

# NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE AGENDA



**Monday 19 January 2015**

**at 9.30 am**

**in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillors Ainslie, Barclay, Dawkins, Gibbon, Jackson, James, Loynes

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

**3. MINUTES**

- 3.1 To receive the Minutes and Decision Record of the meeting held on 15 December 2014 (*previously circulated*)

**4. KEY DECISIONS**

No items.

**5. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**

- 5.1 Loyalty Road Yellow Lines – *Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods*  
5.2 Safer Routes to School Project – Rossmere and St Teresa's Primary Schools – *Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods*  
5.3 The Collection of Sea Coal – *Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods*



**6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- 6.1 'Respect Your Neighbourhood' – Environmental Crime Campaign Update  
*Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods*

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**Date of next meeting – Monday 16 February 2015 at 9.30am in the Civic Centre,  
Hartlepool**



# NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

19<sup>th</sup> January 2015



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods)

**Subject:** LOYALTY ROAD YELLOW LINES

## 1. TYPE OF DECISION / APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Non-key.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To seek approval from the Neighbourhood Services Committee, for the implementation of a section of double yellow lines in Loyalty Road. (**See Appendix 1**).

## 3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Residents have raised concerns via local Ward Councillors, about vehicles parking on the bend in Loyalty Road, opposite the entrance to Traveller's Gate. This can lead to visibility of oncoming traffic being obstructed and the increased risk of collisions.

3.2 There have also been concerns voiced about poor visibility when exiting Loyalty Close, onto Loyalty Road.

3.3 These issues have arisen over the last couple of years, with the new development being built on the former Yuill's offices resulting in there now being more parked vehicles in the area.

## 4. CONSULTATION

4.1 A consultation letter was sent to residents and Ward Councillors in August 2014, proposing yellow lines as shown in **Appendix 2**. This proposed that the lines continue around the bend up to the parking lay-by opposite the garages.

- 4.2 This gave results of seven in favour, nine against and one who was unclear about their favoured option. The majority of the objections came from residents of No's 47 – 54 Loyalty Road, which are the houses adjacent to the lay-by. Whilst they were appreciative of the issues at the bend, they felt that the lines covered too large an area and should stop before they reached the lay-by.
- 4.3 Consequently, a second consultation stage was entered into, reducing the yellow lines, as shown in **Appendix 3**.
- 4.4 This provided results of seven in favour and three against.
- 4.5 Of the three objections, one is asking that the lines be extended to the length of the original proposal, however this received nine objections at the first consultation stage.
- 4.6 The other two objections relate to the possibility of parked vehicles being displaced to the opposite side of the road, and potential difficulties gaining access to and from driveways.
- 4.7 There is always the possibility of displacement when parking controls are introduced, but the side of the road the objections are referring to is on the outside of the bend, and parking here would allow for much better visibility than there can be at present when cars park on the inside of the bend. Obstruction of driveways is an offence in any event, regardless of the presence of yellow lines, and is enforced by the Police. While the objections should be considered, the consultation results as shown in 4.4 should also be noted.

## **5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 The scheme would be funded from existing Traffic and Transportation budgets, and is estimated to cost approximately £600, including the advertising of the legal notices.

## **6. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 Subject to approval of the scheme, traffic regulation orders will be advertised in accordance with the statutory legal procedures.

## **7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no equality or diversity implications.

**8. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998  
CONSIDERATIONS**

8.1 There are no Section 17 implications.

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 The Neighbourhood Services Committee approves the proposed scheme  
As shown in **Appendix 3**.

**10. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 The scheme would improve road safety and visibility in the area.

