility is poor, I dread to think about the accidents that will cause. 3. Delivery vehicles and school SEN transport will struggle to access the school through the back lane at busy times, the lane is just not wide enough. 4. There are businesses on that lane that will be directly affected. If this goes ahead it will be an accident waiting to happen and I will fight this for the safety of the children as I would hate to think that a child would get seriously injured and I hadn't tried to prevent this ridiculous school entrance! I look forward to receiving a reply from yourselves about this proposal.</p>
1	<p>I object to the proposed plans for double yellow lines along Prospect Avenue for the following reasons. Lack of parking in the area for residents, putting these double yellow lines will have a significant effect on spaces available especially after working hours. It's a struggle to park at the best of times especially coming home from work, the main road (Astley Road) is already full. The back lane (Manners Gardens) is over flowing anyway and the residents of Mannes Gardens have to park where the proposed double yellow lines are going, we have 2 cars in the household mine and my mothers who is disabled blue badge holder and struggles to walk. Putting in these double yellow lines will stop my mother being able to park close to the house which will force her to walk a distance that she can't and will cause her serious pain and discomfort. I myself will be affected due to my work and my hobbies requiring a close water and electric source. Another issue will be the proposed plans for everyone to have electric vehicles how are they meant to be charged if you can't park close by to the house? These double yellow lines will remove people freedom to park outside their own homes and businesses. For example the Premier shop on the corner will lose a lot of trade due to no parking by passers by. Delaval and Hartley Glazers will lose trade and people being able to view their show room, funeral directors will have a lot of issue being able to carry out their work especially loading and unloading. This is an infringement of civil rights and will cause havoc as there is no other parking places available. This will cause a neighbour conflict as everyone will be fighting for spaces close to home, there has already been conflict with spaces and that's before losing an approximate 20 car parking spaces. If by luck there is a space on Astley Road to park my mother is not comfortable getting in and out of her car as it takes some time and on a busy main road is not feasible, I refuse to park on Astley Road due to the 2 times that I have in my 7 years of driving my cars have been hit on both occasions and damaged with no details left. Overall there is no consideration for residents in the area who will be affected and no solution to help either. As for road safety grounds this will make it worse. A much better solution would be to use the entrance from The Avenue which is already being used for the construction work. That entrance will not affect any residents and will be safer as it's much wider, the thoughts and planning has not been thought through at all.</p>
1	<p>Recently a fellow neighbour has brought to my attention a letter he received from the County Council indicating their intentions to implement parking restrictions along Western Avenue and Prospect Avenue, leading from Astley Road. If this implementation goes ahead it will affect residents and business on Astley Road, Manners Gardens and Avenue Crescent. It is quite worrying that these documents/letter have only been distributed by post to a select few residents which the parking restrictions will affect. The largest concern is it will impact on the available</p>

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	<p>parking spaces for residents and the two main businesses situated in that area: Delaval and Hartley Glaziers and Melrose Funeral Parlour. I cannot see the reasoning of why such restrictions need to be implemented as it is ludicrous to expect the main entrance to a large community school be along Prospect Avenue leading from Astley Road. Astley Road is a very busy highway, the main route for emergency services and to expect school buses to be able to do a 90 degree turn into Prospect Avenue from Astley Road is unexplainable. An accident waiting to happen. Placing parking restrictions along those two access roads would have a detrimental effect on both Delaval Glaziers and Melrose Funeral Parlour: where are they going to park their vehicles. How are they going to continue their everyday business? Such long standing businesses and residents, have been pillars of the community, have existed far longer than this new school development and to enact these changes without taking into consideration individuals whose livelihood and personal life are under threat, is unthinkable and appalling. Parking restrictions will also affect the residents of Astley Road, Manners Gardens and Avenue Crescent, where their everyday life will be greatly interrupt and fighting for parking spaces. Already the restrictions at the back of Avenue Crescent are creating problems when trying to park and are having a detrimental effect on businesses in the centre of Seaton Delaval. Since such a large development is in progress why have the Council not seen in their wisdom to allocate parking spaces for shoppers accessing the centre of Seaton Delaval. How many years have Seaton Delaval business owners requested for appropriate car parking facilities. The entrance to new school should be down The Avenue where in fact the construction entrance is actually in progress. Large lorries, diggers, cranes etc are accessing the site from The Avenue so far there has been no major hold up of traffic congestion. I believe the Council need to reconsider and have the courage to meet with both residents and businesses who's everyday life will be affected.</p>
