

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**NEIGHBOURHOODS  
CABINET MEMBER**

**MESSINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL  
WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

1.1 To consider objections to the experimental Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on School Drive and Briggate Drive, Messingham.

1.2 The key points in this report are as follows:

- An experimental TRO has been in place on School Drive and Briggate Drive since February 2014. The aim was to reduce parking problems near to Messingham School.
- A number of objections from residents still stand. The majority of these want further restrictions.
- There are also objections from parents who say they need to be able to park near the school.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2.1 The council has worked with the local ward councillors, Humberside Police and the school for several years to try and resolve parking issues.

2.2 After consultation with parents and residents an experimental TRO was proposed. The aim was to prevent parking at key points on the roads around the school.

2.3 Following comments from residents and parents the level of restrictions were considerably reduced. A final proposal came into effect in February 2014. It is now proposed to make the order permanent.

2.4 The experimental TRO appears to have proven successful. It is supported by the local ward councillors.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 To approve the permanent TRO based on the latest amendment order. See appendix 1.
- 3.2 To uphold the objections and remove all parking restrictions.
- 3.3 To uphold the objections and ask Officers to consider further restrictions

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 Option 1 – This will maintain the current restrictions.
- 4.2 Option 2 – This would remove all restrictions and may result in parking complaints increasing.
- 4.3 Option 3 – This will require further consultation with residents and parents. This will mean further officer time and resources is spent on the issue.

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

- 5.1 The cost of advertising the order is approximately £1,000 and is funded within existing budgets.
- 5.2 There are no staffing, property or IT issues associated with this report.

### **6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

- 6.1 Officers have completed an integrated impact assessment. No major issues were found.

### **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

- 7.1 Consultation was carried out with residents and parents over a number of proposals. Changes were made to the proposals for Messingham based on the feedback we received. The result of this was a reduction in the amount of restrictions.
- 7.2 Following the amendments a number of objections were received (see appendix 2). Six objections were received from residents who live near to the school who feel that the restrictions do not go far enough. The majority of these wanted additional restrictions outside their homes.

- 7.3 Another resident raised concerns that the restrictions would mean they would not be able to park outside their home.
- 7.4 Two objections were received from parents who felt that the restrictions were unfair on people who had to drive their children to school. They also felt the restrictions would create problems on nearby roads.

## 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves the permanent TRO.
- 8.2 That officers carry out regular enforcement and monitor the area.

### DIRECTOR OF PLACES

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Ashby Road  
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Date: 15 June 2015

#### **Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Appendix 1 – Copy of the experimental order.  
Appendix 2 – Letters of objection  
Consultation letters held within Traffic Team scheme file

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**Date:** 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014



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Dear Sir or Madam,

### **School Safety Measures, Messingham Primary School**

As you will be aware we have been consulting over recent months with residents and parents of school children regarding measures around the school to make the area safer. We are now about to implement parking restrictions within the area and these are:

- Single yellow lines around the “turning heads” on School Drive and Briggate Drive to prevent parking Monday to Friday between 8.30 to 9.30am and 3 to 4pm.
- “No Stopping” Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm on the existing school keep clear markings on School Drive and Briggate Drive.

The attached drawing shows the extent of the proposals and has a section to explain the meaning of the restrictions but if you are still unsure about any aspect of the plan, please contact me.

As you know the main concern raised is inconsiderate parking including the blocking of drives as well as drivers parking on the grass verges in the area. We are working with the school to introduce travel agreements and encourage more sustainable travel modes and better parking habits. Also to address these concerns we are working with our parking services team and the local policing team to undertake enforcement.

**The traffic orders will be operational from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 for an initial period of up to 18 months.** The traffic order will be experimental, which will allow us to monitor the measures and amend the detail if deemed necessary. We will be reviewing the measures and I would ask you feedback your views in writing to me for consideration at anytime during the next 6 months. If appropriate the detail can be amended during the experimental period.

