

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING: PAUL JONES

PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT LANERCOST PARK AND SURROUNDING AREA IN EAST CRAMLINGTON

Purpose of report:

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the proposed introduction of parking restrictions at Lanercost Park and surrounding area in East Cramlington.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that in view of the consultation exercise, the following parking restrictions are introduced

- **No Waiting parking restrictions on Lanercost Park and the B1326 roundabout**
- **No Loading parking restrictions are introduced from the B1326 roundabout heading west to the B1505.**

Key issues

- 1) Parking charges have recently been introduced at Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital.
- 2) Residents of Lanercost Park have reported inconsiderate parking in the area since the hospital introduced parking charges.
- 3) It has been reported that it is both staff and visitors of Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital who are parking on Lanercost Park, to avoid paying parking charges.
- 4) The route is used by the Ambulance Service when accessing Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital

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BACKGROUND

- 1) Concerns have been raised by residents regarding inconsiderate parking on Lanercost Park as a result of parking charges being introduced at the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital in East Cramlington. It has been reported that vehicles are parking around the entrance/exit to Lanercost Park which is resulting in obstruction to vehicles entering or exiting the estate.

CONSULTATION

- 2) These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 14 residents and approximately 30 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organizations. A plan showing the proposals is attached with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix A).
- 3) The consultation exercise concluded on Friday 14th April 2017 and responses were received from 7 households, all being in favour. The North East Ambulance Service were the only statutory consultee to respond and did not indicate a preference. A summary of consultation responses is attached as Appendix B).

COMMENTS

- 4) A number of consultees suggested that the restrictions did not go far enough and should be extended.
- 5) One consultee suggested that a No Loading parking restriction should be extended from the B1505 to the roundabout on the B1326 due to this being a route used by the Ambulance Service when accessing Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital. We agree and the restrictions have been amended accordingly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6) 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. However, the assessment of the results of the consultation exercise highlighted that there were no objections to the proposed parking restrictions, but there were requests to extend the parking restrictions further. It is therefore recommended parking restrictions are introduced as shown in Appendix C.

- 7) 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 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 an inquiry is not held.

APPENDIX INDEX

Appendix A – Copy of Consultation Letter and Plan
Appendix B – Summary of Consultation Responses
Appendix C – Revised Parking Restriction to be introduced

BACKGROUND PAPERS

none

IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy:	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money:	Scheme will be financed from LTP
Human Resources:	None
Property:	None
Equalities:	None
Risk Assessment:	On route used by Ambulance Service
Crime & Disorder:	Scheme will remove inconsiderate parking and promote a safer environment.
Customer considerations:	Residents and emergency services will benefit from reduced congestion
Sustainability:	None
Consultation:	Cramlington Town Council, the emergency services, and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards:	Cramlington East

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):

Paul Jones:

Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject:

Proposed introduction of parking restrictions at Lanercost Park and surrounding area in East Cramlington

Consultation:

7 Responses received from households

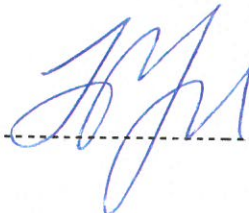
7 In Favour

1 Statutory response did not indicate a preference

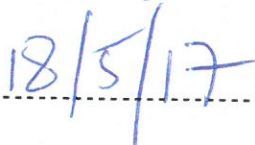
Decision Taken:

To approve the introduction of parking restrictions at Lanercost Park and surrounding area

Signature of Director



Date



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Proposed Parking Restrictions – Cramlington Hospital

Dear Sir/Madam

Concerns have been raised by residents regarding inconsiderate parking on Lanercost Park as a result of parking charges being introduced at the Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital in Cramlington. It has been reported that vehicles are parking around the entrance/exit to Lanercost Park which is resulting in obstruction to vehicles entering or exiting the estate.

To assist in alleviating these concerns, a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction (double yellow line) is therefore proposed on Lanercost Park and around the roundabout. It is anticipated that the introduction of these parking restrictions will improve road safety by reducing congestion around the roundabout and the junction with Lanercost Park.

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the proposed introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restrictions at Lanercost Park and Roundabout, as shown the attached plan.

The County Council is seeking your views on the proposals and a freepost response form is attached to facilitate the consultation process. It should be stressed that this is a genuine consultation and that comments received will be carefully considered.