**11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 There are no background papers.

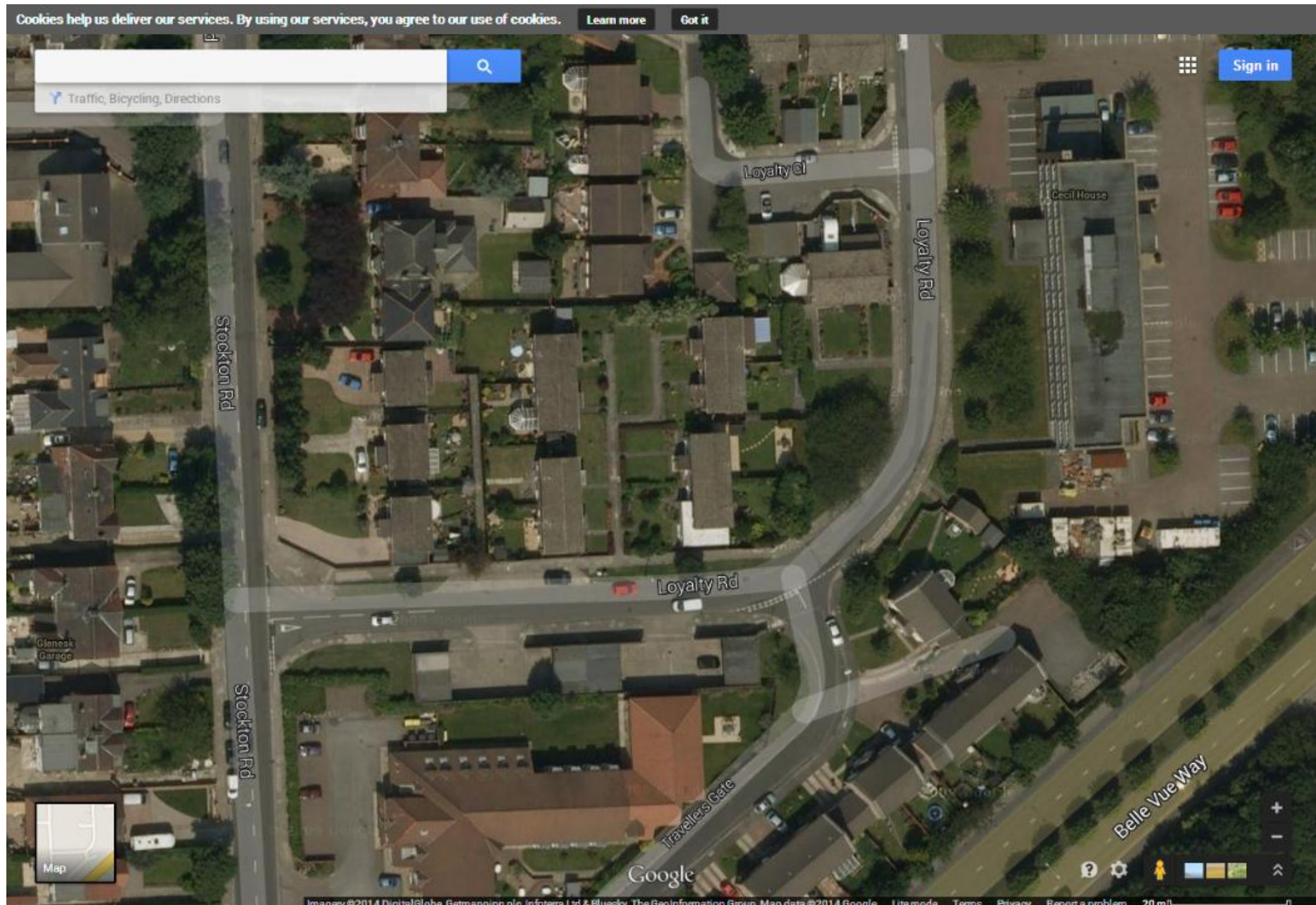
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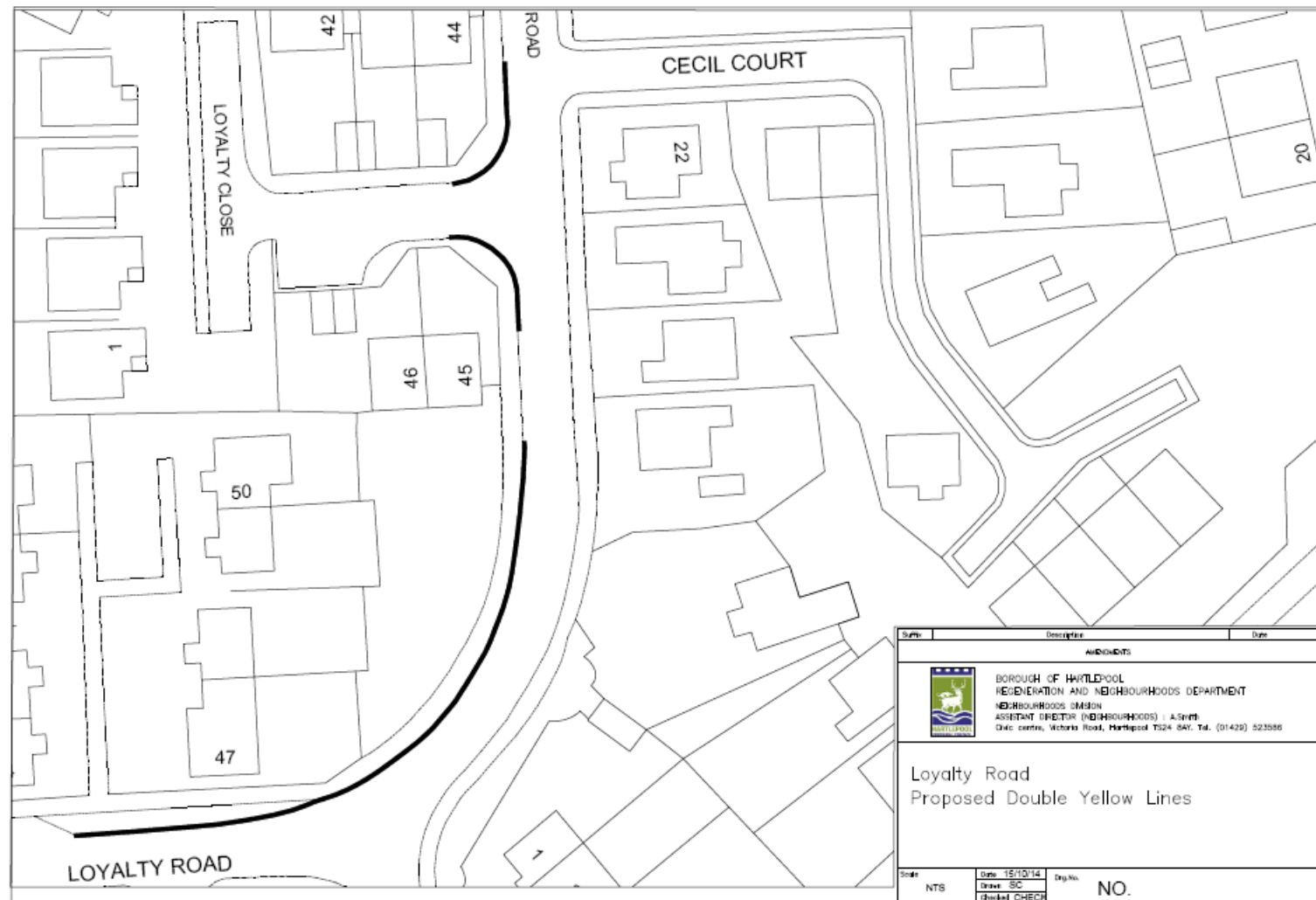
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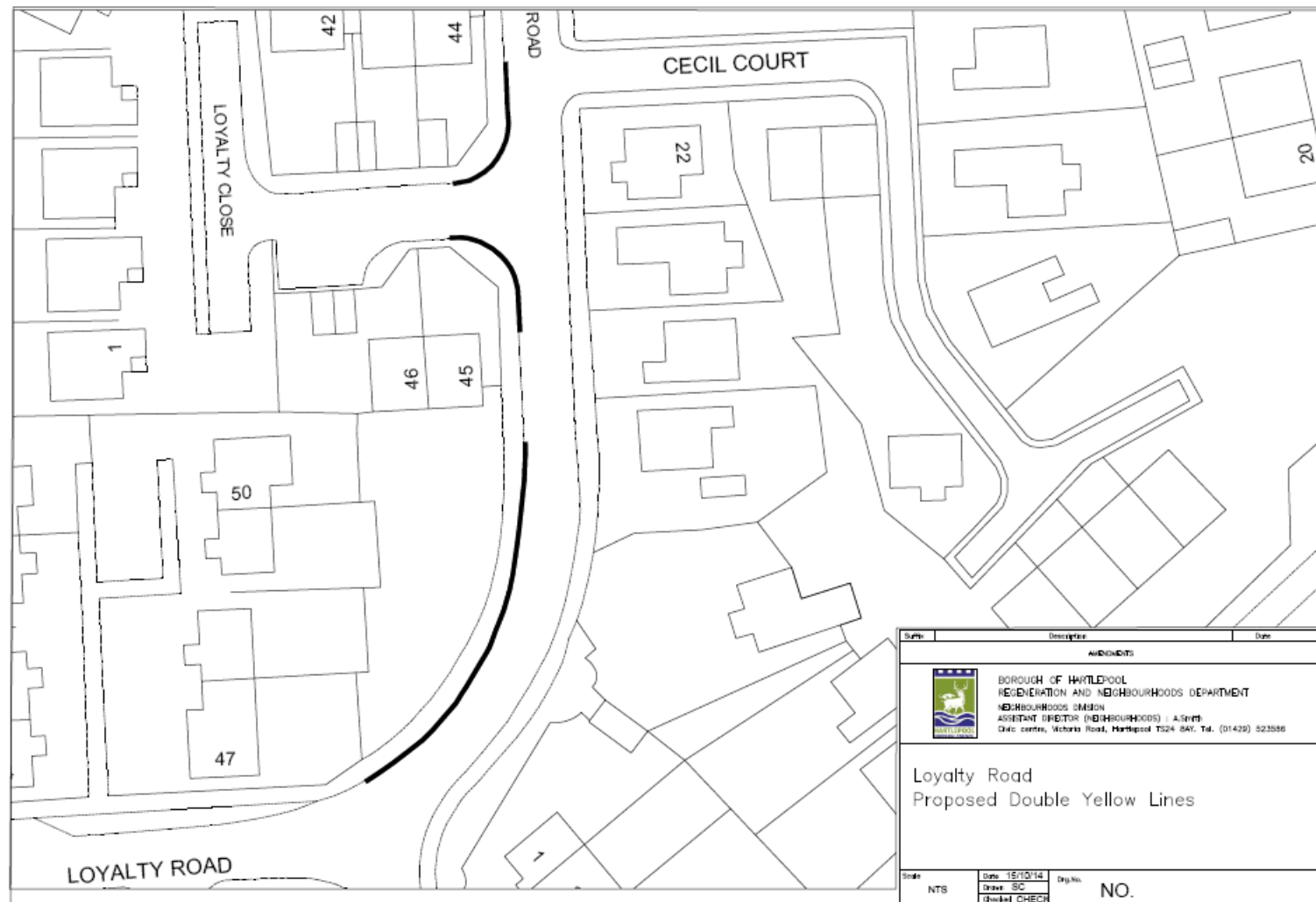
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# NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

19<sup>th</sup> January 2015



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods)

**Subject:** SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT –  
ROSSMERE AND ST TERESA'S PRIMARY  
SCHOOLS

## 1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Non key decision.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To seek approval for a Safer Routes to School scheme that will improve road safety and help promote walking to school by making improvements to the pedestrian environment. (See **Appendix 1**).
- 2.2 Following discussion at a previous Neighbourhood Services Committee meeting in November 2014, there are now two options for this scheme and a decision is now required in terms of which option should be progressed.

## 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Following on from work undertaken with both Rossmere and St Teresa's Primary School and concerns identified by a Ward Member, a scheme has been developed to provide a school safety zone for Rossmere and St Teresa's Primary Schools.
- 3.2 A report detailing a proposed scheme was considered by Committee in November 2014. Following discussion Members requested that a further option regarding traffic calming at Balmoral Road be developed to include a chicane feature and build outs to assist children with crossing by narrowing the road. This report details the alternative proposal and subsequent consultation outcomes. Members are requested to consider the information and formulate a decision as to which option should be progressed.

#### 4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The initial proposals considered previously by Members involved a School Safety Zone incorporating a 20mph speed limit on Callander Road, Campbell Road, Calder Grove, Cullen Road and Balmoral Road. Traffic calming, in the form of speed cushions, was proposed for Callander Road and Balmoral Road as part of the initial proposals. Following discussion at the November Committee meeting a further option has been explored.
- 4.2 This proposal involves traffic calming on Balmoral Road. A chicane feature with vehicles heading south on Balmoral, giving way to vehicles heading north is proposed, replacing the original proposal for speed cushions. This would also include some small traffic islands forming a build out at the crossing location on Balmoral Road, with amendments to white lining at the junctions with Benmore Road and Callander Road.
- 4.4 Plans showing the initial proposal for speed cushions on Balmoral Road are provided in **Appendix 2** as Option 1 and a plan identifying the alternative scheme is provided as Option 2.

#### CONSULTATION

##### Initial Consultation of Proposed Scheme

- 5.1 Consultation on the scheme was initially undertaken with local residents, schools, Ward Members and the Council's Traffic Liaison Group.
- 5.2 In summary, 170 properties in the vicinity of the scheme were sent information and asked whether they supported the scheme. 50 responses were received, of which 44 (88%) were in favour of the proposal, 4 (8%) were against and 2 (4%) didn't state either way. Both Rossmere and St Teresa's schools were in support of the scheme and no objections to the scheme were received from the Council's Traffic Liaison Group.

