

**CULTURE, LEISURE AND
TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO
DECISION SCHEDULE**



Monday 9th October 2006

at 1pm

**in Classroom 2, Belle Vue Community, Sports and Youth Centre,
Kendal Road**

Councillor Tumilty, Cabinet Member responsible for Culture, Leisure and Transportation will consider the following items.

1. KEY DECISIONS

No items

2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 2.1 Closure of Public Footpath for Reasons of Public Safety – *Director of Adult and Community Services*
- 2.2 Tees Archaeology: Publication of books on the Archaeology of Hartlepool – *Director of Adult and Community Services*
- 2.3 Loan of Painting “Giant Head, Ben” by Nahem Shoa – *Director of Adult and Community Services*
- 2.4 Loan of Lucian Freud Painting “Head of a Woman” and Frank Auerbach Painting “Shell Building Site” – *Director of Adult and Community Services*
- 2.5 Revised Fares Arriva Supported Bus Contracts – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.6 Request to Introduce Residents Only Parking – Thornhill Place – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.7 Templeton Close – Request for Traffic Calming – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.8 Speeding Drive – Traffic Regulation Orders – *Head of Technical Services*

3. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Northern Children’s Book Festival Gala – *Director of Adult and Community Services*
- 3.2 Family Learning Week – Hartlepool Libraries - *Director of Adult and Community Services*

4. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS

No items

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report To Portfolio Holder

9 October 2006

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: CLOSURE OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH FOR REASONS OF
PUBLIC SAFETY

SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the need to close the Britmag Public Footpath footpath No. 31 under emergency powers for Health and Safety reasons.

2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report details the current findings relating to vandalism which has exposed potentially live cabling running under the footpath and the actions taken to maintain a safe public environment. An update on its current situation will be given at the Portfolio Meeting.

3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The Portfolio Member has responsibility for Rights of Way.

4.0 TYPE OF DECISION

Non Key.

5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE

This is an executive decision by the Portfolio Member.

6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED

1. Note the Emergency Temporary Closure of Footpath No. 31 specified.
2. Approve the Temporary Closure of Footpath No. 31 for a further period should the need arise.

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

**Report To Portfolio Holder
9th October 2006**

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: CLOSURE OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH FOR REASONS
OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To brief the Portfolio Holder as to the background for the Emergency Temporary Closure of Public Footpath No. 31. (See **Appendix 3** for location map of footpath).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On the 19th September 2006, the Countryside Access Team received a phone call from a member of the public, reporting that there was an obstruction on the afore-said public footpath.
- 2.2 This report was immediately investigated and relevant photographs taken to show the extent of the obstruction (See **Appendix 1**. Photographs of the disruption and debris).
- 2.3 The images showed that a section of the path, between Brus Tunnel and Old Cemetery Road, had been dug up with evidence that electricity cabling had, we believe, been removed for scrap.
- 2.4 The disruption of the path was such, that it had to be closed immediately on a temporary basis. All relevant information has been given to the Legal Section. (See **Appendix 2**. Photographs of the closed footpath).
- 2.5 On the 20th September 2006, instructions were issued for the legal emergency temporary closure of the footpath. This Emergency Temporary Closure started on 22nd September 2006 and will run until 13th October 2006, (See **Appendix 4**. Emergency Temporary Closure of the footpath).
- 2.6 The Police have been informed and an Incident Number has been obtained.
- 2.7 The Electricity provider – NEDL – has been informed and their engineer examined the site on the 19th September 2006. These investigations showed that in all probability the remaining cut sections of the cables are not live. However the Engineer was not at liberty to officially endorse this at that time.

- 2.8 An alternative diversionary route has been set up so that the public can access both ends of the closed section with as little inconvenience as possible. (See **Appendix 3** plan).

3. NEDL

- 3.1 After consultation with NEDL the Council have been informed that before any future restoration works can be carried out, a procedure to ‘prove the cables are dead’ will have to be undertaken. This may take up to four weeks, as from 22nd September 2006.

4. LEGAL CLOSURE PROCEDURE

- 4.1 Currently we have put in place a “Emergency Temporary Closure” this can only last for up to 21 days (this can be done with out notifying the public) following this, if we wished to continue the temporary closure we would need to apply for a further period of up to 6 months “Temporary Closure” (this would require HBC to inform the public) the Legal Section will only require 5 working days to put a “Temporary Closure” in place. Both the “Emergency Temporary Closure” and the “Temporary Closure” can be done in the interests of public safety, within the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984. (See **Appendix 4** copy of notice).
- 4.2 This measure would only be used to cover the period of time needed for NEDL to carry out its ‘Proving’ procedure and for restoration works to be fulfilled.

