

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Paul Jones – Director of Environment and Transport		
PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS, LONGHIRST ROAD, PEGSWOOD		
Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle		

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

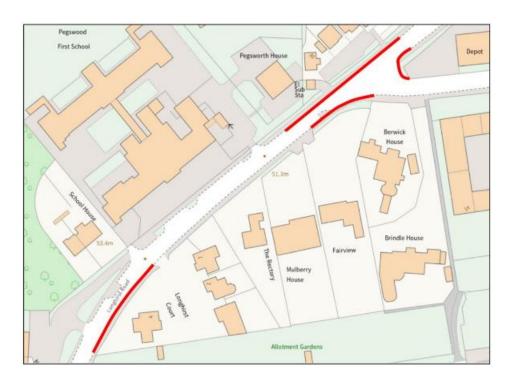
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Key Issues

- 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.

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.

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 pan, 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

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

Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities	None
(Impact Assessment attached)	
Yes □ No □ N/A □	
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	Statutory consultees have been consulted.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Pegswood

Background papers:

File ref: HE243819

Report sign off.

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

	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

Appendix – Consultation Responses

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-	R T	R	Other Relevant Comments The imposition of double yellow lines on Longhirst road will reduce the space for parents				
-	1		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 wo				
	1		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.				

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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	
Date 10th Feb 2025	