##### Consultation on Alternative Scheme for Traffic Calming on Balmoral Road

- 5.3 In terms of the options for traffic calming on Balmoral Road, further consultation has been undertaken with 70 properties on Balmoral Road, Benmore Road and Bonnyrigg Walk.
- 5.4 Residents were asked to indicate whether they preferred Option 1 (the original proposal with speed cushions on Balmoral Road) or Option 2 (the alternative proposal with a chicane, build outs and changes to junction lining). 20 responses have been received of which 9 (45%) are in favour of Option 1 and 10 (50%) are in favour of Option 2 (the other response doesn't select a preference). Due to lower than expected response to the consultation, officers have conducted an additional door to door consultation for which the outcome will be tabled at this meeting.

- 5.5 From the comments provided there are strong views both for and against both options. Those in favour of Option 1 have stated that they do not consider that Option 2 would slow traffic down as much as Option 1 and that is a concern for school children. In addition, the proposed Chicane would impact on-street parking that occurs in the vicinity of Bonnyrigg Walk by residents of that street. Those in favour of Option 2 have stated that the chicane and build out option is preferable to speed cushions so as to avoid damage to vehicles.
- 5.6 Option 2 was also discussed at the Council's Traffic Liaison Group in December 2014. The group consists of Police, Fire, Ambulance, bus operators, driving instructors representatives, taxi representatives, and Council Traffic, Parking and Road Safety Officers, no objections were received.
- 5.7 We are awaiting a formal response from Cleveland Police, but initial comments at the meeting were that they may consider that speed cushions are a more suitable option at this location due to the fact the road is to be included within a 20mph Zone and the Zone should be self enforcing. This is more likely to be achieved with cushions as opposed to a chicane due to the level of traffic on Balmoral Road meaning that vehicles would only ever need to give way on occasions throughout the majority of the day. This will be clarified at the Committee meeting.

## 6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The table below sets out the cost of both of the options.

<b>Proposed Scheme</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
Option 1 – Speed Cushions on Balmoral Road	£30,000
Option 2 – Chicane and Build out on Balmoral Road	£32,000

- 6.2 The scheme will be funded from the Safer Routes to School Budget within the Council's Local Transport Plan Capital allocation for 2014 / 2015.

## 7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The range of Safer Routes to School Improvements will help improve access to the schools identified for all pedestrians and cyclists, but particularly pedestrians with disabilities and mobility problems, the elderly, and pedestrians with pushchairs as examples. Please see Equality Impact Assessment form as (**Appendix 3**).

## **8. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 There are no Section 17 considerations.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the School Safety Zone scheme outlined in section 4 of this report and makes a decision as to the whether the scheme includes traffic calming on Balmoral Road in the form of Option 1 (Speed Cushions) or Option 2 (Chicane, Build outs and white line changes at junctions).

## **10. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 The scheme identified will improve road safety for school journeys, help promote walking to school thereby bringing associated health and environmental benefits that align with the objectives of Hartlepool's 3<sup>rd</sup> Local Transport Plan.

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 11.1 None.

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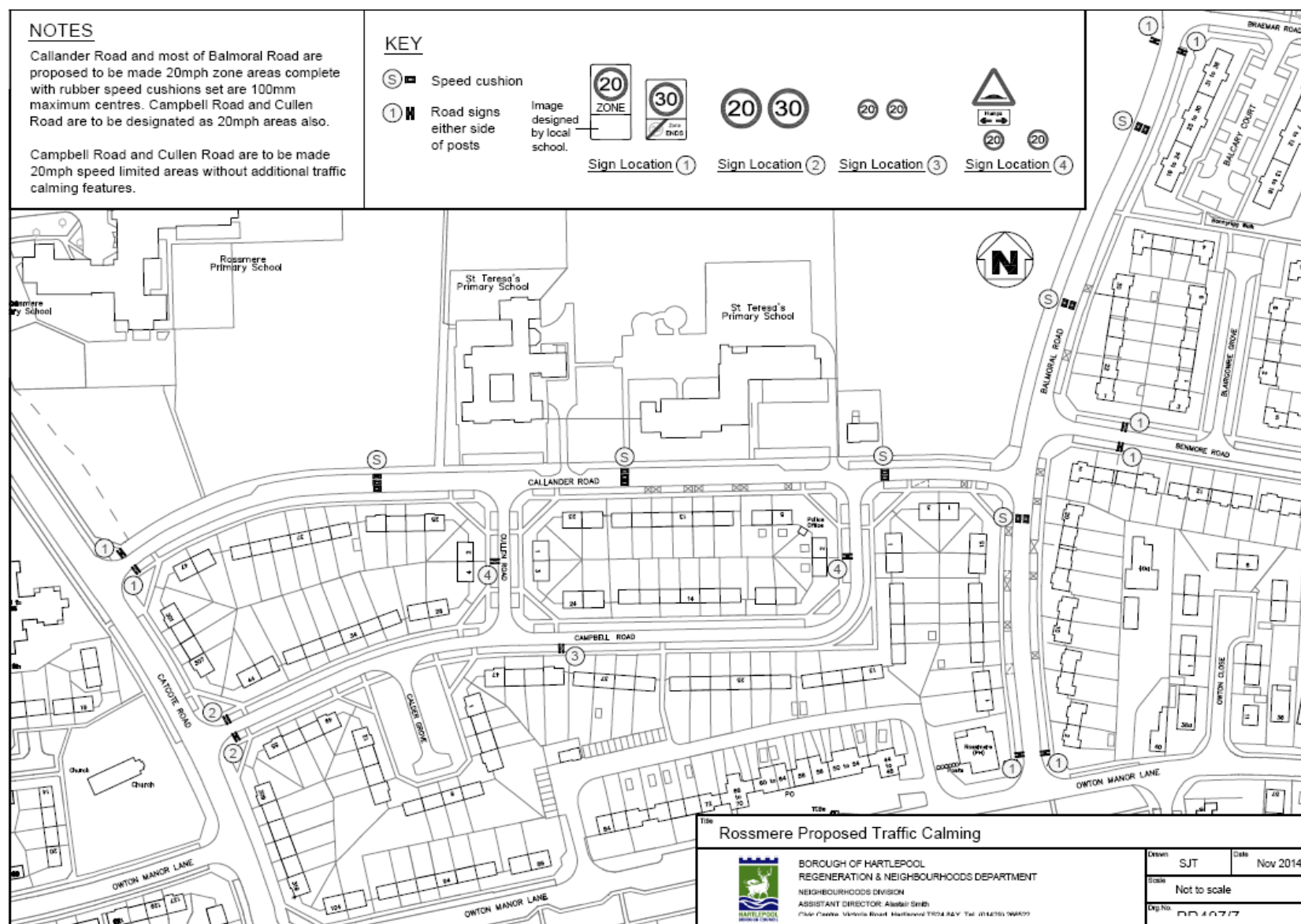
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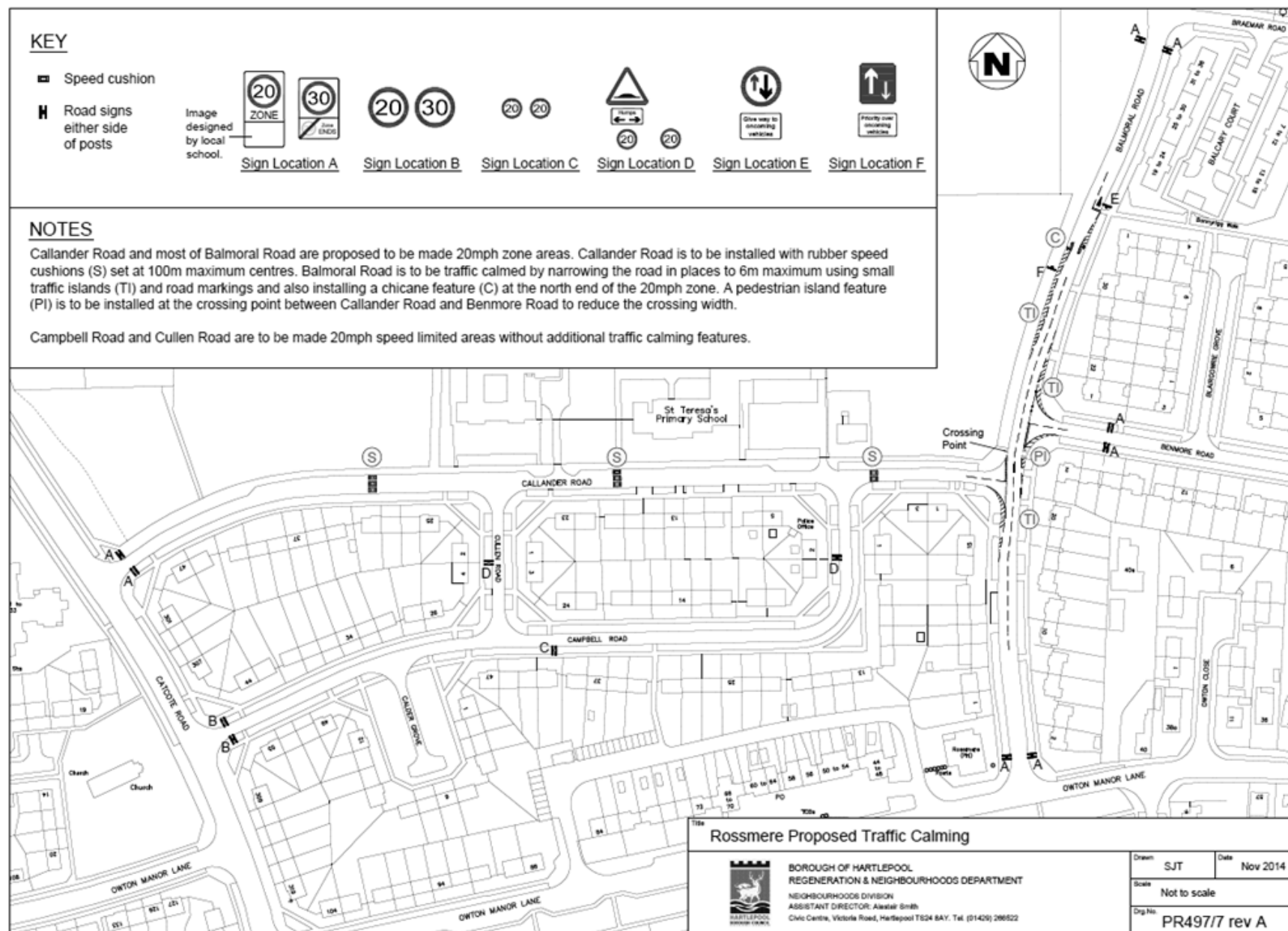