5. PRESENT ONGOING SITUATION

- 5.1 NEDL had been asked for a copy of their cabling map of the immediate area. The cabling map should give the council clearer understanding to the future vulnerability of the footpath.
- 5.2 HBC are awaiting notification from NEDL that the cabling is dead.
- 5.3 We consider that the illicit removal of the cabling is continuing currently and will do so until the full amount of available cabling has been removed, this is despite the police having full knowledge of the situation and is outside our control.

6. THE WAY FORWARD

- 6.1 Restoration works to the footpath could involve the removal of the remaining cabling from underneath this section of the Public Footpath, as well as the re-instating of the path surface to its previous state.
- 6.2 So far the response from NEDL is that “In normal situations NEDL would not remove abandoned cables”. However it has been pointed out to them that these circumstances are not normal and need to be addressed in the wider

context of danger to the Public's Health and Safety and the impact on a Public Right of Way.

6.3 The Council awaits NEDL's further response on this matter.

7. **RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 The Portfolio member:

- i. Note the implementation of the Emergency Temporary Closure of Footpath No. 31.
- ii. Approve the issue of a Temporary Closure of the Footpath until restriction takes place, should the need arise.

CONTACT OFFICER: Chris Scaife, Countryside Access Officer

Appendix 1

Public Footpath No. 31, Britmag, Hartlepool



Photo 1 - Disruption to full Public Footpath width

Appendix 1



Photo 2 - Disruption to full Public Footpath width

Appendix 2

Public Footpath No. 31, Britmag, Hartlepool

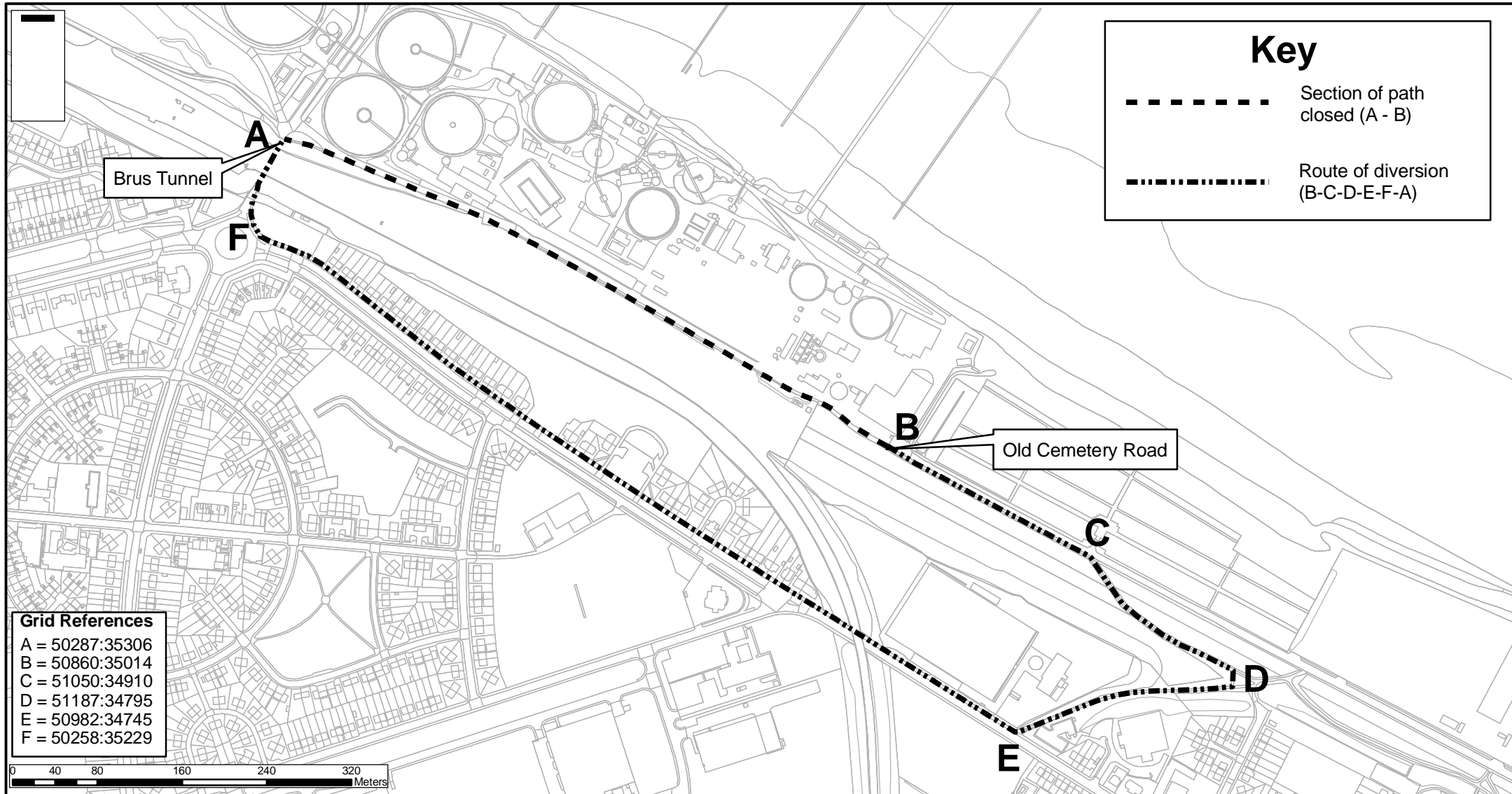


Photo 1 – Barrier Closure at Brus Tunnel end



Photo 2 – Barrier Closure at Old Cemetery Road end

Appendix 3 - Traffic Regulation Order, Temporary Closure and Diversion of Public Footpath from Brus Tunnel to Old Cemetery Road



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Sub Title: Temporary Closure
Scale: 1:5,000
Date: 20th September 2006
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Public Footpath No. 31, Britmag, Hartlepool

**SECTION 14(2) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 31 HARTLEPOOL)
TEMPORARY CLOSURE 2006**

Hartlepool Borough Council hereby give Notice that from 22nd day of September to 13th day of October 2006, no person shall permit any pedestrian from proceeding along the length of highway described in the Schedule hereto.

