



# **Northumberland**

## **County Council**

### **RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT**

**Paul Jones – Director of Environment and Transport**

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#### **PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS, LONGHIRST ROAD, PEGSWOOD**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider a proposal to provide parking restrictions on Longhirst Road in Pegswood to address parking issues associated with Pegswood Primary School.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the proposed parking restrictions are implemented.

#### **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**

- Concerns have been raised by parents of children attending Pegswood Primary School about problem parking outside the school.
- At school start and finish times, cars are parked close to traffic calming chicanes and junctions causing issues for both vehicles and pedestrians.

## Delegated decisions

### Background

1. Pegswood Primary School is located on Longhirst Road. There are parking restrictions on the school side of the road in the form of 'School Keep Clear' markings at both entrances. Parking bays are provided in between these two markings. There are no parking restrictions on the opposite side of the road, apart from a marked bus stop. Traffic calming is in place on both approaches to the school in the form of chicanes. The western chicane incorporates an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point.
2. Concerns have been raised by parents of children attending the school about problem parking at school start and finish times. Specifically:
  - Cars parked close to the chicanes make it difficult for through traffic to safely proceed.
  - At the western chicane, cars parked close by make it harder for pedestrians waiting to cross the road to see and be seen by oncoming traffic.
  - Vehicles parking in or close to junctions make it difficult for traffic to safely enter and exit side roads.
3. To address these issues, residents and statutory consultees were consulted on a proposal to provide parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines, as shown on the plan, below:



4. Two responses were received, both in favour of the proposals. A summary of the responses is shown in the Appendix.

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5. One of the responses requested that the proposed double yellow lines be extended to cover both sides of the entrance to Longhirst Court. This is considered appropriate to avoid potential instances of parked cars blocking this access and inconveniencing residents. The additional double yellow lines are shown by the dotted line on the amended plan, below:



6. The proposed parking restrictions are supported by parents and residents and are considered appropriate to address the road safety concerns raised.
7. It is therefore recommended that the proposed amended parking restrictions are implemented.

## Implications Arising out of the Report

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| <b>Policy</b>                      | The proposal is in accordance with relevant guidance.                   |
| <b>Finance and value for money</b> | The proposal will be funded via the Local Transport Plan Programme.     |
| <b>Legal</b>                       | Motorists will be required to comply with the Traffic Regulation Order. |
| <b>Procurement</b>                 | None  |

## Delegated decisions

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| <b>Human Resources</b>  | None                                      |
| <b>Property</b>   | None                                      |
| <b>Equalities</b><br>(Impact Assessment attached)<br>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> | None                                      |
| <b>Risk Assessment</b>  | None                                      |
| <b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>   | None                                      |
| <b>Customer Consideration</b>   | Statutory consultees have been consulted. |
| <b>Carbon reduction</b>   | None                                      |
| <b>Wards</b>  | Pegswood                                  |

### Background papers:

File ref: HE243819

### Report sign off.

***Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the report:***

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|                          | initials |
| Finance Officer          | n/a      |
| Monitoring Officer/Legal | n/a      |
| Human Resources          | n/a      |
| Procurement              | n/a      |
| I.T.                     | n/a      |
| Director                 |          |
| Portfolio Holder(s)      |          |

### Author and Contact Details

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Report Author ***Richard McKenzie – Senior Programmes Officer***

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### Appendix – Consultation Responses

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| 1           |   | <p>The imposition of double yellow lines on Longhirst road will reduce the space for parents to park when doing the school run - have the council considered where these people will start to park when the double yellow lines are introduced and what measures will be implemented to manage the knock-on effect and likely additional poor parking decisions that will ultimately occurs as a result? The chicanes themselves are a poor choice for a safety measure on this road. Having lived here for four years and due to working from home, I have observed how motorists use this road at both peak and quiet times of the day. The majority of motorists, including double decker buses and motorbikes, accelerate towards the chicanes in an attempt to beat the opposing traffic through, which amplifies the risk to pedestrians and other road users. A series of speed bumps (similar to what has recently been installed outside Bothal School, Ashington) would have provided a safer road for our children to cross the road to school and would reduce the speed of traffic which poses the greatest risk. While my comments critique the system currently in place, yellow lines would ensure that traffic can continue to move through the chicanes unobstructed in addition to enabling wheelchair users and person with pushchairs to use the path either side of the chicanes, which is obstructed daily due to motorists parking on the path when dropping off their children. I note that this is never challenged by parking attendants. Whilst I support these yellow lines, I would urge the school and council not to delay in considering more suitable parking solutions for parents doing the school run. Currently there is no-street parking which, in the best of circumstances, provides space for six cars. This is wholly inadequate for the school, parents and neighbours who ultimately must manage daily with the ever increasing school traffic obstruction access to our properties, blocking the chicanes and parking on the footpaths making it inaccessible to wheelchair users and person with pushchairs, and obstruct visibility, rendering Longhirst Road unsafe. I would also like to add that I have on multiple occasions asked parents not to park on the entrance to Longhirst Court which blocks access. I have been met with verbal abuse for making this request which finally resulted in my decision to move my child from Pegswood Primary to a Morpeth school to avoid this daily confrontation. I therefore would ask that the double yellow lines be extended down and across the entrance to Longhirst Court to alleviate this issue and reduce the likelihood of parents who are currently parking next to the chicanes, beginning to block access to Longhirst Court: which is highly probable due to their history of inconsiderate parking, resulting in the current proposal for double yellow lines to be considered. To conclude we are in support of the implementation of double yellow lines along Longhirst Road but feel that this measure alone is insufficient to manage the risk to children attending Pegswood Primary School. The school and council will need to implement additional parking to accommodate the school traffic to have any successful impact on the risks posed by motorists parking along Longhirst Road.</p> |
| 1           |   | <p>I have seen the consultation regarding the proposal for double yellow lines on Longhirst Road Pegswood (REF HE2438219). I support the proposal to add double lines adjacent to the entrance of Longhirst Court. At School drop off and pick up times, cars park between the entrance of Longhirst Court and the chicane and this obscures visibility for pedestrians and motorists. In addition, at times it is difficult for buses and HGVs to navigate through the chicane when cars are parked there.</p>   |
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## DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer(s) and  
Portfolio Holder (where  
appropriate):**

**Paul Jones - Director of Environment and  
Transport**

**Subject:**

**PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS,  
PEGSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL, LONGHIRST  
ROAD, PEGSWOOD**

**Consultation**

Two responses received in favour.

**Decision Taken:**

The proposed amended parking restrictions should be  
implemented.

Signature of Director



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**Date**

10th Feb 2025

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