



Northumberland County Council

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

**PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS - BOTHAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
(UPPER SITE)**

Purpose of Report

To consider the introduction of various parking restrictions in the High Market area of Ashington which are required to improve road safety around Bothal Primary School's Upper Site.

Recommendations

It is recommended that in order to improve road safety at the School, the following parking restrictions are introduced:-

- **School Keep Clear Markings (No Stopping 08:00 - 17:00)**
- **No Waiting at Any Time Parking Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines)**
- **No Waiting Monday - Friday 08:00 - 09:30 and 14:30 - 16:00
Parking Restriction (Single Yellow Lines)**

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) There are currently no parking restrictions in place.
- 3) The scheme will significantly improve road safety in the area.
- 4) Scheme supported by Councillor Grimshaw and Ashington Town Council.
- 5) Scheme supported by Bothal Primary School's Upper Site
- 6) Scheme supported by Northumberland County Council's Parking Services Team
- 7) The scheme compliments the 20mph Speed Limit which was introduced during 2016/17.

Background

- 1) Road safety is a concern outside this school. Several near misses have been reported, and observations during school start and finish times confirm that there is a need to address this matter.
- 2) Concerns have been raised by various parties including Councillor Grimshaw, Ashington Town Council, Bothal Primary School, Northumberland County Council's Parking Services Team, local police and local residents.
- 3) Indiscriminate and unsafe parking at school start and finish times is a potential road safety risk to children and other pedestrians walking to and from school. In addition, the volume of parked cars in the area can make it difficult for residents to access and egress their streets safely.
- 4) Northumberland County Council Officers have been working with Councillor Grimshaw, Ashington Town Council, the school and local police to ensure this matter is addressed.
- 5) In order to alleviate these concerns, and to ensure that the area in front of the school is kept clear of parked cars throughout the school day, the following restrictions are to be introduced (as shown in Appendix A):-
 - School Keep Clear Road Marking (No Stopping 08:00 - 17:00)
 - No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions (Double Yellow Lines)
 - No Waiting Monday to Friday 08:00 - 09:30 and 14:30 - 16:00 (Single Yellow Lines)

Consultation

- 6) Because of the ongoing road safety issues in relation to the school, and the fact that the restrictions are required to improve road safety, they are to be introduced without any formal consultation. However, the residents of Somerset Close, Devon Close and Dorset Close (opposite the school) have been informed of these restrictions as part of a further canvass exercise relating to indiscriminate parking in these streets. A copy of this letter is attached as Appendix B.

Recommendations

- 7) It is recommended that parking restrictions are introduced at Bothal Primary School (Upper Site) in order to improve road safety in the area.

Implications Arising out of the Report

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| Policy | Consistent with existing policies |
| Finance and value for money | Scheme will be financed through the 2017/18 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, route to school, congestion and associated visibility issues. |
| Crime & Disorder | Scheme will assist in improving road safety outside Bothal Upper Primary School and in the surrounding streets. The parking restrictions will be enforced by the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers. |
| Customer Consideration | Parents / Grandparents will be required to park elsewhere at school start and finish times. |
| Sustainability | n/a |
| Consultation | No formal consultation carried out although officers have worked with Councillor Grimshaw, Ashington Town Council, Bothal Upper Primary School and Parking Services to agree this scheme. |
| Wards | Bothal |

Appendix Index:

Appendix A - Copy of plan showing restrictions to be introduced
Appendix B - Copy of canvass letter to residents of Somerset Close, Devon Close and Dorset Close

Background papers:

None

DECISION TAKEN

Title of Cabinet Member or Officer(s):

Director of Local Services and Housing Delivery

Subject:

Proposed Parking Restrictions in relation to Bothal Primary School (Upper Site)

Consultation:

n/a

Decision Taken:

To introduce parking restrictions in order to improve road safety at Bothal Upper Primary School.