This Notice is required because of the likelihood of danger to the public's health and safety and also because works are to be executed on or near the public footpath. The restrictions will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

A diversion route (black dashed & dotted line) will commence at point B on the attached plan (grid reference 50860:35014) in a south-easterly direction for 210 metres to point C (grid reference 51050:34910) in a south-easterly direction for 185 metres to point D (grid reference 51187:34795) in a south-westerly direction for 215 metres to point E (grid reference 50982:34745) in a north-westerly direction for 860 metres to point F (grid reference 50258:35229) and in a northerly direction for 95 metres to point A (grid reference 50287:35306).

Dated the 22nd day of September 2006

J A Brown
Chief Solicitor
Civic Centre
Hartlepool

SCHEDULE

The closure (black dashed line) will be that section of footpath Number 31, Hartlepool from between the Brus Tunnel and Old Cemetery Road commencing at Point A on the attached plan (grid reference 50287:35306) in a south-easterly direction for 645 metres to point B (grid reference 50860:35014).

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report To Portfolio Holder
9th October 2006

Report of: Director of Adult & Community Services

Subject: TEES ARCHAEOLOGY: PUBLICATION OF
BOOKS ON THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF
HARTLEPOOL

SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To set out proposals to publish two books on the Archaeology of Hartlepool, one dealing with the Anglo-Saxon Monastery of St Hilda, and the other with the Medieval Town. Publication to be jointly funded by English Heritage, Hartlepool Borough Council and Tees Archaeology.

2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report sets out the details of the two books and the likely costs involved in their publication.

3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Archaeology is part of the Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio.

4.0 TYPE OF DECISION

Non-Key.

5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio Decision Meeting on 9th October 2006.

6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED

To agree in principle a Hartlepool Borough Council contribution to the publication of the two books. The requested budget contribution to be allocated from the Arts and Museums budget.