1	<p>I am dismayed at the proposed "no waiting at any time" on Western Avenue in particular, as this impacts us massively. We are located on the corner of X Astley Road and X Western Avenue. We have been the Seaton Delaval funeral directors for thirty-three years, this proposal in effect prevents us for legally running our business. All of our loading and unloading is done on the side door which is on Wester Avenue, as much as it's on the main road, we are not overlooked by anybody and we can go about our business very discreetly. We have a lot of families choose to start their funeral at the funeral home 8.00am and 9.00am, the hearse will be at the funeral home when children are going to school, which we can't do anything about. Staff parking for us won't be a problem if we are allowed to use the new car park. I'm not naive enough to think this email will stop anything, but I would like to think before the yellow lines are put down, the planners have some consideration for people's livelihoods, because businesses, not just ours, and the residents have not been considered at all. The cars that you are looking to displace are just going to cause a problem somewhere else, I am curious to know that if the people who have thought this up have ever actually been here, of if they've just looked a plan and thought "This would work". I would be grateful if a loading bay could be considered for cortege vehicles, just a thought. I look forward to seeing the Traffic Regulation Order.</p>
1	<p>If double yellow lines are put outside, both me and my son will have nowhere to park. The impact of losing these spaces due to yellow lines means less available space to park for people on Astley Road and Manners Gardens. I am a blue badge holder with mobility issues and unable to walk far so these parking restrictions are causing me a great deal of worry and stress as I need to park close to my house. Could you please provide me with an alternative parking solution.</p>
1	<p>There is no way double yellow lines should be put down its absolute nightmare unless residents get permits so they can park there I can never get parked outside of mine but I do park if I can outside of Delaval Glaziers and I know there are cameras there, thank you</p>
1	<p>The proposed plans indicate that there is no parking allowed at any time. As a resident of Manners Gardens this will impact on availability of parking in a street that is accessible only by a back lane and so already offers limited parking. What proposals does the council have to provide local residents with a solution to this issue?</p>
1	<p>I object to the proposed parking restrictions because of the dangers that will ensue. You are stopping the Delaval & Hartley Glaziers from safely loading their vehicles, you are trying to create a school entrance off a very busy road and the children will have to cross that very busy road twice each day. Also because there are very few available parking place in Manners Gardens. When this street was built in 1912 there were virtually no cars on the roads. Now there are over 41 million licensed vehicles in the UK, and you are taking away much need parking places.</p>
1	<p>I write in objection to the proposed parking restrictions shown on your letter dated 9 September for the following reasons: - 1) The double yellow lines will stop my family from parking outside their house, and you have not given any alternative parking places for them. 2) The glaziers will not be able to safely load and unload their vans. 3) Astley Road is extremely busy and will get even busier when the new station comes into operation, and consequently trying to make a school entrance from it will be fraught with safety problems. 4) The blind junction that crosses the entrance where Manners Gardens intersects Prospect Avenue is a hazard to cars and pedestrians</p>
1	<p>I am writing to object to the proposal regarding parking restrictions. As you should be aware Manners Gardens only has one roadside available for residents to park on and any further restrictions will impact severely on local residents. This situation has been aggravated by many of the former houses being converted into flats, with Council approval, effectively doubling the</p>

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	number of residents. I believe that a timed restriction similar to that used around hospitals, which operates 24 hours would be far better for all concerned as access to the schools will be busiest during limited periods. 8am to 10am and 3pm to 4pm or similar would allow safe access to allow people who live here to face less disruption. I hope this can be considered, it works around the Freeman Hospital for example, which is a 24 hour hospital not somewhere which will spend the majority of the time closed. Finally I would like to register a formal complaint as I and many other local residents did not receive this letter from yourselves. It was given to me by a neighbour who was aware that most people had not been sent this communication by your department which seems very irregular. I await your response.
