



Northumberland County Council

**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY DIRECTOR
OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND BOLLARDS
AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ROAD MARKINGS -
A193 COWPEN ROAD, BLYTH (OUTSIDE GREGGS AND SPAR STORES)**

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of new parking restrictions and bollards together with improvements to road markings on the A193 at Cowpen Road, Blyth (outside Greggs and Spar stores).

Recommendations

It is recommended that in view of the road safety concerns in relation to indiscriminate parking outside the Greggs and Spar stores on Cowpen Road, Blyth, all aspects of this scheme be introduced as proposed.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the 'Stronger Communities and Families' priority included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2013-2017.

Key Issues

- 1) Scheme being funded by LTP
- 2) The scheme has been developed in response to safety concerns following change of use of the Windmill Pub.
- 3) The scheme will assist in improving road safety in the area.
- 4) Scheme supported by Councillor Grant Davey.

Background

- 1) Concerns have been raised by the Local County Councillor - Leader of the Council Grant Davey, and local residents about road safety outside the new Greggs and Spar stores on Cowpen Road, Blyth. The

primary concern relates to indiscriminate parking which is causing potential safety issues on Cowpen Road and Craigmill Park.

- 2) In order to alleviate these concerns, the County Council, with the support of the local councillor, is to introduce parking restrictions as shown on the attached plan. In addition 16 bollards will be installed to prevent vehicles from mounting the pavement to park. It is anticipated that this scheme will significantly improve road safety in the area.
- 3) Bearing in mind these ongoing road safety issues, and the fact that the new parking restrictions, new bollards and improved road markings are required to improve road safety, this scheme will be introduced without any formal consultation, although an information letter has been sent to the two businesses and all statutory consultees. A copy of this letter together with a plan of the scheme is attached as Appendix 1.
- 4) To assist in supporting the Greggs and Spar stores, and to encourage shoppers to use the existing car parking facilities, the existing road markings will be improved with the introduction of "ghost islands", as shown on the attached plan.

Recommendations

- 5) From the outset, the County Council has endeavoured to respond positively to local concerns raised in this area and it is inevitable that some sections of the community will be dissatisfied with whichever decision is reached. Because this scheme will improve road safety at this location, it is recommended that it be introduced as proposed.
- 6) The Council has the power to hold a public inquiry before making any traffic regulation order. Such an inquiry might enable disputed evidence to be tested under cross-examination and the need for an order to be critically examined by an independent inspector. In this particular case, officers believe that the extensive consultation process and involvement with interested parties, means that such an inquiry is unlikely to bring any fresh information to light and it is therefore recommended that an inquiry is not held.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed through the 2016/17 LTP Programme.
Legal	The necessary Traffic Regulation Order will be prepared.
Human Resources	n/a

Property	n/a
Equalities	n/a
Risk Assessment	Residential area, two businesses in area, congestion and associated visibility issues.
Crime & Disorder	Scheme will assist in improving road safety in the area.
Customer Consideration	Visitors to the businesses will now be required to park in the car parks at the premises.
Sustainability	n/a
Consultation	All statutory consultees including the emergency services, and interested road user organisations have been informed of the scheme together with the affected businesses (Greggs and Spar stores). The proposals have been approved by Councillor Grant Davey.
Wards	Cowpen

Background papers:

None

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):

Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject:

Introduction of New Parking Restrictions and Bollards and Improvements to Road Markings - A193 Cowpen Road, Blyth (outside Greggs and Spar stores)

Consultation:

n/a

Decision Taken:

To approve the introduction of new parking restrictions and bollards, and improvements to road markings on Cowpen Road, Blyth (outside Greggs and Spar stores)

Signature of Director



Date

3/1/17

APPENDIX 1 - COPY OF INFORMATION LETTER AND PLAN

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Wednesday 7th December 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

**New Parking Restrictions, Introduction of Bollards and Road Marking Improvements
A193 Cowpen Road, Blyth (outside Greggs and Spar stores)**

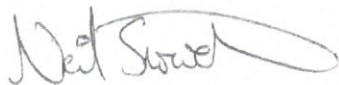
Concerns have been raised by the leader of the County Council and local residents about road safety outside the new Greggs and Spar stores on Cowpen Road, Blyth. The primary concern relates to indiscriminate parking which is causing potential safety issues on Cowpen Road and Craigmill Park.

I am writing to inform you that in order to alleviate these concerns, the County Council, with the support of the leader of the County Council, is to introduce parking restrictions as shown on the attached plan. In addition 16 bollards will be installed to prevent vehicles from mounting the pavement to park. It is anticipated that this scheme will significantly improve road safety in the area.

To assist in supporting the Greggs and Spar stores, and to encourage shoppers to use the existing car parking facilities, the existing road markings will be improved with the introduction of "ghost islands", as shown on the attached plan.

It is anticipated that this work will be carried out in conjunction with other schemes on Cowpen Road which are anticipated to start in January.

Yours faithfully



Neil Snowdon
Senior Programme Officer



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