Signature of Director

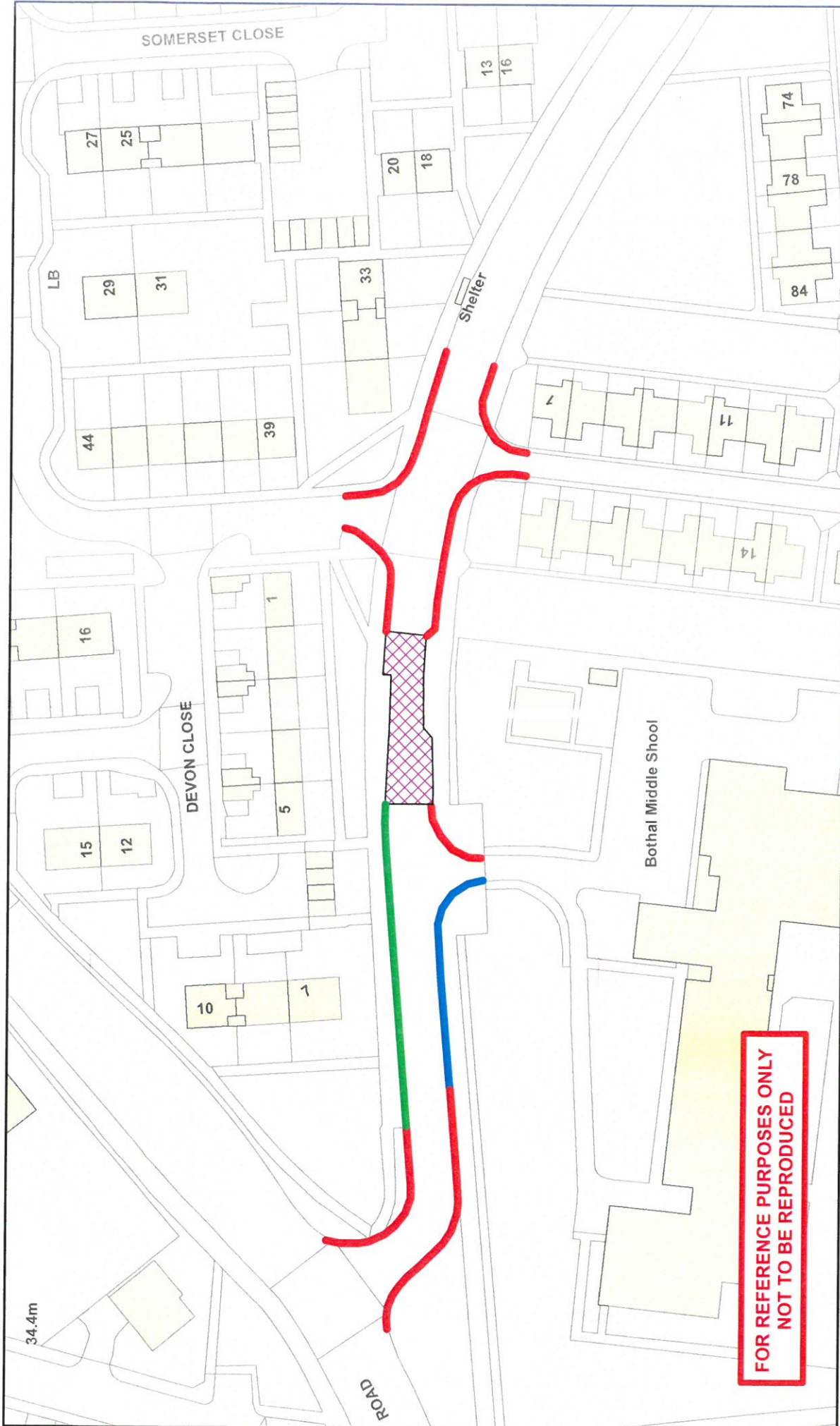


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APPENDIX A

PLAN SHOWING PARKING RESTRICTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED



KEY:-

- NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES)
- NO WAITING MON - FRI 8:30-09:30 & 14:30-17:00 (SINGLE YELLOW LINE)
- SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS (NO STOPPING 08:00 - 17:00)
- ROAD MARKING IMPROVEMENTS AT EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

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APPENDIX B – COPY OF CANVASS LETTER TO RESIDENTS OF SOMERSET CLOSE / DEVON CLOSE / DORSET CLOSE

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The Occupier

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Date: 3 March 2017

Concerns about Indiscriminate Parking – Somerset Close / Devon Close / Dorset Close, Ashington

Dear Resident

Concerns have been raised by residents of the above streets about indiscriminate parking which occurs as a result of parents and grandparents taking children to and from Bothal Upper Primary School. These concerns have been passed onto Local County Councillor, Lynne Grimshaw.

Road safety is a concern outside this school, several near misses have been reported, and observations during school start and finish times confirm that there is a need to address this matter. Councillor Grimshaw has been working with officers and the school, and suitable parking restrictions for the area in front of the school on High Market have now been proposed as shown on the attached plan. There is no need to consult on these restrictions as they are necessary in order to improve road safety. However due to the restrictions to be imposed, it is probable that motorists will look at alternative locations to park, which may cause further disruption to residents of the above streets.

In order to alleviate these concerns, Councillor Grimshaw has requested that residents be canvassed about potential solutions which will assist in improving the current situation, while also addressing any further issues which are likely to occur once parking restrictions are introduced in front of the school on High Market.

Option One – Residents Permit Parking Zone

A Residents Permit Parking Zone would be an option for Somerset Close / Devon Close / Dorset Close. Signs at the entry to Somerset Close would dictate where Residents Permit Parking is in operation. Bays would not be provided within the zone as they are not required for this type of restriction. To make this scheme enforceable, residents will be asked to purchase Resident Parking Permits. (Currently £15 a year per permit, equivalent to £1.25 per month). A maximum of 2 permits can be provided per household with one permit reserved for a specific car registered to the resident,



and one for an additional car, for example a visitor. It should however be emphasised that a residents permit does not guarantee residents or their visitors a parking space outside their property.