I enclose for your information, a statement of reasons, a copy of the statutory notice and a copy of a drawing identifying the proposal. Objections and observations to the proposal, specifying the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Director of Places, Council Offices, Billet Lane, Normanby Enterprise Park, Scunthorpe DN15 9YH. If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact me on 01724 297515 or via e mail [gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk) and I will be happy to assist

Yours faithfully

**Gareth Denovan  
Traffic Officer**

**THE NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**(VARIOUS STREETS)**  
**(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND STREET**  
**PARKING PLACES)**  
**(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AND CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2010**  
**(MESSINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL, MESSINGHAM)**  
**(EXPERIMENTAL AMENDMENT) ORDER 2014**

Notice is hereby given that on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014, North Lincolnshire Council made an Order under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to introduce waiting restrictions on the lengths of road described in the Schedule. The Order will come into effect on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 for an experimental period of 18 months.

A copy of the Order, together with a statement of reasons and plan showing the lengths of road affected can be seen at the Council Offices, Billet Lane, Normanby Enterprise Park, Scunthorpe DN15 9YH during normal office hours throughout the duration of the Order. It is the intention of the Council to consider, in due course, whether the provisions of the Order should be continued in force indefinitely. During the operation of the Order, the Director of Places shall have the powers of modification/suspension set out in Section 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Within 6 months of the coming into force of this Order or of the latest variation or modification of it, any person may object to the making of an Order giving indefinite continuation of it. Any such objection should be in writing specifying the grounds on which it is made and sent to the Director of Places at the Billet Lane Council Offices. If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or a requirement of that Act or any instrument made under it has not been complied with you may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, make application for that purpose to the High Court.

**SCHEDULE**

**Waiting Restrictions**  
**As per detail shown on Drawing TS0054/006**

Briggate Drive - around the turning head, restrictions including No Waiting Monday-Friday 8.30am-9.30am and 3pm-4pm, and No Stopping on entrance markings Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

School Drive - around the turning head, restrictions including No Waiting Monday-Friday 8.30am-9.30am and 3pm-4pm, and No Stopping on entrance markings Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2014

W S Bell  
Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic

Civic Centre  
Ashby Road  
Scunthorpe

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

As part of the proposed school safety measures to serve Messingham Primary School, it is necessary to implement an experimental traffic regulation order to various streets in the surrounding area. The Safety measures are just a part of the continuing process to reduce the number of children being brought to school by car and encourage more healthy and 'green' alternatives.

The restrictions will discourage parking and stopping at the start and finish of the school day in the vicinity of the school and help maintain a free movement of traffic.

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**(CIVIL ENFORCEMENT AND CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2010**  
**(MESSINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL, MESSINGHAM)**  
**(EXPERIMENTAL AMENDMENT) ORDER 2014**

North Lincolnshire Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) in exercise of its powers under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereafter referred to as “the Act of 1984”) and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984 hereby makes the following Order:

1. The North Lincolnshire Borough Council (Various Streets) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2010 shall be amended to the following extent:
  - (a) The Map Area Code specified in the First Schedule to this Order shall be revoked and;
  - (b) The Map Area Codes specified in the Second Schedule to this Order shall be inserted.
2. This Order shall come into operation on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014 for a period of 18 months and may be cited as The North Lincolnshire Borough Council (Various Streets) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2010 (Messingham Primary School, Messingham) (Experimental Amendment) Order 2014
3. During the operation of this Order, the Service Director of Places shall be empowered to exercise the modification or suspension provisions set out in Section 10 of the Act of 1984.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

**Map Area Codes to be revoked**

<b>Area Code</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>
AP90	1	01/03/2010

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

**Map Area Codes to be inserted**

<b>Area Code</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>
AP90	2	21/02/2014
AQ90	1	21/02/2014

Given under the Common Seal of North Lincolnshire Borough Council on the 17th

day of February 2014.