5.2 15.01.19 Safer Routes to School Project - Rossmere and St. Teresa's Primary Schools









**EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM****APPENDIX 3**

Department	Division	Section	Owner/Officer					
Regeneration and Neighbourhoods	Technical Services	Sustainable Travel and Road Safety	Robert Snowball					
Function/Service	Installation of a School Safety Zone around St Teresa's and Rossmere Primary School							
Information Available	The school safety zone is designed to improve the pedestrian environment to improve and enhance walking to school. Traffic calming is also included to reduce vehicle speeds and make crossing over roads in the area easier and safer							
Relevance  Identify which strands are relevant or may be affected by what you are reviewing or changing	Age	Yes						
	Disability	Yes						
	Gender Re-assignment							
	Race							
	Religion							
	Gender							
	Sexual Orientation							
	Marriage & Civil Partnership							
	Pregnancy & Maternity							
Information Gaps								
What is the Impact	The proposal improves the existing situation for all pedestrians							
Addressing the impact	The outcome of the impact assessment may be one or more of the following four outcomes; You must clearly set out your justification for the outcome/s.							
	<b>1. No Impact- No Major Change</b> – The proposal will enhance the situation for all pedestrians.							
	<b>2. Adjust/Change Policy</b> – N/A							
	<b>3. Adverse Impact but Continue</b> – N/A							
	<b>4. Stop/Remove Policy/Proposal</b> – N/A							
Actions								
It will be useful to record and monitor any actions resulting from your assessment to ensure that they have had the intended effect and that the outcomes have been achieved.								
Action identified	Responsible Officer	By When	How will this be evaluated?					

Date sent to Equality Rep for publishing	00/00/00
Date Published	00/00/00
Date Assessment Carried out	00/00/00

# NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

19<sup>th</sup> January 2015



**Report of:** Alastair Smith, Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods)

**Subject:** THE COLLECTION OF SEA COAL

## 1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Non-key.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To inform the Neighbourhood Services Committee of the findings of a working group which was established to investigate the implications of the continuation of the practice of sea coaling on Council leased beaches in Hartlepool.

## 3. BACKGROUND

3.1 A report was brought to Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 to give a position statement with regards to the practice of sea coaling on Hartlepool beaches, this was in response to concerns raised by members.

3.2 The report outlined the current scale of the sea coal industry in Hartlepool and identified that the practice had reduced dramatically in recent years due to a number of factors. The primary reason was the decline in the amount of coal deposited on the foreshore, but a limited available end market for the low grade product had also had an impact on the economic viability of this activity.

3.3 The diminishing quantities of sea coal deposits are attributable to the cessation of the mining industry in County Durham, and with it the practice of depositing waste coal spoil at sea. There has also been a multimillion pound clean-up, through the 'Turning the Tide' project, where large amounts of deposited spoil was removed in an effort to improve the coastline to the North of Hartlepool.

- 3.4 There are historic issues and concerns relating to sea coaling, these include the safety of beach users as a result of the movement of vehicles on the beaches, cleansing problems caused by coal spillages, noise nuisance caused by the undertaking of this activity through the night and issues relating to the road worthiness of the vehicles used to transport the sea coal.
- 3.5 Vehicular access to the foreshore is now largely restricted by barriers, this followed a Cabinet decision on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2006. It was also agreed at the same Cabinet meeting that the barrier situated at Station lane onto Seaton beach remain open to allow access for sea coalers and that the situation be monitored.
- 3.6 There is open access onto Middleton beach which is owned by PD Ports.
- 3.7 Evidence was presented in the previous Committee report which showed that as sea coaling operations have been scaled down, the amount of complaints have diminished significantly, however there were still a number of public concerns. It was agreed that as pertinent issues had been raised, that further investigation should be carried out into the potential implications of the continuation of this practice.
- 3.8 A multi-agency working group was set up, with representation from the Council, the police and residents. The groups' priorities were to analyse the scale of any problems and to review the risk and potential liability that existed in permitting the practice to continue.

## **4 FINDINGS**

- 4.1 Monitoring of complaints continued to show that there were relatively low levels of concerns or objections to this practice.
- 4.2 Sea coal vehicles are currently accessing the beaches at Station Lane, Seaton Carew, Middleton beach and North Sands.
- 4.3 The Police have been undertaking regular patrols and have issued two fines to sea coalers relating to their vehicles being un-roadworthy in recent months.
- 4.4 The foreshore is currently leased by the Council from the Crown Estate Commissioners (lease originally dated 9th April 1987). This lease sets out the terms of the tenancy. Clause 3 (8) of the lease states that the Council may 'Not permit any person to drive any mechanically propelled vehicle on the demised premises.'

- 4.5 In order to enable the lifeguard service to operate legitimately, a variation to the lease was sought and agreed to on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2006. This applied the following variation to the original lease ‘ Notwithstanding clause 3(8) of the lease, the commissioners grant to the tenant the right to pass and re-pass with safety patrol vehicles (initially comprising a 4 wheeled drive pick-up vehicle /quad bike and a trailer launched jet ski).
- 4.6 A risk assessment has been carried out with regards to the vehicles which are being used on the beach for the lifeguard service, and actions have been undertaken in order to mitigate against any potential risks. These include daily scheduled vehicle checks, driving competency testing, training, speed restrictions and the presence of a hazard beacon to alert other users of the vehicles presence. All activities covered by this service will be covered by the councils Public Liability insurance.
- 4.7 The insurers have indicated that the Council’s public liability insurance would not cover any vehicles which had not been given permission to access the beach.
- 4.8 In order for any other ‘ mechanically propelled vehicles’ to gain access to the beach an application for an additional variation to the lease must be made to the Crown Estates Commissioner.
- 4.9 The prohibition of driving mechanically propelled vehicles elsewhere than on roads falls under the Road Traffic Act 1988 (Part 1 (34)) and is enforced by the police.
- 4.10 It has become apparent that in the past, the situation regarding permission for vehicles to be on the beaches has not been clear and therefore the police have not used their powers under the Road Traffic Act 1988.
- 4.11 Concerns have been expressed, with regards to the ecological impact of sea coaling on the shore wildlife, these were as follows;
- (i) Sea coal activities cause disturbance and may negatively affect the breeding activities of sea birds, in particular the Little Tern. *A study undertaken by English Nature in 2004 found that any disturbance to these birds feeding or nesting patterns is detrimental, however the activities of sea coalers were deemed to be considerably less significant than the disturbance caused by walkers and dogs.*
  - (ii) The accumulation of sea coal is toxic to sea life such as crabs and anecdotal evidence suggests the presence of more dead crabs where sea coal exists. *The Council Ecologist states that there is no scientific evidence to validate this claim that sea coal is toxic to marine organisms and conversely evidence exists to suggest that the feeding of sea birds increases in areas of sea coal accumulation.*



- 4.12 Members have requested that consideration be given to the possibility of allowing sea coalers onto the beach under supervision at prescribed periods of the year, to assist in keeping the beach clear of coal deposits.

## **5 RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Access to the Council leased beaches by mechanically propelled vehicles must be prohibited in order that the conditions of the Crown Estate lease can be adhered to. Failure to do so may result in action being taken for a breach to the lease.
- 5.2 Insurers have indicated that the current public liability insurance cover would not include unauthorised vehicles on beaches, therefore the authority must take all reasonable measures to prohibit this from occurring in order to prevent potential liability if an accident occurs.
- 5.3 The risk from the movement of authorised vehicles will continue to be assessed and measures put in place to reduce any additional risks. If it is agreed that consideration be given to the supervised collection of sea coal for cleansing purposes, then a comprehensive risk assessment must be undertaken and it must also be established whether the current insurance would cover such activity.