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Tees Archaeology has been working with English Heritage over a number of years to produce an account of the archaeology of Hartlepool. This has resulted in production of two sets of texts, one on the Anglo-Saxon Monastery of St Hilda and the other on the Medieval Town.
- 2.2 The book about the Anglo-Saxon Monastery of St Hilda is to be called 'Anglo-Saxon Hartlepool and the foundations of English Christianity'. It draws together the evidence from documentary sources such as Bede. The results of archaeological excavations on the headland from the 19th century onwards including the work of Time Team and information derived from finds such as the 'namestones'. It will be extensively illustrated and is recognised by English Heritage and their referees as being of international importance due to the prominence of Hartlepool in the development of English Christianity.
- 2.3 The Anglo-Saxon text is about to go through the final stage of correction before it can be submitted to a printer and it is hoped that the volume would be available in the early summer of 2007.
- 2.4 The book about the Medieval Town of Hartlepool also draws together many sources of information and looks at the town under a number of themes such as religion, food and population, crafts and the port and geography of the town. The work on the Medieval Town is recognised as being of national significance due to the range and quality of archaeological work which has taken place in Hartlepool.

- 2.5 The medieval volume has been refereed and is being revised. Publication is not expected until the end of 2007 or the beginning of 2008.
- 2.6 It is proposed to publish both volumes at part of the Tees Archaeology Monograph Series. Books on the archaeology of the A66 over Stainmore Pass and Hartlepool Submerged Forest have already been published in this series with funding from English Heritage and the former Dept of Food and Rural Affairs respectively.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The production of the texts and their accompanying illustrations has been funded by Tees Archaeology and English Heritage.
- 3.2 It is suggested that the production costs of the volumes be funded by Tees Archaeology, English Heritage and Hartlepool Borough Council. It is expected that the production costs of each volume will be in the region of £12 – 14,000.
- 3.3 The Tees Archaeology contribution will come from an account dedicated to the Monograph Series and which currently holds c. £6,000.
- 3.4 A contribution of c. £6,000, that is c. £3,000 per volume, to match the Tees Archaeology Monograph series contribution is requested from Hartlepool Borough Council. The money to be found from existing budgets.
- 3.5 English Heritage will be approached for a publication grant covering the additional funds (£6 – 8,000 per volume) required to publish the books. It is expected that this will be looked on favourably by English Heritage.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the Portfolio Holder:
 - (i) Welcomes the production of these two volumes on the archaeology of the town.
 - (ii) That the Department of Adult and Community Services provide funding of c. £6,000 (c. £3,000 per volume) towards the publication of these books. The amount to be allocated from the Arts and Museums Service budget.

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report To Portfolio Holder

9 October 2006

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: LOAN OF PAINTING 'GIANT HEAD, BEN' BY NAHEM SHOA

SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To retrospectively confirm approval for the loan of the painting 'Giant Head, Ben' by Nahem Shoa from the museums permanent collection.

2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report refers to approval for the loan of the painting 'Giant Head, Ben' by Nahem Shoa for an exhibition of his work at Bury Museum and Art Gallery in the exhibition "Facing Yourself".

3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The portfolio member has responsibility for museum issues

4.0 TYPE OF DECISION

Non key

5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE

This is an executive decision by the portfolio member.

6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED

To approve the loan of the painting.

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: LOAN OF PAINTING 'GIANT HEAD, BEN' BY NAHEM SHOA

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To retrospectively confirm approval for the short term loan of the painting 'Giant Head, Ben' by Nahem Shoa from the museum collections.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Hartlepool Museums service was approached at short notice to loan the painting 'Giant Head, Ben' by Nahem Shoa, which is part of the museums permanent collections for a temporary exhibition of his work at Bury Museum and Art Gallery from 18th September to Friday 17th November 2006.
- 2.2 Bury Museum and the artist specifically requested that the painting be added to the current Bury retrospective exhibition immediately the work was removed from public display in Hartlepool on 20th September 2006. This formal report regularises the verbal permission sought from the Portfolio Holder.
- 2.3 The item is fully insured by Bury Art Gallery for the total duration of the loan and all transport costs are covered by Bury Museum and Art Gallery.
- 2.4 The loan helps raise the profile of the collections of Hartlepool Arts and Museums, as well as giving the opportunity to develop links with other arts organisations. Hartlepool Arts and Museums have strong links with the artist Nahem Shoa.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That formal confirmation of the retrospective approval for loan is given.

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report To Portfolio Holder

9 October 2006

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: LOAN OF LUCIAN FREUD PAINTING “ HEAD
OF A WOMAN” & FRANK AUERBACH
PAINTING “SHELL BUILDING SITE”

SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request the loan of Freud painting “Head of a Woman” (HAPMG: 1971.38) and the Auerbach painting “Shell Building Site” (HAPMG: 1972.363) from museum collections

2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report outlines the request for the loan of the painting “Head of a Woman” and “Shell Building Site” to The Herbert Art Gallery in Coventry for the exhibition “Uncompromising Study” from 3rd February – 27th March 2007. This is a smaller version of the same exhibition we had in Hartlepool Art Gallery this year organised by the artist Nahem Shoa.