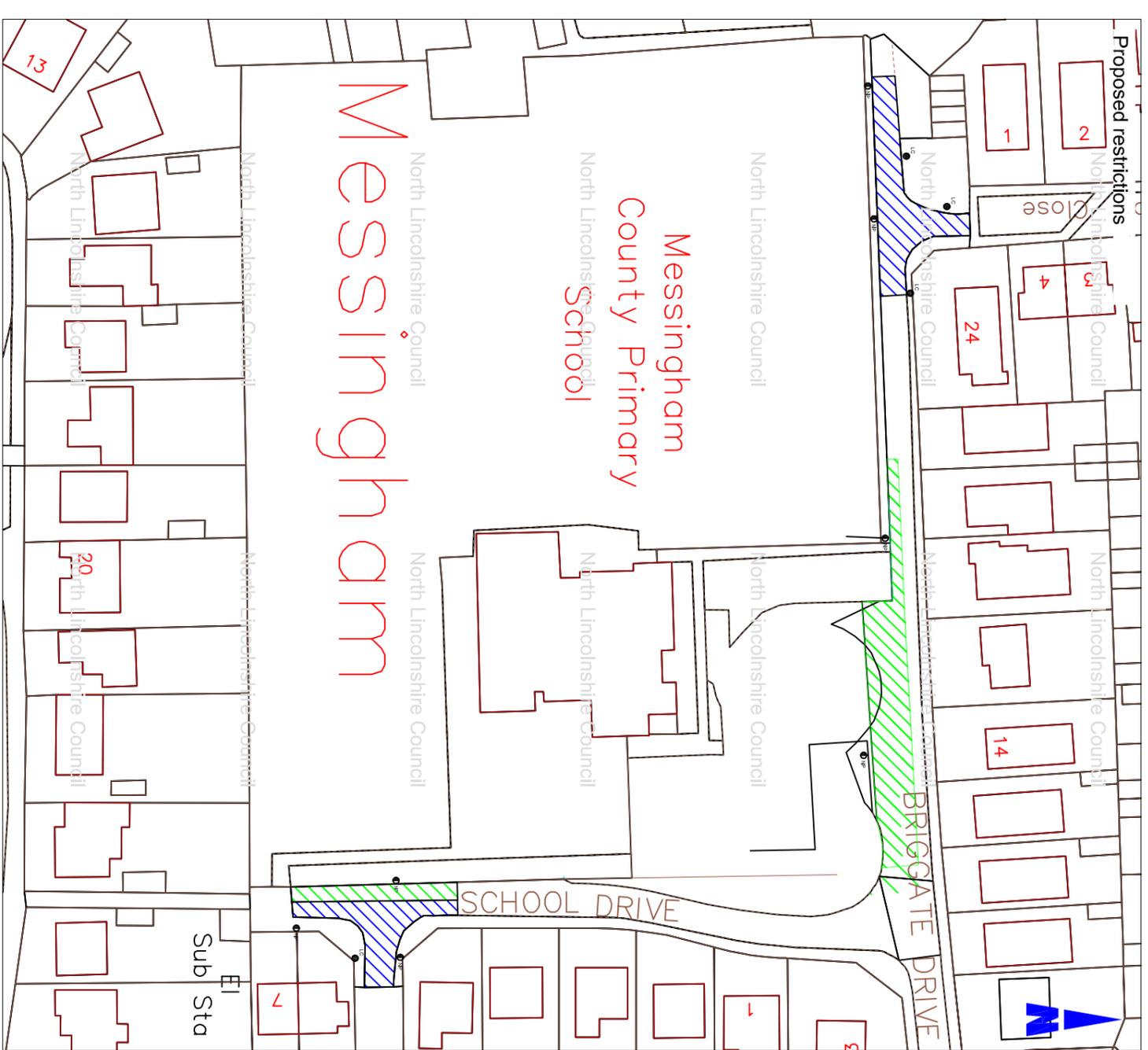
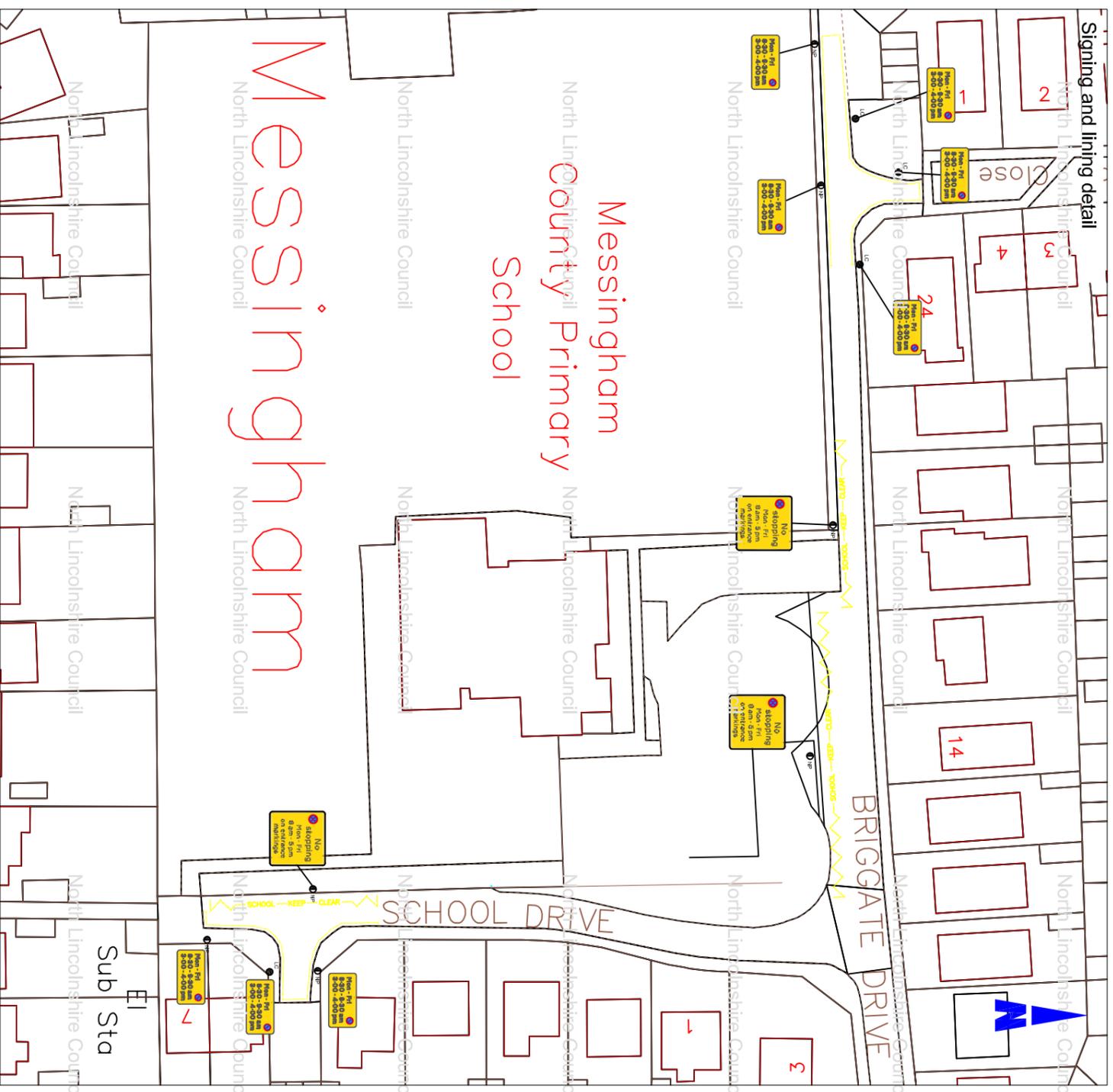
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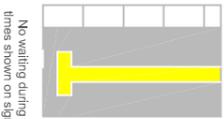
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**Restrictions Explained**