## **6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 The cost of monitoring the foreshore areas and the regular inspection of the integrity of the vehicle barriers will be absorbed by the Neighbourhoods Division. The resource requirement of any proposed supervised removal scheme must be fully established in order to ascertain whether additional finances will be required.

## **7. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS**

- 7.1 Monitoring of the foreshores and the regular inspection of the vehicle barriers will be absorbed by the Neighbourhoods Division. The staff resource requirement of any proposed supervised sea coal removal must be established.

## **8. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 The town's beaches are owned by the Crown Estates and leased by Hartlepool Borough Council. The Council presently cleans the bathing beach at Seaton as part of its scheduled cleansing operations. The Council also maintains the highways, car parks and promenades and is responsible for maintaining the vehicle barriers preventing access to the beaches.

9. **SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998  
CONSIDERATIONS**

- 9.1 As outlined, there are many reasons why some members of the public try to gain unauthorised access to the beaches, and damage or antisocial behaviour cannot be attributed to any one group without direct evidence. The ambiguity with regards to permitted access onto the beach has meant that the police have not been clear whether to enforce their duties under the Road Traffic act 1998. It is expected that clarification of the fact that mechanically propelled vehicles are prohibited on the Council leased beaches to the police will rectify this problem.

10. **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

11. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1
- 1) That Members note the findings of the Sea coal working group.
  - 2) That members agree to the closing of the barrier at the entrance to the foreshore at Station lane to prevent unauthorised access and the erection of signage to indicate that vehicles are prohibited.
  - 3) That members support the request to pursue the idea of adopting a scheme which would enable the sea coalers to legitimately access the beach to take off the coal to assist with cleansing.

12. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 12.1 There are no background papers.

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE

19 January 2015



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods)

**Subject:** 'RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD' -  
ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME CAMPAIGN UPDATE

## 1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 For information.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To update the Neighbourhood Services Committee on the current progress to date of the 'Respect Your Neighbourhood' Environmental Crime Campaign.

## 3. BACKGROUND

3.1 During 2012/13 Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee undertook an investigation into the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) with reference to the Marmot principles being used to ensure full account was taken of the wider determinants of health in relation to the general needs of the population, and current provision of local services. Within this context environmental services were considered by the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum under the principle of 'creating and developing healthy and sustainable places and communities'. The Scrutiny Forum were content that the town was generally clean and well cared for but recommended that the potential to increase greater collaboration between partners such as the Police on environmental enforcement activity be explored to address the priorities of local communities.

3.2 A number of Council Officers, together with representatives from other agencies such as the Police and Fire Service met to discuss the potential for greater collaborative working in the future. This resulted in an environmental Enforcement Campaign to be delivered across Hartlepool entitled 'Respect Your Neighbourhood'. One of the key elements of the 'Respect Your Neighbourhood' campaign is a 'day of action'; this is enforcement orientated, but also includes measures to improve neighbourhood safety and resolve quality of life issues.

#### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME IN HARTLEPOOL**

- 4.1 Evidence presented to the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum in 2012 described the types of environmental crime in Hartlepool and the services available to tackle environmental issues.
- 4.2 Environmental crime forms part of the core business of many local agencies such as the Council, Police, and Fire Service with each agency having their own monitoring arrangements to determine the level and type of environmental crime, together with where it is occurring to enable resources to be appropriately targeted.
- 4.3 Environmental crime is a global issue, but within the context of neighbourhoods, it is generally classed as anti-social behaviour that affects the quality of life of local communities and predominantly includes, offences occurring within the public realm such as littering, abandoned vehicles, fly-tipping, dog fouling and graffiti, extending to deliberate fire setting, criminal damage, noise nuisance and nuisance behaviour.
- 4.4 The tools and powers to tackle environmental crime are contained within, but are not limited to the Environmental Protection Act 1980, Noise Act 1996, Control of Pollution Act 1974, Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005, and the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003.
- 4.5 Public satisfaction with street cleanliness has improved over the last ten years, but local surveys continue to highlight environmental issues at the top of residents' concerns. Many residents also base their view of a Local Authority's overall effectiveness on how they perceive its success in tackling environmental crime, particularly the cleanliness of its streets.

#### **5. 'RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD' ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

- 5.1 The campaign is underpinned by a problem solving approach through the analysis of community concerns, visual audits, and partnership data. It operates on one day per month, and all eleven wards within Hartlepool benefit from the initiative on a rotational basis. Depending upon what the issues are in any particular area on the basis of the evidence collated, Neighbourhood Action Days could include:

- Litter, dog fouling, dogs off lead enforcement;
- Planning enforcement activity such as section 215;
- Highways enforcement such as overhanging trees;
- Illegal Parking enforcement;
- Housing standards enforcement;
- Proactive anti-social behaviour patrols;

- Trading standards and environmental health activity including illegal waste carrying, noise nuisance and pest control;
- Tethered horses;
- Arson reduction activity;
- Community and/or school litter picking;
- Off road bikes;
- Scrap metal theft; and
- Community Pay Back completing reparation work – such as street furniture repairs / refreshing painting.

5.2 The 'Respect Your Neighbourhood' initiative is intended to involve one co-ordinated day of action in each of the Borough's 11 wards. The Action Days were scheduled monthly making a total of 11 days spread throughout the year. In order to have the most impact, the Action Day activities were scheduled throughout the day, from early morning litter and dog foul patrols through to late evening intervention activities from the Community Outreach team.

5.2.1 The 'Respect Your Neighbourhood Initiative' is accompanied by a coordinated media campaign. An official launch of the initiative with partners took place in February. A before and after story following each Neighbourhood Action Day is also provided, and more recently radio interviews with the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, and ward Councillors have taken place.

5.3 Following the official launch, the first Day of Action took place in the Burbank area of the Headland and Harbour ward on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014. **Attached at Appendix A and B** is the completed action plan for the day, along with the action day case study. Action plans and case studies have been produced for subsequent action days.

## 6. DAYS OF ACTION

### Headland and Harbour Ward

6.1.1 The area focussed on the Burbank Street area and adjacent Longhill / Sandgate Industrial Estate. The area includes a range of locations including residential housing with back streets, flats, open spaces and industrial units and issues with fly tipping, graffiti, illegal vehicles (untaxed, un-roadworthy and overloaded) and anti social behaviour are prevalent.

6.1.2 The day was led by the Authority and involved teams from the cleansing, environmental enforcement, anti social behaviour unit, trading standards and parking enforcement sections. Partner organisations included the Safer Hartlepool Partnership, Cleveland Police, and Cleveland Fire Brigade, the Environment Agency, VOSA, HMRC and housing providers.



- 6.1.3 There were a number of different enforcement and cleansing activities undertaken throughout the course of the day. A “Stop, Search and seize” operation was carried out by Environmental Enforcement and Trading Standards Officers with the Police, the Environment Agency, Vehicle Operator Services Agency (VOSA) and Her Majesty’s Revenues and Customs (HMRC). 14 vehicles were stopped during the operation; of these, two were seized for using illegal fuel (one for using red diesel and one for using kerosene). Both vehicles were later released after the owners each paid a £540 fine. Two further vehicles were found to be exceeding their weight limit for carrying materials. One owner received a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £300 for being 2,000kg overweight and the other received a £300 FPN for being 1,300kg overweight, plus a £50 fine for having vehicle defects.
- 6.1.4 1 FPN was issued for dog fouling and two under age litter warnings were handed out to young people who will be asked to attend a litter awareness course later in the year.
- 6.1.5 Other enforcement activity included action taken against those erecting illegal signs and the investigation in to and removal of fly tipping at the rear of Goodwin Walk. In addition to enforcement action, an accumulation of rubbish was cleared from the back alleys and the yards of empty properties, repairs were carried out to security gates and street sweepers cleaned the area’s roads. Longer term actions include the removal of graffiti from a number of properties, verge works and engaging local businesses to clean up their premises.
- 6.1.6 Fifteen warning letters were issued to owners of vehicles for breaching parking regulations.

## **7. Burn Valley Ward**

- 7.1.1 The Burn Valley area included Cornwall Street, Oxford Road ladder streets and Burn Valley Gardens.
- 7.1.2 The following outcomes were achieved:
- Advice was given to four individuals in relation to dog control orders;
  - The Environmental Enforcement and Cleansing Team removed twenty two bags of household waste and six bags of mixed waste;
  - Other waste removed included a mixture of carpets, toilet cisterns kitchen units and wood. No evidence was secured for prosecution in this instance.
  - FPNs issued for litter offences and two Section 46 notices served. Ten households advised to take in green bins, ten contaminated grey bins removed and two damaged bins removed from the Oxford Road ladder area.
  - Housing Services and planning enforcement identified five properties as appropriate for section 215 activities.