3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The portfolio member has responsibility for museum issues

4.0 TYPE OF DECISION

Non key.

5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE

This is an executive decision by the portfolio member.

6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED

To approve the loan of the paintings for the exhibition.

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: LOAN OF LUCIAN FREUD PAINTING “HEAD OF A WOMAN” AND THE FRANK AUERBACH PAINTING “SHELL BUILDING SITE”

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request the loan of the Freud painting “Head Of A Woman” and the Auerbach painting “Shell Building Site” from the museum collections.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Hartlepool Museums service has been approached to loan the Freud painting “Head Of A Woman” and Auerbach painting “Shell Building Site”, which is part of the museums permanent collections for a temporary exhibition next year.
- 2.2. The exhibition ‘Uncompromising Study’ is to be presented at The Herbert Art Gallery in Coventry 3rd February 2007 until 27th March 2007.
- 2.3. All the paintings on loan would be collected and transported together by the Herbert themselves, the Freud has an existing bespoke carry case, and they would pay for the Auerbach to have one constructed
- 2.4. We have a detailed facilities report from a previous loan and they will supply amendments to this. The items will be fully insured by the Herbert Art Gallery on a nail-to-nail basis.
- 2.5. The loan would help raise the profile of the collections of Hartlepool Arts and Museums, as well as giving the opportunity to develop links with other arts organisations.
- 2.6. We have strong ties with the artist Nahem Shoa, whose work is represented in the permanent collection. Nahem developed the exhibition “Uncompromising Study” in conjunction with us for display in Hartlepool Art Gallery which proved very popular.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That approval for the loan is given.

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Report to Portfolio Holder
9 October 2006



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: REVISED FARES ARRIVA SUPPORTED BUS
CONTRACTS

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Portfolio Holder to apply revised fares on the Council's supported Arriva contracted bus services.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 Details of revised fares on Arriva services.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

- 3.1 The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

- 4.1 This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

- 5.1 This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

- 6.1 Approval to apply revised fares on the Council's supported Arriva contracted bus services.

Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: REVISED FARES ARRIVA SUPPORTED BUS CONTRACTS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Portfolio Holder to apply revised fares on the Council's supported Arriva contracted bus services.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Hartlepool Borough Council supports three bus contracts, operated by Arriva, in partnership with Durham County Council. These contracts are as follows:

- Service 22 Hartlepool – Durham (Evenings and Sundays)
- Service 230 Sunderland – Hartlepool (Sundays)
- Service 243 Hartlepool – Durham (Evenings)

- 2.2 Arriva will be implementing a fare rise on its commercial bus services from 1 October 2006. To avoid confusion with passengers, the company would like to raise fares on Borough Council supported contracts from 1 October 2006. It is custom and practice to implement fares increases on commercial and supported bus contracts at the same time.

- 2.3 The revised fare scales may be found in the table below.

Revised Fares Scales Arriva Bus Contracts

Stages	Current Fare	Revised Fare	Day Return
1	70	80	140
2	70	80	140
3	100	110	190
4	100	110	190
5	100	110	190
6	120	120	200
7	120	120	200
8	120	120	200

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications to the Borough Council as a result of the proposed fare rise.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That approval be given to apply a fares increase on the Council's supported Arriva contracted bus services within Hartlepool.

**CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION
PORTFOLIO**

Report to Portfolio Holder
9 October 2006



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: REQUEST TO INTRODUCE RESIDENTS
ONLY PARKING – THORNHILL PLACE

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a request from residents of Thornhill Place to introduce resident only parking.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 The report outlines the background and considers the consequences of the request.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

- 3.1 The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

- 4.1 This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

- 5.1 This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

- 6.1 The Portfolio Holder refuse the request.

Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: REQUEST TO INTRODUCE RESIDENTS
ONLY PARKING – THORNHILL PLACE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a petition received from residents of Thornhill Place to introduce residents permit controlled parking restrictions.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Thornhill Place is a narrow cul-de-sac located off Thornhill Gardens. The site serves as on street parking to properties located within Thornhill Place and acts as an access to private garage units to the rear of the properties.