	I was born and raised in Manners Gardens for the first 24 years of my life, my father has lived there since the 70s and since the proposed new school entrance/parking restrictions have been applied for his stress levels have raised incredibly. As my father lives in the area of the proposed double yellow lines and is highly concerned with regards to parking his and my brothers cars outside of their home, as my father has fought cancer twice and a number of health issues which means if he cannot get parked outside of his home he would struggle to walk to and from another location away from his home. As we have a large family and we often visit my father for gatherings etc. these parking restrictions will severely impact our family visiting him, as most of my aunts and uncles are aged 80 and above they also have trouble walking distances so as I see it, these restrictions will have such an impact on my family that nobody will visit my father which will lead to him yet again slipping into depression and possibly putting a divide within our family, after my mother's recent passing we promised to keep seeing each other on a regular basis and as none of the family will be able to park close enough to my father's house this seems these double yellow lines will stop us keeping this promise. I am also concerned with these restrictions having great implications with regard to local businesses in these areas, Delaval Glazing and Melrose Funeral Services are family run companies by well-respected local families, by restricting the loading/unloading of vehicles it will have a great impact on their businesses and it would be a shame to lose well respected companies such as these. I believe it would also be a mental/safety issue to have children walking past these businesses doing working house as the Glaziers will be carrying large panes of glass in and out of the factory and Melrose will have to carry dead bodies in and out of their building, this alone should be a cause for concern with children walking in this area. Please note my family on both sides are born and bred Seaton Delaval so we are all for improvement, but when it starts to impact families and local businesses a line must be drawn.
1	I am writing in order to comment on the proposed lines around the Manners Gardens, Western Ave and Astley Road area for the purpose of school traffic. The proposal has caused a great amount of dissatisfaction and deep concern for residents and businesses who will be affected if they are to go ahead as planned. These issues were raised by myself, residents and business during the consultation of the original school build process but were ignored. I was very clear that these lines would remove necessary parking for residents who live in streets which were built before cars were even invented. There are little to no provision for parking as there is and these proposals will only make the situation worse. At no point has anyone considered the affect this will have on residents and businesses or made strides to come up with a solution. The Council has no legal obligation to provide parking for residents or businesses but in neglecting this issue we are creating many more which have a knock on affect throughout the village and wider area as Astley Road is the main road through the village, main shopping street home of a train station and soon to be a new large doctor surgery. The lines will limit trade and deliveries to businesses like the glaziers and will actually prevent the funeral home from parking its vehicles within a suitable distance. As the lines are planned to be in place in front, to the side and to the rear of the home it will have no choice but to wheel deceased bodies through the streets of Seaton Delaval. This is completely unacceptable. Parking is scarce as it is but with these measures affecting multiple people, Melrose could very well be forced to park multiple streets away and wheel bodies through the street. This is not only unacceptable but deeply insensitive and not what I would expect from a Council. The lines around the funeral home are unnecessary as they do not prevent vehicle access to the school. Children on foot can walk around parked cars quite easily. The lines on Manners Gardens are also unnecessary as they go too far into the lane. Lines around the corner to stop parking which would prevent access to cars and buses are necessary but not 10 metres into the lane forcing a disabled elderly man to move his car early each morning and walk home from streets away. It is my opinion that some lines are necessary but this proposal goes too far and the department has not put residents or businesses in mind when drawing this up. We have all voiced our concerns at the wider issues these will cause, many times and feel very much ignored and that these problems will only get worse for residents, business, parking enforcement and the highways team if these measures are to go ahead. This could be resolved in most part by moving the entrance to The Avenue instead of trying to squeeze school buses through a gap in the houses which the streets where not built for.
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