- Housing services also identified four properties to remove rubbish from rear yards and secure rear of properties and a schedule of remedial works sent to four Landlords.
- The Anti Social Behaviour Team and Police gathered intelligence regarding alleged drug dealing from two addresses.

## **8. De Bruce Ward**

- 8.1.1 This area bounded by West view road, Easington road, Warren road and Oaksway Industrial Estate. This area includes a range of locations including residential housing, open spaces and industrial units and suffers from problems including fly tipping, graffiti and illegally grazed horses.
- 8.1.2 The initiative was led by the Authority and involved teams from the cleansing, environmental enforcement, and parking enforcement sections. Partner organisations included the Safer Hartlepool Partnership, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Fire Brigade, and housing providers.
- 8.1.3 2 FPNs were issued on the day for litter offences and 1 FPN was also issued for dog fouling. Other enforcement action included the removal of 1 illegally grazed horse, 3 vehicle tax checks carried out along with the Police and 11 Parking notices were served. From a housing perspective 1 notice seeking possession was served on one household. 22 properties received Tenancy issue notices from housing providers to tidy gardens, and Community Pay Back teams carried out Horticultural work strimming cutting back on the Industrial estate boundary.

## **9. Victoria Ward**

- 9.1.1 This Area is bounded by Chester road, Grange road, Raby road and Duke Street.
- 9.1.2 7 FPNs were issued on the day for litter offences, 12 bags of rubbish were collected from Hart lane cemetery along with 2 Hypodermic needles. The Councils Housing Services & Planning teams sent out 4 informal letters to properties where nuisance was evident. 2 legal notices to secure and remove rubbish were served and a further 4 landlords contacted to secure their properties. The parking enforcement team and police issued 9 PCNs across the area.

## **10. Jesmond Ward**

- 10.1.1 The Jesmond Ward encompasses Greyfields recreation ground, Jesmond Gardens and Dyke House schools, and a number of allotment plots as well as residential properties. Issues in this ward include stray and roaming dogs, empty properties, anti social behaviour (such as graffiti and vandalism), and car parking around the schools. Litter and dog fouling are a problem on the pavements and open spaces. Council teams joined forces with the Safer Hartlepool Partnership, Cleveland Police, Community Payback team and social housing providers to tackle these issues.

- 10.1.2 There were a number of different enforcement and cleansing activities undertaken through the course of the day: Street patrols were carried out throughout the course of the day by officers from the Council's Environmental Enforcement team and the Police. These patrols were targeted at catching people dropping litter or leaving dog foul. No fixed penalty notices for litter or dog foul were issued on the day which suggests that the message of the Action Day and the high profile of the patrols are getting the message across to residents.
- 10.1.3 3 warnings were issued to residents allowing their dogs to roam in the back streets off the lead and anti dog foul stencils were applied in the area. 1 untaxed vehicle was successfully seized by the Environmental Enforcement team from Breward Walk. The dog warden service hosted a free micro chipping session on Greyfields. The session formed part of the National Micro chipping Month initiative. 32 dogs were given free micro chips and their owner details registered on the Pet Log database to ensure they can be reunited should the dog stray.
- 10.1.4 An empty property on Wharton Terrace had become a magnet for anti-social behaviour in this area - vandals had prised open the security shutters to gain access and rubbish was piling up in the front garden. The overgrown hedge was also blocking the pavement to the inconvenience of passers-by. The neighbourhood team repaired the shutters, cleared the rubbish and cut back the hedge making the property tidy, secure and less problematic for near-by residents.
- 10.1.5 Letters were also sent to 2 residents and a landlord regarding overgrown gardens and a further letter was sent regarding rubbish in another garden. Two litter picks were carried out on the day. The Community Payback team collected 10 bags of rubbish, whilst a group of staff from the local McDonald's cleared litter from the Grayfields recreation ground as part of their corporate social responsibility.

## **11. Rural West Ward**

- 11.1.1 The Rural West Ward covers a wide area of Hartlepool including the residential area of West Park, the villages of Newton Bewley, Elwick and Dalton Piercy, Summerhill Country Park and a large number of farms and rural properties. Ward Jackson Park and Summerhill Country Park were identified as being anti-social behaviour hot spots and therefore the action day centred on these two sites.

6.20 Many of the issues in the park stem from irresponsible dog owners and from people drinking in the parks. As these activities often take place in the early morning or in the evening many of the enforcement actions were carried out out-of-hours. Officers from the Council's cleansing, environmental enforcement, anti-social behaviour unit, community safety and engagement outreach, and parks and countryside teams were joined by staff from MacDonald's restaurants, pupils from High Tunstall College of Science,

members of the Friends of Ward Jackson Park, Friends of Summerhill and local residents on the day.

- 11.1.2 There were a number of different enforcement and cleansing activities undertaken through the course of the day: early morning patrols were carried out in both parks by the environmental enforcement team and 3 x £80 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for dog offences (1 for dog fouling at Summerhill and 2 for dog off lead in Ward Jackson Park). A verbal warning was also given to a dog walker for exercising too many dogs: 6 in total against the specified amount of 4. The team also sprayed anti dog foul stencils in the park entrances and Summerhill car park. Staff from the local MacDonald's restaurants carried out a litter pick at Summerhill and collected 12 bags of litter from the site and surrounding footpaths. The park keeper along with the parks and countryside team carried out repairs and signage improvements in Ward Jackson Park around the bowling green and toilets. They also carried out some repairs and graffiti removal in the children's play areas.
- 11.1.3 The community safety and engagement outreach teams patrolled both parks in the evening - they spoke to a group of young people at Summerhill about potentially setting up a football activity as an alternative to hanging around in the parks. An Operation Stay Safe was carried out on the evening involving the youth offending service, anti social behaviour unit and outreach officers. Manor College was selected as the stay safe venue. One 17 year old was picked up and brought to the safe place. He was given advice on the law and the dangers of drinking.
- 11.1.4 A group of children from the Eco Group at High Tunstall College of Science attended the audit session the previous week and identified a number of actions including graffiti removal and damage to the benches and play equipment in the children's play areas and picnic area in Ward Jackson Park. As part of the action day the children, along with Irene Cross (Neighbourhood Development Officer) and members of the Friends of Ward Jackson Park Prepared and painted the seating and picnic benches.

## **12. Seaton Ward**

- 12.1.1 Seaton Ward covers a wide area of Hartlepool including residential area open spaces parks, tourist beaches and Arcades the area also has a promenade that runs from Seaton to the Marina area and is well used by tourists and residents. Many of the issues in the area stem from irresponsible dog owners allowing dogs to foul the promenade area.
- 12.2.2 There were a number of different enforcement and cleansing activities undertaken through the course of the day: Unfortunately Seaton was very quiet on the day with very few residents' or visitors in the area. Early morning patrols were carried out by our Enforcement team and Police but only 1 FPN was issued for litter offences. The team also sprayed anti dog foul stencils in the park entrances and along the promenade area.

- 12.2.3 The Councils housing team contacted landlords to secure 1 property and for 1 property to have rubbish removed also 1 property was identified to be forwarded to the next section 215 group.

### 13 Manor House Ward

13.1.1 Manor House Ward has a high density of housing including both terraced and semi-detached housing. There are also a large number of low rise blocks of flats. The majority of housing in this ward is rented, either from private landlords or housing associations. The area of focus for this ward also included 2 large green spaces, shopping precincts, and several schools. Environmental issues in this ward include those associated with areas of social deprivation such as litter (including the debris from drinking and drug taking), dumped rubbish, contaminated/abandoned wheeled bins, graffiti, vandalism and damage to property. Other issues stem from problems with private-rented properties and absentee landlords, for example, poor property maintenance and a lack of grounds maintenance (grass cutting, tree pruning, etc.) in the grounds of the apartment complexes

13.1.2 As usual, the environmental enforcement team were busy throughout the day, stencilling work was carried out in the Glamis Walk/"green wedge" area to spray anti dog fouling stencils on pathways. In addition, 9 Fixed Penalty Notices of £75 were issued for littering, and a School Litter Awareness Course has been scheduled for Manor College of Technology. The community payback team also carried out litter picks of the green areas. The dog warden service carried out a micro chipping event for dogs in Glamis Walk from 2-4pm. In total, 15 dogs were micro chipped enabling them to be identified and returned to their owners should they be found straying.

13.1.3 Grounds maintenance work was carried out by the environmental teams. The garages to the rear of Wynyard Road shops/Glamis Walk were cleaned of graffiti; weed killed, and cleared of broken glass. The team also mechanically swept all the target areas, as well as trimming shrub beds and removing undergrowth on Wynyard Mews and the "green wedge". Accumulated rubbish was also cleared from a number of properties in Glamis Walk and Wynyard Mews. Thirteen Housing Group sent letters to residents of two properties in response to noise complaints, whilst the council's car parking team issued 19 penalty charge notices for illegally parked vehicles in the target areas. Cleveland Fire Brigade carried out a door-knocking exercise to promote fire safety and delivered over 200 leaflets and booked 43 referrals for home fire safety checks.