- 2.2 A petition signed by fourteen residents has been received by officers requesting the introduction of parking controls which in summary states:

- i) it has become increasingly difficult to park in the area;
- ii) vehicle owning tenants can not park outside their own homes;
- iii) non residents vehicles park for excessive periods preventing direct access to the properties;
- iv) parents cause congestion while collecting from school during term time;
- v) non residents vehicles regularly parking on the road;
- vi) there are examples from residents of non-residents vehicles being repaired and cleaned;
- vii) vehicles speeding into Thornhill Place;
- viii) refuse vehicles have been unable to access the site due to parking congestion.

- 2.3 A copy of the petition will be available at the meeting.

- 2.4 A location plan indicating the area covered by the request is shown as **Appendix 1**

- 2.5 Residents have several valid issues of concerns, it is however uncertain whether a permit scheme would be the best means of managing the parking congestion. The entrance to Thornhill Gardens is particularly narrow, and in order to remove all the safety concerns and improve the access difficulties, it may be necessary to prevent any parking particularly close to the junction. Enforcement would also have to include residents
- 2.6 Although at the time of writing officers have not been able to confirm that vehicle repairs/cleaning is taking place, residents have claimed that the repair garage directly opposite Thornhill Place may have been carrying out such activities. This is not only an illegal act under Highway Law, but if taking place on a regular basis would be a contributory factor to the parking congestion and lack of available parking spaces.
- 2.7 Car ownership does not appear to be particularly high, although some elderly residents do require easy access to properties which currently require taxis etc. to “double park” while alighting the vehicles. Formalising the parking bays would not remove this problem.
- 2.8 The Portfolio Holder has approved a consultation programme with residents at several locations across the Hartlepool district to introduce resident permit parking. The process is currently being carried out in two phases however this location is a new request and is not therefore part of any previous consideration.

3 CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

- 3.1 The signs and lines directive issued by the Department of Transport ensures that any controlled parking zones would require parking bays to be of a prescribed size, and marked on the public highway. In this instance the bays would probably reduce the number of available parking spaces currently enjoyed by residents.
- 3.2 The narrowness of Thornhill Place will inevitably result in vehicular and pedestrian access difficulties whilst any parking is permitted. The road does however predominantly serve only a limited number of properties and this would become less of an issue providing parking were restricted to residents and approved visitors. Many of the current uninvited visitors are however short stay (parents collecting from schools/visitors to the near by shops). Such visits would not be prevented even under a residents permit scheme where a 10 minute parking concession is still permitted.
- 3.3 The amount of inconsiderate parking by non residents although inconvenient is minimal, however the lack of available parking provision, particularly close to the properties, emphasises the difficulties residents can experience.

- 3.4 Residents can not expect, even within a controlled parking permit zone, to park directly outside of their homes, such aspirations would be unreasonable particularly where available parking space is already limited as at Thornhill Place.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The creation of a residents permit scheme would have a minimal impact on the parking services budget. Any order would be required to be advertised and some lining and additional traffic signs would be required. The annual cost of a resident permit is currently £1.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Portfolio Holder refuses the request for the following reasons.
- i) the creation of a resident permit zone is unlikely to solve the congestion problems of Thornhill Place - limited visitor parking would still be permitted and controls could only be enforced during the hours Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm;
 - ii) this is a new request and not part of the previously approved residents consultation programme, which should take preference on the grounds of both need and waiting period;
 - iii) alternative options should be considered including prohibiting parking close to the junction;
 - iv) excessive inconsiderate parking should continue to be monitored in relation to parent school parking, parking from shoppers and vehicle repairs and its impact assessed.



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Report to Portfolio Holder
9 October 2006



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: TEMPLETON CLOSE – REQUEST FOR
TRAFFIC CALMING

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider a request for traffic calming on Templeton Close.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

2.1 The report details the action requested, the investigations into the request and the recommended course of action.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

3.1 The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

4.1 This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

5.1 This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

6.1 That the Portfolio Holder note the request, and no further action be recommended at this time.

Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: TEMPLETON CLOSE – REQUEST FOR
TRAFFIC CALMING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a request for traffic calming on Templeton Close.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A request has been received seeking the installation of traffic calming measures in Templeton Close, which is situated off Westwood Way, in Clavering. An investigation has taken place into the request, which looked at the accident record for the road and also included a speed survey being undertaken.
- 2.2 The Council prioritises potential safety schemes primarily on the basis of the number of accidents on a road, and then by the level of speeding recorded during surveys. The current list of roads eligible for schemes is shown in **Appendix 1**.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

- 3.1 Investigations have shown that there have been 0 accidents in the last 3 years in Templeton Close. Speed survey results have given 85th percentile speeds of 25mph.
- 3.2 In view of the low speeds recorded and zero accident record, it would be difficult to recommend traffic calming, particularly given the number of roads with higher accident records and speeds shown in Appendix 1, many of which will not receive funding for a scheme for some time.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the request be noted, and no further action taken at this time, but as with all roads, the accident record will continue to be monitored.

