



Northumberland County Council

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

Paul Jones

**Proposed No Waiting & Loading at Any Time Restrictions,
Whitehill Road, Cramlington**

2nd March 2017

Purpose of Report

To consider the results of the public consultation exercise, regarding proposed No Waiting At Any Time restrictions at Whitehill Road, Cramlington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the following, 'No Waiting and Loading at any Time' restriction (double yellow lines) be introduced to U9558 Whitehill Road, Cramlington.

Key Issues

1. This area has been subject to indiscriminate parking over a period of time, causing an obstruction and traffic safety concerns.
2. The Scheme is funded and supported by Councillor Wayne Daley

Background

1. Concerns have been identified to Councillor Daley by parents of school children using the cycleway which, crosses Whitehill Road, Cramlington.
2. Parking adjacent to this crossing point is causing safety concerns
3. Road safety will be improved by the introduction of a No Waiting and Loading at Any Time restriction at this location.
4. It is anticipated improved sight lines for both cyclists, pedestrians and road users alike will create a safer crossing point.

Consultation

1. These proposals were the subject of a consultation exercise, conducted on the 22nd November 2016. This involved the delivery of a consultation letter to 7 residents and 25 statutory consultees, including the emergency services and various disabled and transport associations/organisations. A plan showing the proposals is attached together with a copy of the consultation letter (see Appendix A).
2. The consultation exercise ended on 13th December 2016 and responses were received from 7 consultees, with 4 in favour, 1 against and 2 neither for nor against the proposal. A summary of the responses is attached as Appendix B.
3. Councillor Daley was notified of the results of the consultation.
4. There were a number of useful suggestions and observations provided as a result of the consultation. Following discussions between Councillor Daley and Officers, the extent of the restriction has been reduced and a revised plan is attached as Appendix C. Councillor Daley confirms he wishes to proceed with a revised version of the proposal, this will be funded through his allocation in the Member's Local Improvements Programme.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the revised proposal as detailed in Appendix C should proceed. A further consultation was not deemed to be required as the revision takes into consideration the comments and observations provided within the original consultation.
2. 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.

File References

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Appendix Index

Appendix A - Consultation 1 -Copy of Consultation Letter
Appendix B - Consultation 1 - Summary of Responses
Appendix C – Revised Parking Restrictions

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	None
Finance and value for money	Funded through the Member's Local Improvement Programme allocation for Councillor Wayne Daley
Legal	Preparation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO)
Procurement	
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
Risk Assessment	Introduction of no waiting and loading at any time restriction
Crime & Disorder	Traffic safety concerns i.e. obstruction
Customer Consideration	Scheme is anticipated to improve road safety in the area
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Cramlington North

Background papers:

None

Report sign off.

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

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer(s) and Portfolio Holder Director of Local Services and Housing

Subject: Proposed introduction of No waiting and loading at any time restriction (revised)

Consultation

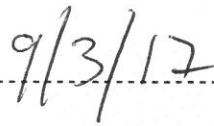
- 7 Responses
- 4 For
- 1 Against
- 2 Neither for nor against

Decision Taken: Introduce No Waiting and Loading at Any Time Restriction (revised).

Signature of Director



Date



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Tuesday 22nd November 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposed 'No Waiting and Loading at Any Time' Parking Restrictions,
Whitehill Road, Cramlington**

Concerns have been raised with County Councillor Daley, about parking on Whitehill Road, Cramlington; this is causing potential road safety issues. Councillor Daley has therefore requested that No Waiting and Loading at Any Time Restrictions be considered in order to alleviate these concerns, see plan attached

I am therefore writing in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1998 (as amended) to formally ask for your comments on the proposal to introduce No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions at Brockwell Centre access road, Cramlington 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 Housing and may be available for public inspection. The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Tuesday 13th December 2016. If you wish to respond to this consultation online, please visit the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>.

