

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING: PAUL JONES

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR, BROOMHILL COUNTY FIRST SCHOOL

Purpose of report:

To consider the introduction of an additional 'School Keep Clear' on the east side of Station Road in Broomhill.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that in view of road safety concerns in relation to inconsiderate parking on outside of Broomhill County First School, that the 'School Keep Clear' be introduced as proposed.

Key issues

- 1) Scheme is being funded by 2016/17 LTP.
- 2) Scheme is being developed in response to safety concerns raised by Broomhill County First School, Community Safety Officers and School Crossing Patrol.
- 3) Scheme will assist in improving road safety outside of Broomhill Community First School on Station Road.
- 4) Scheme supported by Councillor Arckless.

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BACKGROUND

- 1) Concerns have been raised following a first response road safety meeting at Broomhill County First School regarding road safety outside of the school. The primary concern relates to vehicles parking opposite the existing 'School Keep Clear' (SKC) where the children are guided across Station Road by the School Crossing Patrol.
- 2) In order to alleviate these concerns, the County Council has agreed to introduce an additional No Stopping at Any Time (SKC) parking restriction opposite the school (east side of Station Road).
- 3) Bearing in mind the these ongoing road safety issues around the school, and the fact the the new parking restrictions will improve road safety, this scheme will be introduced without any formal consultation, although an information letter has been sent to nearby residents and all statutory consultees. A copy of this letter together with a plan are attached as Appendix A.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4) 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. As this scheme will improve road safety around the school, it is recommended that the restrictions be introduced as proposed
- 5) 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.

APPENDIX INDEX

Appendix A – Copy of Information Letter and Plan

IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy:	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money:	Scheme will be financed from 2016/17 LTP
Legal:	The necessary Traffic Regulation Order will be prepared.
Human Resources:	None
Property:	None
Equalities:	Improved visibility and remove congestion
Risk Assessment:	Scheme will improve road safety outside of the school by reducing congestion and improving visibility.
Crime & Disorder:	None
Customer considerations:	Parents and children will benefit from improved road safety at School Crossing Patrol location.
Sustainability:	None
Consultation:	All statutory consultees, including the emergency services, and interested road user organisations have been informed of the scheme, together with the affected residents. The scheme has also been approved by Councillor Arckles
Wards:	Hexham Central with Acomb

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

Paul Jones: Acting Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject:

Introduction of an additional School Keep Clear parking restrictions on Station road in Broomhill.

Consultation:

N/A

Decision Taken:

To approve the introduction of an additional School Keep Clear parking restrictions on Station road in Broomhill.

Signature of Director



Date



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Date: Thursday 09th February 2017

New Parking Restrictions Station Road, Broomhill

Concerns have been raised following a road safety meeting at Broomhill County First School. The primary issue relates to indiscriminate parking at school start and finish times where vehicles are parking opposite the existing School Keep Clear road markings where the School Crossing Patrol currently operates. This is causing a road safety risk to children and parents walking to and from school, as well as the school crossing patrol.

I am writing to inform you that in order to alleviate these concerns, the County Council, with the support of Local County Councillors Robert Arkless and Scott Dickinson are to introduce an additional School Keep Clear road marking opposite the existing markings, together with associated signage to aid enforcement of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order. A plan is attached for information.

It is anticipated that these measures will significantly improve road safety directly in front of the school, creating a safer environment for all pedestrians and the school crossing patrol.

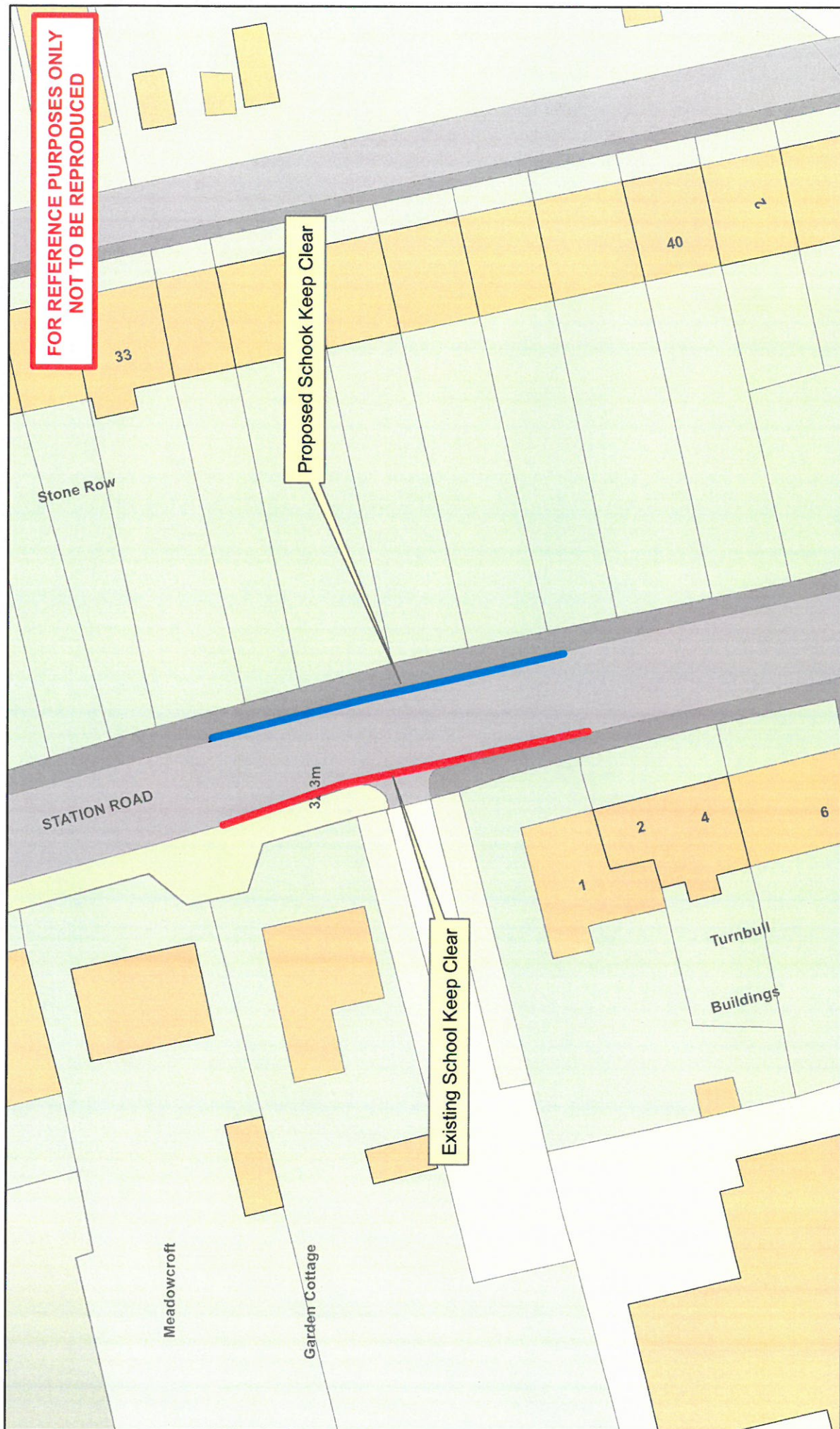
Yours faithfully

Dan Fraser

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Proposed School Keep Clear

Existing School Keep Clear

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Existing School Keep Clear
Mon - Fri 8:00 - 1700

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Title: Station Road, Broomhill First School
School Keep Clear

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**Network Management
Information System**

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