APPENDIX 1

LOCATION	No. OF x ACCIDENTS	SPEEDS* RECORDED	SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES	PRIORITY
Newburn Bridge	1 fatal 1 serious 5 slight	35mph		1
Victoria Road (York Rd – A689)	1 serious 8 slight	N/A	High pedestrian usage.	2
Marlowe Road	1 serious 5 slight	35.6mph		3
King Oswy Drive (shops area)	1 serious 2 slight	34.6mph	All pedestrian accidents.	4
Hart Lane (Outside Sacred Heart School)	1 serious 1 slight	32.4mph	Request for controlled crossing outside school.	5
Park Avenue (The Parade – Cresswell Rd)	3 slight	36.8mph	Children crossing to and from the park.	6
Westbrooke Avenue	1 serious	37.7mph		7
Easington Road (West View Rd – King Oswy Drive)	2 slight	49mph. See note 1	Safety Camera Partnership complaint site.	8
Clavering area (Westwood Way, Bamburgh Rd, Clavering Rd, Woodstock Way).	2 slight	39.2, 35.5, 36, 34mph Av. 36.2mph	School on Clavering Road.	9
Eskdale Road	1 slight	35.8mph	School.	10
Park Avenue (Elwick Rd – The Parade)	0	40mph	Children crossing to and from the park.	11
Cleveland Road	1 slight	37mph	Request for pedestrian island.	12
Chester Road (Jesmond Rd – Thomhill Gdns)	1 slight	37mph		13

APPENDIX 1

LOCATION	No. OF ^x ACCIDENTS	SPEEDS* RECORDED	SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES	PRIORITY
Front Street, Greatham	1 slight	32.4mph		14
Caledonian Road	1 slight	32.2mph		15
Elwick Village	0	37mph		16
Clifton Avenue	0	35.8mph		17
Burn Road (adjacent to Vicarage Court)	1 slight	24.5mph	Request for pedestrian island. Above average numbers of elderly residents crossing from nearby sheltered housing.	18
Pedestrian crossing facility Holdforth Road	0	34.0mph	Petition received	19
Owton Manor Lane (Kintra Rd – Kirriemuir Rd)	0	33mph		20

^x Accidents over the previous 3 years.

* Figures are 85th percentile speeds – The speed at which 85% of traffic is travelling at or below.

Note 1 – Posted limit of 40mph. Recorded speed 22.5% above limit. Clavering area 20.7% above limit.

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder

9 October 2006



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: SPEEDING DRIVE - TRAFFIC REGULATION
ORDERS

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek a decision on whether to remove a road hump on Speeding Drive and replace it with a hump of a lesser height.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 This report details the background to the scheme and the investigations into the objections submitted.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

- 3.1 The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

- 4.1 This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

- 5.1 This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

- 6.1 A decision is required on whether to keep the existing road humps or replace both humps or the hump closest to the tunnel with 75mm high road humps.

Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: SPEEDING DRIVE - TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek a decision on whether to remove a road hump on Speeding Drive and replace it with a hump of a lesser height.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Several years ago 2 sets of road humps were introduced on Speeding Drive to control traffic speed following complaints from residents. Recently complaints were received from a member of the public and the Golf Club who have their entrance at the end of Speeding Drive. Both complaints concerned the severity of the humps with particular regard to the hump nearest the tunnel. Stating that scrape marks could be clearly seen on the hump proving that this particular feature was too high.
- 2.2 The Department of Transport's Road Hump Regulations recommend that a height of 75mm is used for such features, however it is permitted to use 100mm road humps if the Highway Authority considers it necessary. Measurements were taken on all the humps and heights between 80mm and 100mm were recorded. The highest height was recorded on the hump closest to the tunnel. It is unknown why heights above the normal recommendation were installed.
- 2.3 To my knowledge no complaints from residents have ever been raised with regards to the severity of these humps. In order to ascertain the residents' views a letter was sent which detailed plans to remove the hump closest to the tunnel and replace it with a hump 75mm high.
- 2.4 Three telephone responses were received, two of these were from residents opposed to the proposals, stating that it was the Golf Club members who were the main problem and they would be opposed to any reduction in the height of the hump that may encourage higher vehicle speeds. The other resident was happy so long as the hump was replaced.