13.1.4 Shop staff at St Patrick's Shops were visited by a joint action team including the Fire Brigade, Waste Management, the Licensing Team, and the Anti Social Behaviour Team to highlight issues around unsafe bin storage. Offering potential arson targets and opportunities for anti social behaviour.

The team also looked at issues around proxy and underage sales of items Such as alcohol and tobacco.

### **Hart Ward**

14.1.1 Hart Ward has a high density of housing with the Majority privately owned. The area of focus for this ward was Clavering estate which included 1 small shopping parade, Clavering primary school and Clavering play area. Many of the issues in this area stem from irresponsible dog owners and from youths drinking in the skate park area usually at night. As these activities often take place in the evening many of the enforcement actions were carried out out-of-hours. Officers from the anti-social behaviour unit, community safety and engagement and outreach teams visited the skate park to engage with any youths in the play area unfortunately there were no youths out on the night

14.1.2 Also our environmental enforcement team were busy during the action day. Stencilling work was carried out around the shopping parade and school route. A school litter Awareness course has been scheduled for Clavering Primary school. The community payback team also carried out litter picks of the play area along with our Environmental teams who cut back and removed all undergrowth from the tree area within the play park to open it up. Cleveland Fire Brigade carried out a door-knocking exercise to promote fire safety and delivered over 100 leaflets and booked 13 referrals for home fire safety checks.

### **Foggy Furze**

15.1.1 The Foggy Furze Ward has a high density of housing including both terraced and semi-detached housing. The area has recently been redeveloped with new housing stock being constructed and a great deal of work being done to improve the area. A number of the properties are owned by social housing providers, whilst others are rented from private landlords. The target area for the Action Day also includes the Stranton allotments site as well as Stranton Cemetery. Both these sites suffer from issues such as anti-social behaviour, dog fouling and littering.

15.1.2 The Environmental Enforcement team issued a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 to a member of the public who failed to clean up after their dog fouled. They also issued 2 further £75 Fixed Penalty Notices for littering in the area. The Community Payback team carried out a cleanup and litter pick of the access lane to Stranton allotments. This lane forms a cut-through between Brierton Lane and Kingsley Avenue. This cut-through is used by local people as a short cut through the area and as such is subject to littering and rubbish dumping. The Community Payback team cleared 10 bags of rubbish from this lane. Abuses of the recycling bins are a problem in this ward, with high levels of contamination of the grey domestic recycling bins. The Waste team emptied 12 contaminated recycling bins in the ward during the Action Day.

The Private Sector Housing team were busy in the area. A review of the number of empty and/or insecure properties was carried out and the Team sent letters to 5 landlords regarding rubbish in the back yards of properties and insecure gates. During the Action Day Cleveland Fire Brigade carried out a series of home fire safety checks. In total 16 homes received a safety check with 18 fire alarms being fitted and 1 vulnerable resident being reported. The fire service also teamed up with the Environmental Enforcement team to carry out arson audits on the allotment site, with 5 plot holders being given advice on reducing the risk of arson attacks on their plots.

### **Fens & Rossmere**

- 16.1.1 The Fens and Rossmere Ward is mostly low-density housing. Many of the properties are either semi or fully detached, although there are some blocks of low rise flats in the Rossmere area. The Ward includes a number of shopping parades and 3 primary schools: Fens, Rossmere and St Theresa's. The Ward also benefits from a great deal of open space including Rossmere Park and the playing fields on Rossmere Way, as well as many verges and "green wedges". The target area for the Action Day was focussed on Rossmere Park as this was the area identified by anti-social behaviour statistics, residents and local ward councillors as being the location which would most benefit from the Action Day. The main problems in the park are a combination of anti-social behaviour such as littering, dog fouling and petty vandalism; and maintenance issues like drainage.
- 16.1.2 There were a number of different enforcement and cleansing activities undertaken through the course of the day. The Environment and Horticultural teams were able to carry out a number of works in and around the park including the mechanical sweeping of roads and footpaths in the area and also the footpaths within the park itself. They also cleared accumulate autumn leaves and detritus that has built up around the seating in the park and the pond edges. A number of repairs were also carried out including retrieving the life saving ring from the lake and re- attaching it to its stand. Some areas of graffiti were also cleaned up to improve the appearance of the park. A fence which had been used to screen the bin storage area on the north side of the park had fallen into dereliction. This has also been removed for safety and to improve the look of that part of the park. During the Action Day Cleveland Fire Brigade delivered over 100 leaflets and carried out 8 home fire safety checks in the area. These include speaking to residents about how to reduce the risk of fires at home, how to make an escape plan if the worst happens and also the fitting of free fire alarms.

## 17. SUMMARY

17.1 During the 11 days of enforcement activity the following has been achieved:

- 26 FPNs issued for litter offences
- 4 FPNs issued for dog foul offences
- vehicles stopped as part of a stop search & seize operation
- 2 vehicles seized for using illegal fuel
- 3 untaxed vehicles seized
- 2 vehicles fined for exceeding weight limit
- 35 letters issued for breaching parking regulations
- 2 further vehicles checked for road tax offences
- 1 illegally grazed horse seized
- 64 Dogs Micro chipped
- 1 notice served seeking possession on a property
- 74 bags of rubbish removed from rear alleys
- 2 Hypodermic needles removed from front streets
- 2 properties issued section 46 notices
- 5 properties identified for section 215 notices
- 2 refuse bins removed from rear alleys
- Households given warnings regarding refuse bins
- 23 private landlords contacted to secure and clear properties
- 4 landlords contacted regarding nuisance tenants
- 22 properties received Tenancy issue notices from housing providers to tidy gardens
- 80 Home fire safety checks carried out.
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**Grand total of 385 actions achieved in 11 days.**

17.2 These outcomes demonstrate the effectiveness of the Respect Your Neighbourhood campaign. By using this targeted, action-based, approach to the campaign the number of outcomes achieved exceed the usual day to day activities.

## 18. EVALUATION

18.1 The 'Respect Your Neighbourhood' initiative has been successful, as demonstrated by the large number of positive outcomes; however, a full evaluation of the campaign will be carried out in the New Year. The findings from the evaluation will feed into the delivery of the campaign in 2015.

## 19. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

19.1 There are no equality or diversity implications.



**20. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998  
CONSIDERATIONS**

- 20.1 The 'Respect Your Neighbourhood' Initiative assists the Council in addressing its section 17 obligations. Environmental crime has a significant impact on communities' feelings of safety and if these issues are not addressed at the earliest opportunity, there is a risk that more incidents, disorder, or serious crime may occur.
- 20.2 A delayed and uncoordinated response to this type of crime can also signal to communities that no-one cares about them, leading to a downward spiral in community cohesion, an increase in anxiety and fear, and changes in behaviour to protect themselves.

**21. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 21.1 That the Neighbourhood Services Committee notes and comments on the current progress to date on the 'Respect Your Neighbourhood' – environmental crime campaign.

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## HEADLAND AND HARBOUR WARD NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION DAY ACTION PLAN FEBRUARY 2014

Identified Issue	Proposed Action(s)	Target Location(s)	Responsible Agency/Team	Recordable Output
Dog Fouling	Issue an FPN to dog owners who fail to clean up and remove their dogs mess immediately	Residential Areas including; Burbank Street (including back lane), Musgrave Walk, Goodwin Walk & Spurn Walk	Environmental Enforcement Team and Police Community Support Officers (PCSO)	Number of FPN's Issued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1 x £80 FPN issued to resident of Musgrave Walk</b></li> </ul>
Uncontrolled Dogs	Issue an FPN to owners who:  Allow a dog off its lead in a designated "Dog on Lead" area  Do not act on instructions from an authorised officer to place a dog on a lead  Take more than 4 dogs per person out at any one time (thereby failing to be in proper control of the dogs)  Allow a dog in an area that has been designated as a "Dog Exclusion" area	Goodwin Walk Musgrave Walk	Environmental Enforcement Team & Police Community Support Officers (PCSO)	Number of FPN's Issued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>0 – no offences witnessed during patrols</b></li> </ul>