Option Two – Introduction of Double Yellow and Single Yellow Lines

A second option would be to introduce double yellow lines around all junctions in the Somerset Close / Devon Close / Dorset Close area to prevent parking at junctions which can cause problems for residents accessing and egressing. In addition, it is also proposed to introduce single yellow lines which will prevent anyone (including residents) from parking during the school run. The single yellow lines will prevent parking Monday – Friday 08:15 - 09:15 and 14:30 – 16:00. A plan is enclosed to highlight where these restrictions will be in place.

The County Council is seeking your views on your preferred option. We would welcome comments by Friday 17th March 2017. A freepost response form is attached to facilitate this process. You can also respond to this exercise online, by visiting the web address <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk/>. We would also welcome comments by email:- HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk.

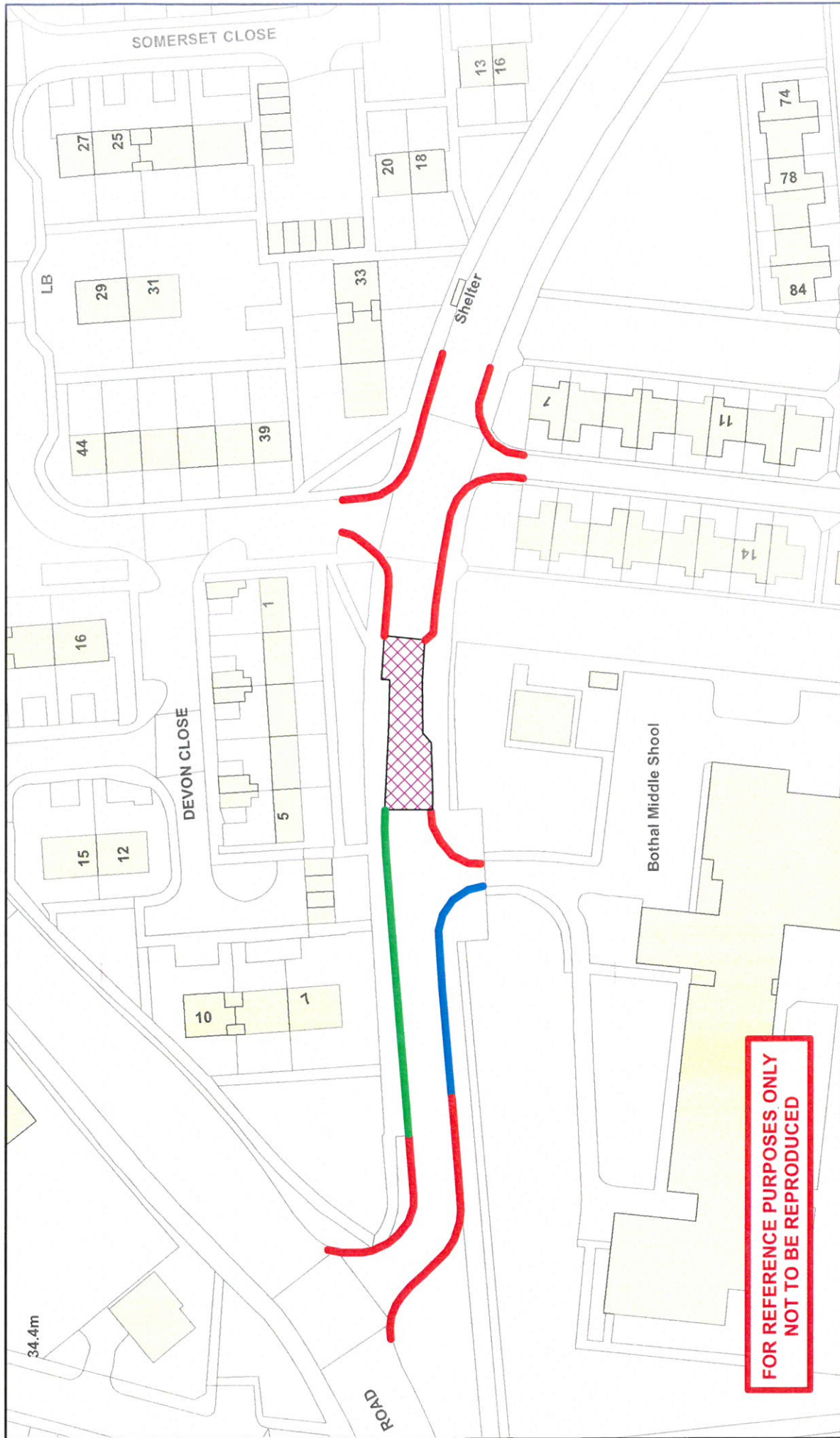
Depending on the feedback received, a suitable scheme will be considered for introduction.

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 and may be available for public inspection.

Yours faithfully



Neil Snowdon
Senior Programme Officer



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