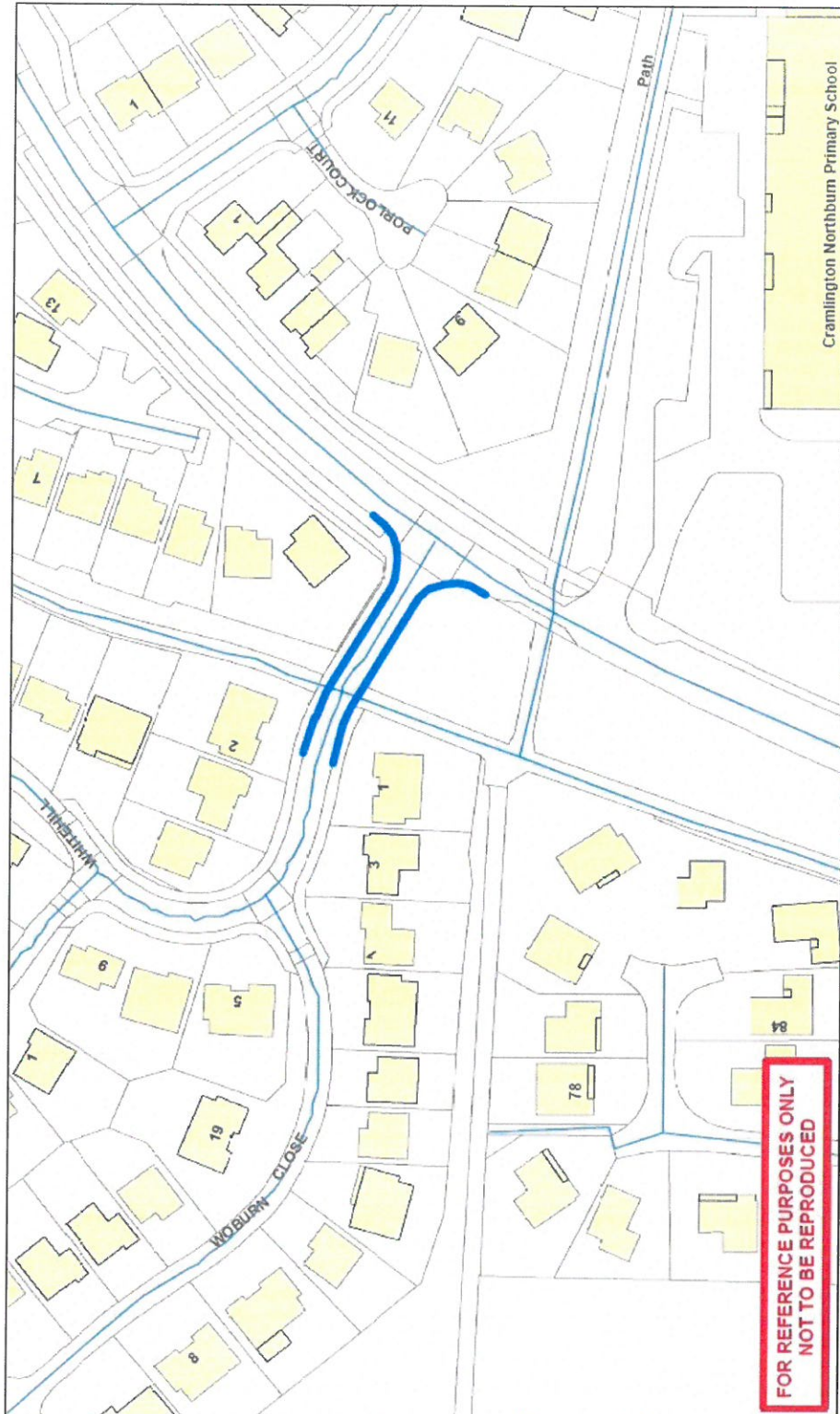
I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this important matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents who take time to return the consultation form.

Yours faithfully



Terry Luck
Programme Officer (Members Small Schemes)





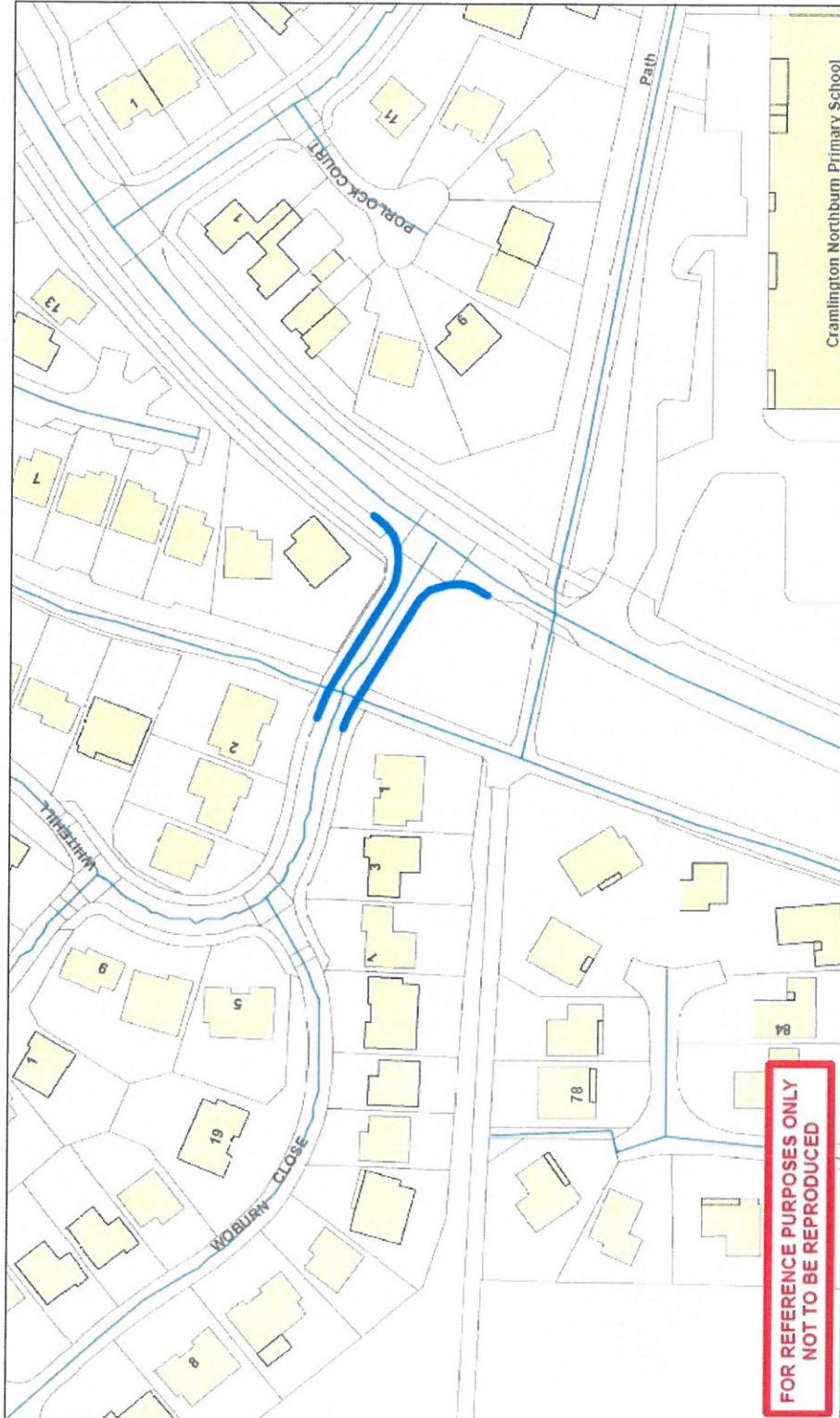
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	<p>Dm: AW</p>	<p>Date: Nov 16</p>
		<p>Scale: NTS</p>

— PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME
— RESTRICTIONS (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES)

APPENDIX B

F O R	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
		1	Thank you for your letter dated 22nd November 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 consultation on this matter and offer our support for the ongoing road safety programme.
	1		<p>I have lived at my current address since 1999 and I retired as the police Area Commander for Northumberland in July 2015, which is relevant to what follows. I have discussed the proposal with my wife and our collective opinions are listed below.</p> <p>1/ I am not aware of any KSI/minor injury road traffic collisions, or near misses, in the area subject of the proposed restrictions, nor any damage-only collisions.</p> <p>2/ The area is only perceived as congested during school term times, so 180 days a year. On each day, any traffic peak is for about one half of an hour, twice a day. So of the 8,760 hours in a year, the concern only exists for 2% of the year.</p> <p>3/ Combining 1/ and 2/ above presents a risk that is negligible.</p> <p>4/ Addressing the legal aspects of any parking restriction together with the resulting lines and signs will require financial outlay on the Council's behalf and in the austere times we are in, such funding needs close scrutiny. Given 3/ above, there can be no justification for any spending on this matter.</p> <p>5/Since we moved in, the visual appeal of the immediate area has been adversely affected by the crossing outside the 1st school and more recently, by the new crossing between the Northburn and Westwood Grange estates across Northumbrian Road. Any new lines/signs will add to this detrimental impact.</p> <p>6/The proposed restriction will require some form of enforcement to make it valid. Whilst I cannot vouch for local authority or current police resources, I can say that in my time in Northumbria Police, other priorities would take precedence.</p> <p>7/The proposed restriction excludes all vehicles from the relevant area. The current arrangement 'permits' some cars, as long as they do not block driveways. The restriction would therefore push more cars into surrounding streets affecting those who reside there.</p> <p>8/ Cars are now parking at the east end of Hauxley Drive on the north side facing east. Cars travelling east along that road are forced to move into the westbound lane as they approach the roundabout with Horton Drive. Cars travelling north along Horton Drive and turning left to head west on Hauxley Drive encounter oncoming cars on their side of Hauxley Drive. I have experienced and witnessed this dangerous scenario. Given the material in 1/ to 8/ above, I would strongly contend that the proposal does not progress any further. I have already commented but add two more points. Firstly, the local school is a 1st School and so all pupils walking to and from that school are accompanied by one or more adults. The risk to children and adults is low at worst. Secondly, any restriction is likely to cover use of the proposed area outside of school hours and thereby affect road users throughout the entire day. These may include visitors to local properties and so it cannot be right to hinder these people.</p>
1			No comments
1			Please see attached sketch for information.
		1	I appreciate the concerns about the school parking and the necessity to place restrictions. However looking at the proposal it would appear that double yellow double yellow lines would extend in front of my property right up to the white bar line currently places over my driveway access this would obviously severely obstruct any necessary parking required for my visitors, or any deliveries. I assume being double yellows no parking will be permitted at any time. In view of this I would suggest that the double yellows are positioned to the two drainage grates leaving me with parking for at least 2 vehicles in front of my property, as not to block the entrance to my driveway. With this modification I would be happy to support the proposal.
1			The proposal will limit the amount of available parking in front of my house however I am in full agreement on the grounds of improved road safety.
1			No Comments
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APPENDIX C



— PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME
— RESTRICTIONS (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES)

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