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report, to the Executive Director of Local Services and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Friday 14th April 2017. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

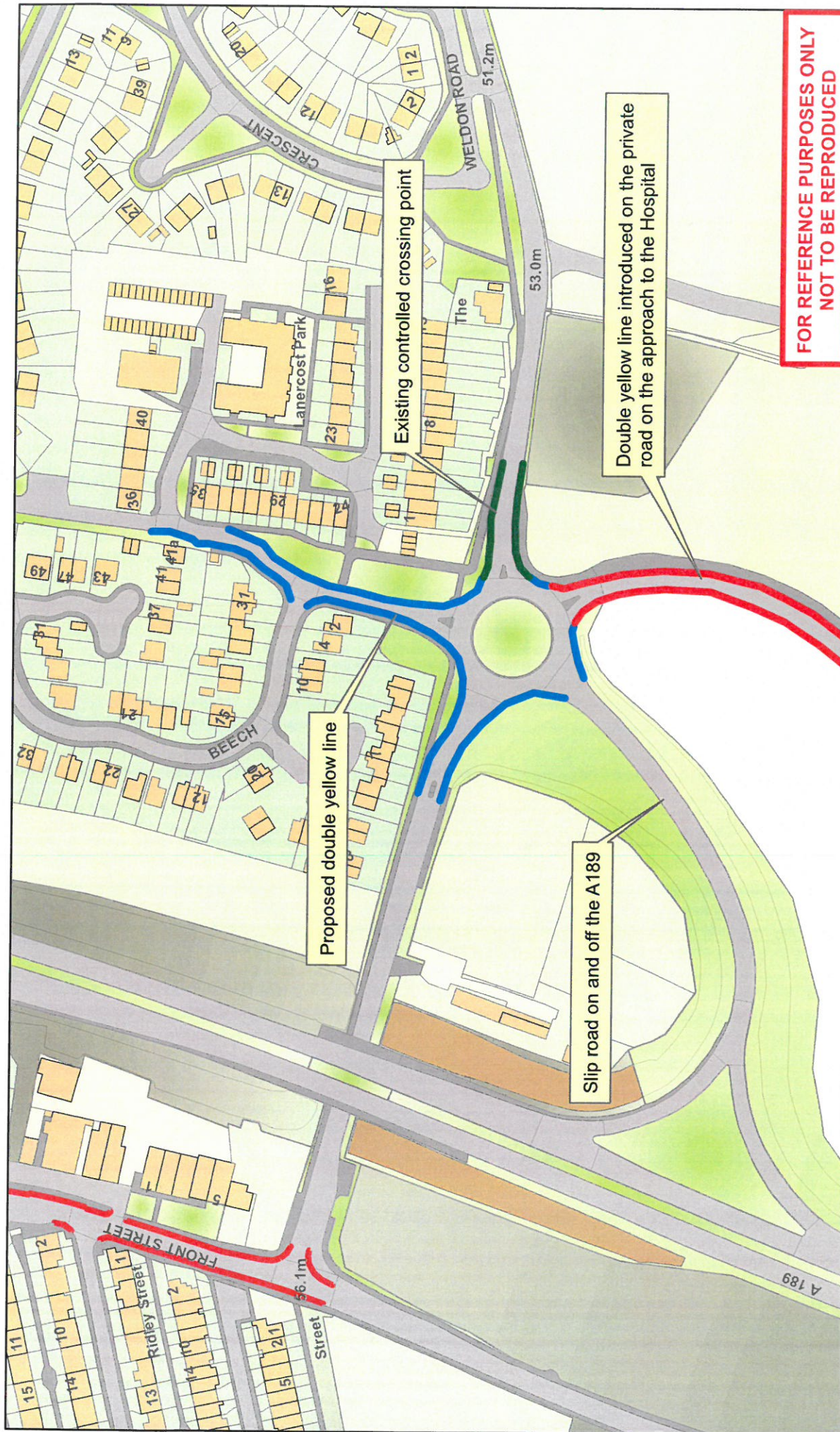
I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully





Dan Fraser - Programmes Officer (Highway Safety)



KEY	
—	Existing Pedestrian
—	Crossing Keep Clear
—	Existing Double Yellow Lines
—	Proposed Double Yellow Lines