- WAITING RESTRICTIONS**
- Double yellow lines main road waiting at any time.
  - Waiting restrictions indicated by yellow lines apply to the carriageway, pavement and verge.
  - A single yellow line means no waiting during the times shown on the nearby signplate.
  - You may stop to load or unload (unless there are loading restrictions as described below) or whilst dropping off or picking up passengers.
  - If no days are shown on the signs, the restrictions are in force every day including Sundays and Bank Holidays. Where days are shown the restrictions apply on those days, including school and bank holidays.

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- ALWAYS CHECK THE TIMES SHOWN ON THE PLATES

**Key**

- Proposed restrictions**
- No Stopping on school markings Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm
  - No waiting Mon - Fri 8.30 - 9.30 am & 3.00 - 4.00 pm (Single yellow line and signs)

OTHER ROAD MARKINGS



No stopping at the times shown on the signplate - this includes picking up and dropping off passengers. This will keep the school entrance clear of stationary vehicles.



REV	DETAILS	APPROVED BY	DATE APPROVED

**Places Service**  
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**MESSINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

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Proposed detail	Proposed detail		TS0054/006		

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** <gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk>

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**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:15AM  
**Subject:** re Parking around Messingham School

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Dear Mr Denovan

I note the reduced restriction around the Messingham School. I have one cause for concern. At the present time, and this will get worse once the restrictions are in place, that there are now parents parking in the narrow entrance to East Green. This road is very narrow and if there are cars parked on one side it means that other vehicles, especially vans and lorries and delivery vehicles have to go onto the grass verge. This will cause damage to the grass, especially when it is wet.

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk" <gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk>

**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2013 12:09PM

**Subject:** Messingham Primary School Parking

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Morning Gareth,

Good luck trying to resolve this one. Bit of a Hornets nest. Undersigned is resident of No 6 east Green, just on the fringe of the daily problem. Collect grandchildren on a regular basis and have the advantage of walking from home to the school via snicket on West Green.

The proposed restrictions for Briggate & School drive will ease the pressure to a degree but will also have a "knock on" effect to the area immediately outside the perimeter outlined.

From the roundabout on Wendover Road (South End) the junction with East & West Green through to & including Ashberry Drive is in my opinion the most dangerous location. All roads from this roundabout are minimum width based on what was originally estimated as very light traffic. For the majority of the day this is correct. However during "Peak" school start & finish times the volume is abnormal. Vehicles parking one side of the road only restricts the flow and makes passing a lottery. Vehicles parking on pavements adjacent to the roundabout also restricts visibility for drivers & pedestrians alike.

The laybay in front of Wendover shops is also a tricky spot for drivers @ normal times but is also made worst at peak school times. Pavement parking is also a problem for drivers collecting children but also those people wishing to use the ATM machine. It's a society problem as people almost want to access ATM's from the comfort of the drivers seat. (Personal moan> Sorry)

This is a dangerous problem @ present and will be made more so when the new restriction come into force as drivers being drivers they will attempt to park as close as possible to the school no matter were it is. Inclement weather will also have an adverse effect. Parents with small (pre school) children will also find it more difficult due to the increased volume.

Recently 2/3 vehicles have parked on the opposite side of the narrow approach roads to the roundabout which makes the situation even worse. Not sure if the vehicles in question are residents but if so they have proven to provide the worst possible obstacle to through traffic.

Has any consideration been given to converting part of the playing field to the West of the school to hard standing car park with entrance opposite Benson Close to alleviate the problem. The field has limited daily use for sport and we do have other village facilities for Major Sporting events which only occur on a limited number of times during the fiscal year. Appreciate the cost involved may be prohibitive but the problem will not go away & could well result in a Major Incident.

Walking to and from the school daily it is only a question of time before vehicles are involved in contact to contact or even worst vehicle & pedestrians. It is not possible to walk East or West along West Green pavement even single file @ times and anyone with pushchair or walking aid has to walk on the road to pass vehicles parked 50/50 on road/pavement.

As stated before while the proposed suggestions on the plan provided will assist the under pressure residents of Briggate & School Drives the problem will not be resolved only pushed further away to other unsuitable fringe locations.

