

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CORPORATE DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR OF LOCAL SERVICES AND HOUSING: PAUL JONES

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS MILKWELL, CORBRIDGE

Purpose of report:

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding the introduction of parking restrictions on Milkwell in Corbridge.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that in view of the consultation exercise, the proposed No Waiting, 8:30-9:15 and 14:15-15:30, is not introduced, but the School Keep Clear, Monday - Friday, 8:30-9:15 & 14:15-15:30 is introduced on Safety Grounds.

Key issues

- The scheme being funded by LTP
- 2) Scheme is supported by Cllr Fearon
- 3) Scheme will assist in reducing inconsiderate parking
- 4) Scheme will result in safer route to Corbridge C of E First School

PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT ST HELENS LANE IN CORBRIDGE

BACKGROUND

Concerns have been raised by residents, parents and, Corbridge C Of E
First School regarding inconsiderate parking on Milkwell. It has been
reported that obstructive parking is not only blocking residents from exiting
their properties, but it is also putting school children at risk due to poor
visibility at crossing points during peak times.

CONSULTATION

- 2) These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise that involved the delivery of a consultation letter to approximately 31 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 9th November 2016 and responses were received from 14 consultees with 6 being in favour, 6 against the proposal, and 2 consultee did not indicate a preference. (See Appendix B).

COMMENTS

- 4) It was stated in a number of responses that there is insufficient parking space for residents at the moment and the proposed restrictions would only make things worse for residents.
- 5) A number of consultees who responded agreed that there was a problem with parking and suggested that the grassed area be made into additional parking bays This request for additional parking has been added to our Directory of Requests database for consideration for future inclusion in the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme.
- 6) Two residents that objected to the scheme proposed that only residents should be able to park in the street. As the problem only exists during term time when parents are dropping off and picking up, introduction of a Residents Permit scheme does not initially appear appropriate. However, the situation will be monitored and if the problem continues after the introduction of the school keep clear, the possible introduction of resident permit parking will be investigated.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7) 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. The assessment of the results in any consultation exercise can be a contentious matter. However the results of the consultation show that there was an even split between those in favour and those against the proposals. It is therefore recommended that the proposed single yellow line is not introduced, but the School Keep Clear restrictions are implemented due to the safety concerns around the entrance to Corbridge C Of E First School, as shown in Appendix C.
- 8) 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 - Agreed Restrictions Plan

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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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:	Residential area. Parked cars causing obstruction around school entrance
Crime & Disorder:	Scheme will reduce inconsiderate parking and promote a safer environment.
Customer considerations:	Residents will benefit from reduced vehicle obstruction.
Sustainability:	None
Consultation:	Corbridge Town Council, the emergency services, and interested road user organisations were consulted together with the County Councillor for the area.
Wards:	Corbridge

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Executive Member or Officer(s):	Paul Jones: Director of Local Services and Housing
Subject:	Proposed Parking Restrictions, Milkwell, Corbridge
Consultation:	Responses Received 6 For 6 Against 2 Neither
Decision Taken:	To introduce School Keep Clear Monday - Friday, 8:30-9:15 & 14:15-15:30 around the entrance to Corbridge C Of E First School on Milkwell in Corbridge
Signature of Director	
Date	
14,	12/17





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Appendix A

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The Occupier

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Date: Wednesday 31st August 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Parking Restrictions - Milkwell, Corbridge

Concerns have been raised by residents, parents and, Corbridge C Of E First School regarding inconsiderate parking on Milkwell. It has been reported that obstructive parking is not only blocking residents from exiting their properties, but it is also putting school children at risk due to poor visibility at crossing points during peak times. It is therefore proposed that "No Waiting, 8:30-9:15 and 14:15-15:30" and "School Keep Clear, 8:30-9:15 & 14:15-15:30" parking restrictions are introduced on the main passage through Milkwell, towards the school. It is anticipated that the introduction of these restrictions will reduce congestion directly outside of the school, whilst improving road safety and allow clear access for residents during peak times.

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 of the "No Waiting, 8:30-9:15 and 14:15-15:30" and "School Keep Clear, 8:30-9:15 & 14:15-15:30" parking restrictions which is located on the main through passage towards the school, 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 Wednesday 9th November 2016. 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.