Fly-tipping	<p>Issue a S46 notice or FPN for presenting side waste</p> <p>Arrange rapid removal of fly-tipping waste, ensuring photographic evidence is captured before removal and preserve any evidence for investigation and/or prosecution action</p> <p>Stop check vehicles regarding waste transfer notes required under <i>Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act (Duty of Care)</i></p>	<p>Sydenham Road, Sarah Street, Whitby Street South, Mainsforth Terrace, St Abbs, St Bees, Whitby Walk &amp; Musgrave Walk</p> <p>Longhill Industrial Estate</p>	<p>Environmental Enforcement Team</p> <p>Environmental Enforcement Team &amp; Cleansing Team</p> <p>Environmental Enforcement Team and Police</p>	<p>Number of S46 or FPN's issued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>0 – no offences witnessed during patrols</b></li> </ul> <p>Estimated weight and description of fly-tipping removed, including photographic evidence</p> <p>Number of fly-tipping incidents where evidence has been secured and investigation started</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Fly-tipping removed from the rear of Goodwin Walk and investigation to identify perpetrator commenced</b></li> </ul> <p>Number of checks carried out, and outcome ie details of seizure and disposal of vehicles used for illegal waste disposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>16 vehicles stopped in a Stop, Search and Seize operation where Waste Carrier License's were checked in accordance with the Control of Pollution Act 1989. All 16 had correct documentation.</b></li> </ul>
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Littering	<p>Issue an FPN to person(s) found dropping or leaving litter</p> <p>Community Payback to conduct supervised litter picks</p>	<p>Musgrave Walk, Burbank Street MUGA, Staindrop Street, Mainsforth Terrace, St Abbs, St Bees &amp; Whitby Walk</p>	<p>Environmental Enforcement Team &amp; Police Community Support Officers</p> <p>Neighbourhood Co-ordinating Manager &amp; Community Payback</p>	<p>Number of FPN's issued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1 x FPN issued in Musgrave Walk</b></li> <li>• <b>2 x young people (10-17yrs) stopped in Musgrave Walk and Andrew Street for littering. Details obtained and they will be given the option of attending a Youth Litter Awareness Course or to pay the £75 FPN</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Litter pick conducted on industrial estate</b></p>
Early/Late Bin Presentation	<p>Issue an FPN to people who present their bins too early/leave them out too late</p>	<p>Burbank Street – back lane</p>	<p>Environmental Enforcement Team</p>	<p>Number of FPN's issued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>0 – no offences witnessed during patrols</b></li> </ul>
Empty Properties	<p>Contact landlords regarding long term empty properties being brought back into use</p> <p>Remove rubbish / waste from rear yards and secure to prevent future fly tipping</p>	<p>Burbank Street, Huckelhoven Court, Longscar Walk, Newhaven, St Ann's Court, Staindrop Street &amp; Whitby Walk</p> <p>178, 155, 189 and 175 Burbank Street</p>	<p>Housing Services</p> <p>Housing Services &amp; North &amp; Coastal Environmental Team</p>	<p>Number of Landlords contacted and outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>6 x empty property purchase letters sent to owners of properties in Burbank Street</b></li> <li>• <b>All yards cleared and gates secured</b></li> </ul>

Overloaded Vehicles	Conduct stop checks of vehicles to ensure that they are compliant with weights and measures legislation	HBC Waste recycling Centre, Burn Road	Trading Standards & Police	<p>Number of vehicles stopped and outcome  <b>Cleveland police motorcycle section toured area and brought vehicles of interest to site to be weighed, have their tanks dipped by HMRC and be inspected for vehicle defects by an inspector from DVSA (Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 x vehicles were weighed.  One coal wagon was within weight but was not displaying the required notice on the vehicle, Advice letter issued.</li> <li>• 3 x vehicle were found to be overweight  One coal wagon was less than 6% overweight so given a warning. Also, it was not displaying the required notice regarding bag weights. Advice letter issued.</li> </ul> <p>One vehicle was carrying household waste was found to be 1300kg overweight. When inspected by DVSA the vehicle was found to have a number of defects including a missing fuel filler cap, fuel leaking from the engine, inoperative indicators, seriously underinflated tyres and defective load sensing valve links which effects the braking efficiency of the vehicle. The vehicle was Prohibited and had to be recovered.</p> <p>Third coal wagon was found to be 2000kg overweight</p>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DVSA issued 10 Prohibitions on vehicles including that mentioned above Five were Delayed Prohibitions. The defects ranged from illegal tyres to vehicles leaking oil on to the road.</li> </ul> <p>Five were Immediate Prohibitions as the defects on the vehicle presented an immediate danger to other road users. The defects ranged from unsecured batteries to loose bumpers that were likely to detach during driving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each vehicle that was pulled in to the site had its fuel tank dipped by the HMRC Road Fuel Testing Unit. Two vehicles were found to contain fuel other than duty paid diesel. One vehicle was found to contain Red Diesel. This vehicle was also given an Immediate Prohibition due to issues with the vehicle</li> </ul> <p>One vehicle was found to contain diesel diluted with kerosene.</p>
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Graffiti	Supervised graffiti removal to be conducted by Community Payback	Bertha Street, Burbank Street (rear of shop) and Green Street	Neighbourhood Co-ordinating Manager & Community Payback	<b>All identified graffiti removed</b>
Parking Issues	Issue Parking Contravention Notices (PCN's) for vehicles in breach of local car parking regulations, or for vehicles found to be causing an obstruction	Mainsforth Terrace	Parking Enforcement Team & Police & Community Support Officers (PCSO)	Number of PCN's issued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>18 warnings were issued to vehicles parked on or partially on the footpath in Mainsforth Terrace. The details have been passed to the Police for future enforcement activity</b></li> <li>• <b>4 x PCN's issued for other contraventions within the area.</b></li> </ul>
Untaxed Vehicles	Inspect vehicles on the highway for valid tax registration  Rapid removal of untaxed vehicles from the highway	Burbank area	Environmental Enforcement Team and Police Community Support Officers (PCSO)	Number of vehicles removed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checks were made with the DVLA regarding an untaxed vehicle in Burbank Street which revealed that the vehicle was in tax. The resident came out and produced the relevant details regarding this and was given advice regarding the responsibility to ensure that a current tax disk is displayed in the vehicle.</b></li> </ul>
Drugs	Execute Magistrates Drugs warrants obtained for area	Lizard Walk	Police and Housing Hartlepool	Number of warrants executed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1 x warrant executed at an address in Lizard Walk. Tenant interviewed at address and issued with a formal warning for possession of cannabis</b></li> </ul>

Untidy land, shrubs / weeds	Liaise with landowners to remove waste / litter / fly tipping from their land and remove weeds / shrubs which encroach the public highway	Burbank / Clark Street  Staindrop Street  Cemex, Whitby Street South	Environmental Enforcement	Land owners contacted and timescales agreed for the removal of waste / weeds etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Owner of shop in Burbank Street spoken to about removing litter and fly-tipping on land adjacent to the shop and keeping the land tidy.</b></li> </ul>
Anti-social Behaviour	Conduct joint ASB patrols          ASBO publicity leaflet drop regarding Stacey Robinson ASBO	Burbank area	Housing Hartlepool TRET, Anti-social Behaviour Team & Police       Anti-social Behaviour Team & Police	<b>Walk about conducted in the area to provide visible presence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Visits to two addresses regarding Housing Hartlepool TRET complaints</b></li> <li><b>Leaflets delivered</b></li> </ul>





## Case Study

# 1st Respect Your Neighbourhood Day of Action - 26th

*Some of the council officers, councillors and external partners who took part in the day of action*



## Overview and Introduction

The Respect Your Neighbourhood initiative has been set up to bring together a range of different activities and enforcement powers to “blitz” problem areas of the town in a full day of action. The initiative focuses on one particular hot spot area each month and will rotate around the 11 wards of the town. The area selected for the first action day was the Burbank area and Longhill Industrial Estate. This area includes a range of locations including residential housing with back streets, flats, open spaces and industrial units and suffers from problems including fly tipping, graffiti, illegal vehicles (untaxed, un-roadworthy, overloaded) and anti social behaviour.

The initiative was led by the Council and involved teams from the cleansing, environmental enforcement, anti social behaviour unit, trading standards and parking enforcement sections. Partner organisations included the Safer Hartlepool Partnership, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Fire Brigade, the Environment Agency, VOSA, HMRC and housing providers.



*Dumped rubbish in the back street*



*Clearing dumped rubbish from the back street*

## Quotes

*“I’m really pleased with the way the first Respect Your Neighbourhood day went. All of the key agencies worked well together and residents fully supported the campaign.”*

Peter Jackson—Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Committee



*Street sweeper in action on the industrial estate*

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*Inspecting a vehicle during the Stop, Search and Seize*

Two further vehicles were found to be exceeding their weight limit for carrying materials. One owner received a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of £300 for being 2,000kg overweight and the other received a £300 FPN for being 1,300kg overweight plus a £50 fine for having vehicle defects.

An FPN was also issued for dog fouling and two under age litter warnings were handed out to young people who will be asked to attend a litter awareness course later in the year.



*Carrying out security repairs*

Other enforcement action included action taken against those erecting illegal signs and the removal and investigation into fly tipping at the rear of Goodwin Walk.



*“Before” and “after” shots of dumped rubbish and the yard after cleaning.*

Fifteen warning letters were issued to owners of vehicles for breaching parking regulations.

In addition to enforcement action, accumulated dumped rubbish was cleared from the back alleys and the yards of empty properties. Repairs were carried out to security gates and street sweepers cleaned the area’s roads.



*Cleaning dumped rubbish from the yard of an empty property*

Longer term actions include the removal of graffiti from a number of properties, verge works and engaging local businesses to clean up their premises.