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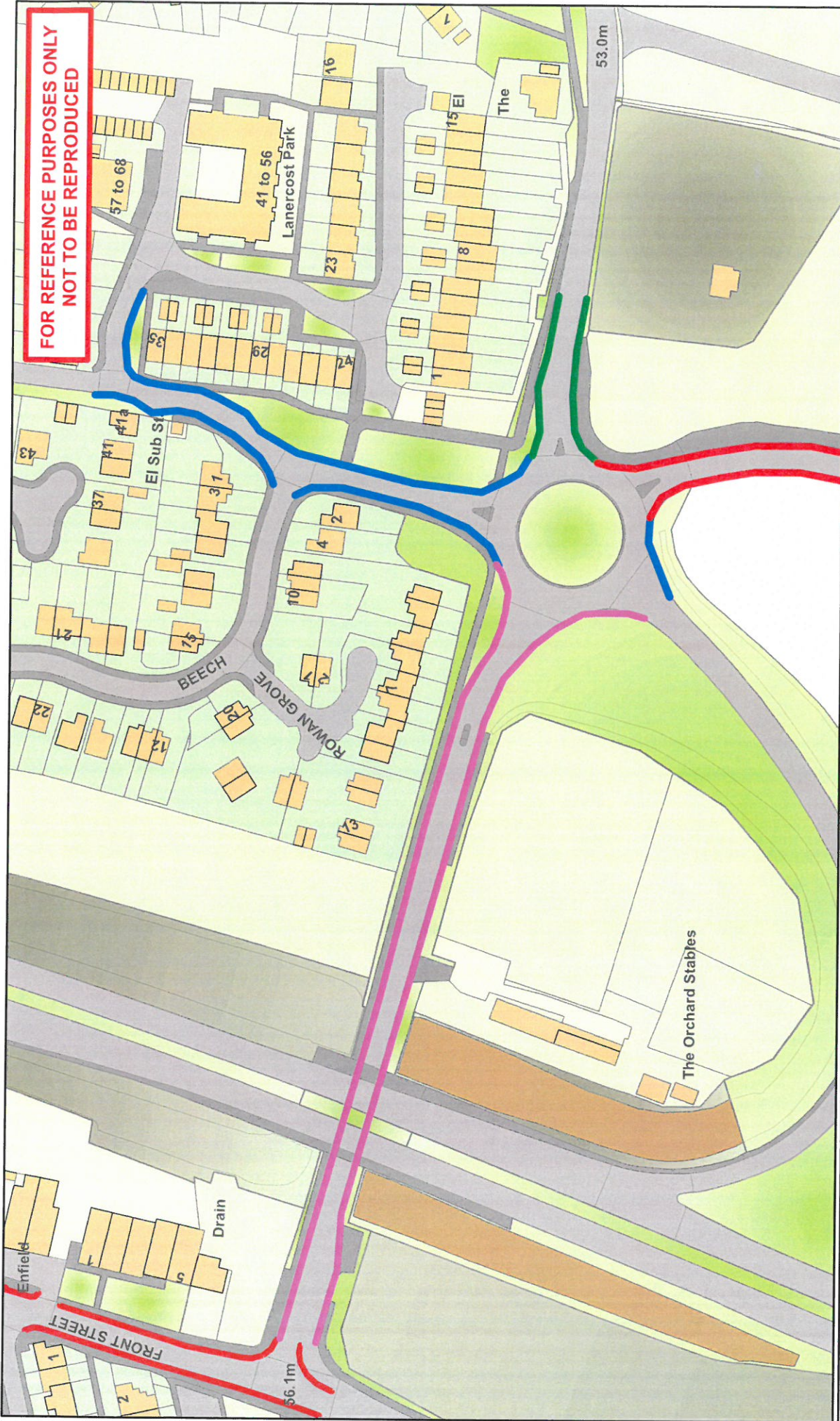
Network Management Information System
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Appendix B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
1			what will you do when they start parking on the grass between lanercost park and beech grove
1			I still have concerns that the restrictions don't go far enough the proposed restrictions stop about in 32 Lanercost Park leaving parking on and around the bend leading into Lanercost Park causing a problem for traffic coming and going there is also a conker tree on this corner where kids collect and play so leaving this space for cars to park will still be a problem for residents entering and exiting the estate.
1			I still have concerns that the restrictions don't go far enough; your proposed yellow lines stop round about 32 Lanercost Park leaving spaces for cars to park on and around the bend leading into Lanercost Park, this will cause a problem for traffic coming and going round the corner and does cause a problem now. I have lived here for 25 years and have seen crashes and near missed on this corner so leaving this area for people to park will cause a problem and there is a conker tree just around the bend were kids collect conkers and play. Residents in this area have driveways for there cars so this should not cause a problem to them leaving it for cars coming to park on this corner and a round this bend would be a concern and they will park there as it will be free from your double yellow lines and free to park and not just one car up to four cars.
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 24 March 2017 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for outpatient appointments. I would thank you for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the ongoing road safety programme.
1			No Comments
1			On another subject, how would I go about requesting a change to the timing/prioritises to traffic lights. At present, the junction of the B1505 and the B1326 when heading towards Cramlington the system is based toward traffic heading south on the B1505. This means traffic waiting on the B1326 has to wait until there is no traffic heading south on the B1505 and sometimes traffic can be backed up several 100 yards which is not really ideal when you have ambulances travelling regularly along the road.
1			Yes I approve proposed parking however like all hospitals no one likes to pay for parking when in most peoples opinion they are excessive. Like most people we would try and park somewhere free and therefore this would happen to other areas of Lanercost Park where there are no double yellow lines. I would like to see the double yellow lines extended as shown on copy of your drawing (marked in yellow)
1			I think the DYL from Front street to the roundabout at the hospital should be blipped so we have no waiting at anytime due to access to the hospital I think the area should be totally free of any possible obstruction for emergency vehicle use.
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KEY

- Existing Keep Clear
- Existing Double Yellow Line
- Agreed No Loading
- Agreed Double Yellow Line

Title: Lanercost Park & Surrounding Area
Appendix C
Agreed Parking Restrictions

Dm: Date: Scale:

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Information System**

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