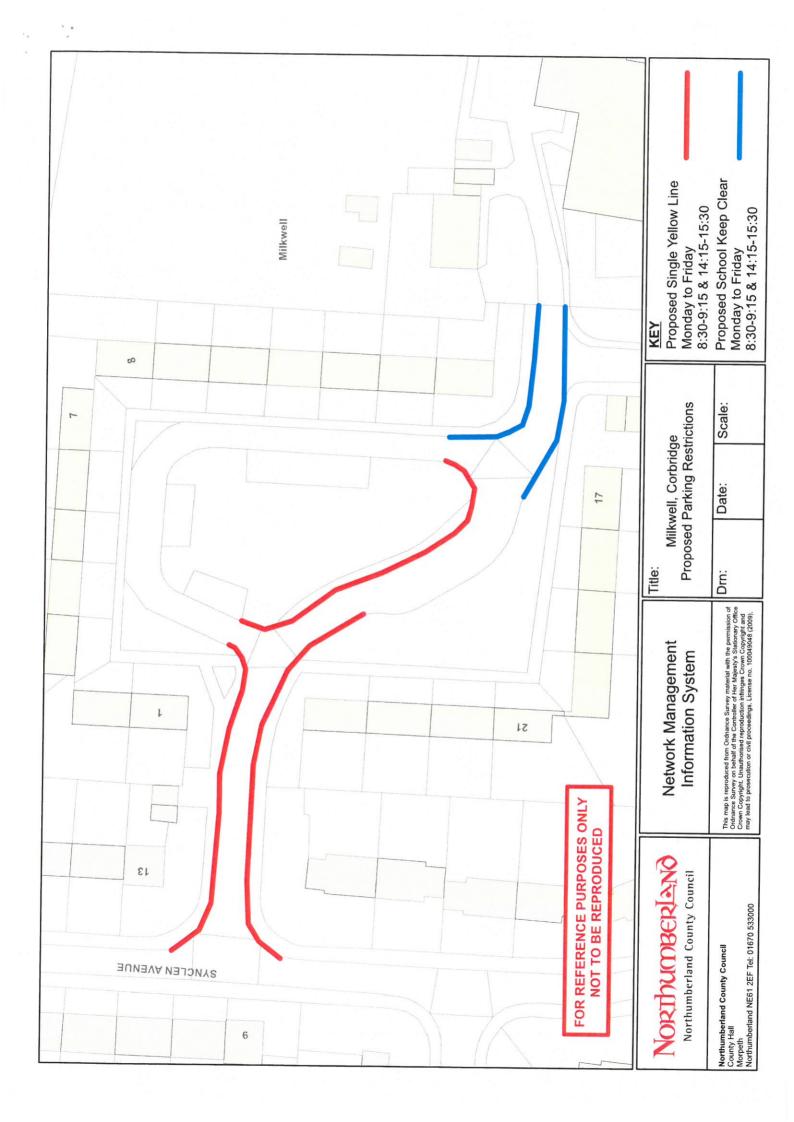
I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Dan Fraser - Programmes Officer (Highway Safety)