3 CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

- 3.1 The Portfolio Holder should consider whether the replacement of the one hump or both humps would be of benefit to the public.
- 3.2 The height of both humps is within the criteria set by the Department of Transport, although both humps are higher than the recommended height of 75mm.
- 3.3 Scrape marks are evident on the hump closest to the tunnel, this hump is the higher of the two. These marks may have been caused by heavily laden vehicles or vehicles travelling at excessive speed. Observations of vehicles driving over the humps did not indicate any problems.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of removing both humps and replacing them with 75mm high humps would be £1600. Replacement of the hump closest to the tunnel would be £800.
- 4.2 The works would be funded through existing highway budgets.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 A decision is required on whether to keep the existing road humps or replace either both humps or the hump closest to the tunnel with 75mm high road humps.

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder
9th October 2006



Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: NORTHERN CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL
GALA

SUMMARY

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the Northern Children's Book Festival Gala which is to be hosted in Hartlepool.

2. **SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

A brief description of the events to be held and the reasons for holding them.

3. **RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for Library issues.

4. **TYPE OF DECISION**

Non Key.

5. **DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

This is an executive decision by the Portfolio Member.

6. **DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

The report be noted.

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: NORTHERN CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL
GALA

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the Northern Children's Book Festival Gala which is to be hosted in Hartlepool.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Northern Children's Book festival is the largest children's free annual book festival in Europe and has been running successfully for 23 years.
- 2.2 Drawing on funding from publishers and other sources, a programme of author visits to schools and libraries takes place in Hartlepool and throughout the North East between November 6th and November 17th. The Festival culminates with a regional Gala Day.
- 2.3 This year, for the first time, the Gala will be held in Hartlepool, at St Hilds C of E School on Saturday November 18th. The Gala Day is organised by the town's Library Service with funding from the Library, from Children's Services and from the Northern Children's Book Festival. Over 3000 children and families are expected to attend. The Festival is a unique opportunity for children and parents to meet and be entertained by some of the nation's most popular children's authors.
- 2.4 Northern Children's Book Festival and the Gala Day generate family and children's interest in reading and literacy. The event meets outcomes for Every Child Matters and Inspiring Learning for All
- 2.5 For the Gala, St Hilds C of E School is totally DDA compliant and a BSL signer will attend the event.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Portfolio Holder note the content of the report.

4. CONTACT OFFICER

Graham Jarritt: Borough Librarian

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder
9th October 2006



Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: FAMILY LEARNING WEEK – HARTLEPOOL
LIBRARIES

SUMMARY

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of Family Learning Week activities in the library.

2. **SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

A brief description of the events to be held and the reasons for holding them.

3. **RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for Library issues.

4. **TYPE OF DECISION**

Non Key.

5. **DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

This is an Executive decision by the Portfolio Member.

6. **DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

The report be noted.

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: FAMILY LEARNING WEEK – HARTLEPOOL LIBRARIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Portfolio Holder of Family Learning Week activities in the library.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Family Learning Week is a national annual event.

2.2 During the last two years, within Family Learning Week, Hartlepool Libraries have focussed on the promotion of science and physics.

2.3 The main event is a family day in the Central Library, which includes a Starlab planetarium, interactive treasure hunt, science show and scientific discovery storytelling. The science events are sponsored by the Institute of Physics and the event is delivered in partnership with HCFE. There are also a number of other key skills promoted in a family friendly way by Adult Education.

2.4 The event was extremely successful last year, attracting some 2500 visitors and we hope that 2006 will build on this achievement. The event will be held at Central Library on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November 2006.

2.5 There is concern nationally at the decline in interest in natural sciences among young people and the library wishes to contribute to stimulating interest by making science fun and accessible.

2.6 Central Library and all the events for Family Learning Weekend are accessible to all.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Portfolio Holder to note the content of the report.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

‘Britain risks losing generation of scientists, new body warns’ article; Education Guardian: 26.09.06.

5. CONTACT OFFICER

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