Appendix B

FOR	AGAINST	NEITHER	Other Relevant Comments
			It is not a simple yes or no! We have have lived here since 1983 and even then we could not park
			outside No.24 - we claimed i'll parking space opposite No.1 and hang on to it! The parking space
			1-16 were made larger some years ago and I asked at the time why not those in front of 17-24.
			is the congenial parking designed at the time as a pull in for maintenance. At night there are
			regularly between 8-10 cars parked as I have **** and some, are left in the morning parked
			awkwardly. A few months ago I talked to our local councillor if it would be possible to make the 4
			spaces into perhaps 7 because it is ******* now that the problem can only get worse. She was not
			helpful and I did not hear anything further! It might be a good idea for a council member to
			observe the parking from about 8.30am - 3pm, on one of two occasions. This is a problem which
		1	will only get worse.
1			no comments
			Can't come too soon - great news. I often feel that some of the cars coming to the school are
			owned by people who live in nearby estates, they could easily walk their children to school. When
			my daughter attended the school we were living in the village - but we walked to school. Thank
1			you for your help.
			Thank you for your letter dated 31st August 2016 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
		1	consultation on this matter and offer our support for the ongoing road safety programme.
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			I am unable to support the proposal until traffic calming on St Helens Lane is introduced as
			discussed many times between NCC and Corbridge Parish Council.
			Milkwell proposals have never been discussed by the above councils, the supposed over crowded
			Milkwell traffic will automatically move to St Helens Lane causing traffic chaos.
	127		The proposals for St Helens Lane have the full support of the Parish Council as you know, we
	1		were promised these back in 2001 and money has been ring fenced for the project since then.
		1	We also discussed the possible effects of the Milkwell School entrance parking restrictions on the
		1	St Helens Scheme and I wish to express the Parish Council's concern over any possible additional
		- 1	parking by parents in St Helens Lane as a result of these restrictions being implemented.
		- 1	We have no wish to see £37k spent on calming and safety measures on St Helens Lane and then
			have extra traffic moved there by the implementation of the Milkwell proposals as this could
	1		reduce the benefits of this scheme
1		- 1	Whilst I understand why these proposals are needed for the safety of children getting to
			school. The parking on Milkwell is not adequate for the residents. There are grassed areas out the
			front of the houses which could be removed so that residents could make driveways and better
			access to their house this would reduce congestion and obstructive parking. I park on the kerb on
			the access into Milkwell as there is no other parking for my property as we only have single drive +
			two vehicles. There restrictions wouldn't affect me most days as I will be out of the house at these
	1		times however the days that I do not work it would mean having to leave the house to move the car.
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-			Whilet in the interest of skilds of the Control of
			Whilst in the interest of child safety Corbridge C of E First School support the proposals, we are
		[3	aware that such restrictions may cause additional problems for residents of Milkwell in that they
		1	will be forced to move their cars than parking bays. Perhaps consideration could be given to
1			use/develop some of the grassed areas to provide more parking bays for use of residents only
			during the relevant times.
			res I agree with the proposed parking restrictions, as I live in Milkwell I often find it difficult moving
			between the confronted thing their children to school and also difficulty moving amongst the cars,
		V	when things **** to finish then up, when the school is closed at the end of the day, as I said I
		8	agree to your proposals but the problem is going to move from one area to another so I would
		1	ind it better if the yellow lines were right around Milkwell, there could be special parking for
- 1		ļr	esidents to allow them to park. But something needs to be done I also have seen taxis and
1		Į.	private cars coming in and leaving the school area travelling to fast and I can tell you an accident
		15	s just waiting to happen and children or adults could be badly injured or even killed. Safe a local

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	1		We strongly object to this. Families in Milkwell do not have driveway parking and rely on continuous access to the on street parking in order to park our vehicles. A restriction of when and where parking can happen on Milkwell will put extra pressure on what is already a busy street. School traffic should be encouraged instead to park on St Helens Road or encouraged to Walk-know for a fact many of the cars come from around the corner on a neighbouring estate. The proposed yellow line will unfairly affect residents. I suggest instead issuing two parking permits perhousehold and restricting buys times to residents only parking.
	1		Although we agree there is a problem with vehicles inconsiderately parking near the school, we do not feel this is the appropriate solution. We feel this proposal punishes residents who are not to blame for the current situation. There are currently insufficient parking spaces for residents and the proposed measures will significantly reduce this further. This could force residents to park on the grass areas which could create a greater danger to school pupils, and as parents of a child who goes to the school, this is unacceptable. We feel the proposals are heavy handed to say the least. An alternative solution we would like to put forward is to consider resident passes with a red line running along the road towards the school. As it is non-residents that are causing the problems, this would target the right people rather that punish those who are not. We think this is a more sensible option and would urge you to seriously consider it.
	1		I support the proposal in theory. However living at number 23 milkwell i feel the parking for houses 18-24 desperatly needs addressing first. My advice would be to deepen the current lay-b first so that cars could park perpendicular to the road similar to the other parking areas around the area. Thanks
			for youself, monitor the area and you will have stated s I said I live in Milkwell and I have seen this with my own eyes so yes I agree and support your proposals.