Hope this has been useful but as stated in opening it will not be resolved easily or to the

satisfaction of all parties but lets hope a suitable compromise can be found. If any more comment is required please contact. Thank You for you patience.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk" <gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk>

**Date:** Monday, December 30, 2013 08:10AM

**Subject:** bgiggate drive

History: ✦ This message has been replied to.

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Hello Gareth, it seems at lot longer since than 2 years since I spoke to you and PC Tracey Teal on Briggate Drive about the problems we were having and the fact that I had been reported to the police by a mother for actually parking outside my own home. But yet again I find myself having to complain to you that the solutions we spoke of on that afternoon are again being watered down. I see that you may be puting single yellow lines around the turning area, but I would like them to be extended at least past my property (24), and the times extended from 0800 to 1600 monday to friday. I appreciate that you told me that other home owners on the street didn't want these restrictions but I dont see as it would bother them if they were only at the top end. I have had a visit from a Mr David Wright who owns number 22, he doesn't live there but he lets the property or should I say he's trying to. He tells me that in the last few months he's had interested clients turn him down when they have visited at school times. He says he agrees with my thoughts on the matter and he would like to see yellow lines extended past his propety. He says he would like you ring him on 01724761716 if you would like to confirm where he stands on the matter. The old lady I only know as Freda also feels the way I do as she has strong thoughts over the subject with regard to the emergency services having uninterrupted passage at this end of the street. I have recently had to have 6 weeks off work after a knee injury and on 2 fridays the bin lorry could not get up the street because of cars being parked on the street and the bins had to be wheeled down the street to empty them. I did speak to the men and asked them to complain on my behalf but I dont know if anything was said. This brings me to another subject on this matter, on an earlier visit to the school to complain about parking of cars during the day, they told me that the planning permission that stopped the school from allowing the use of its car park by people using the school as helpers or any other reason, had now been lifted and all people visiting the school should sign in and use the car park. I f this is the case then the school need bring to task for not enforcing this ruling because it is these people that cause the bin men and other delivery men problems. When we met 2 years ago you felt that this problem would be sorted you felt within 18 months and here we still are and all we have are some very expensive lights that as far as I have seen are being ignored by most people, at these times of the day should I dare say mothers. Please speak to Mr Wright to get his views because its time someone listend to us at the top end of the street instead of the street as a whole.

Best Regards [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk

**Date:** Saturday, January 04, 2014 09:12PM  
**Subject:** school safety measures. messingham school

History:        ♦ This message has been replied to.

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In reply to the letter from the council, dated 16th December, 2013.

The matter of parking re: Messingham School.

I have lived at no.19 west green, messingham for nearly 11 years and have seen the volume of school traffic increase year by year. The road outside my home is the narrow part of west green, two cars cannot pass without one going onto the grass verge. Dealing with the top of West Green; parents start to park at 8.30a.m. in the morning, as the whole road of west green is too narrow for cars to pass, the pavement is used. I always thought a footpath was that, for people on FOOT. Traffic parks on the roundabout on the entrance to west green causing problems with visability for traffic leaving west green.

in the afternoon traffic starts to park at 2.45p.m. parking and blocking the pathway on west green completely. The cars park outside my house and as I say the road is too narrow for this. As there are drives on both sides of the road, traffic blocks peoples access to there homes. They block the paths, they park on the corner of West green they park at the entrance of Wendover road.

No police, no traffic wardens, nothing or nobody stops this happening. Anywhere else this would not be allowed but in messingham, the council seem to think this is alright.

Why are there all these parking spaces in the school yard free ?. but when there is an evening do at the school it is quite alright for parents to park in the school car park.

It seems to me that parents can do as they please, with no regard for any other person and the council say yes it is alright to block the roads, block footpaths, impair visability.

Why not use the bottom part of the playing field beside the school, which is not used for anything to create a purpose built car park. This would stop the Co-op car park, Nisa car park, West Green road, Wendover Road, Wendover Close being completely grid-locked at school times.

Your comments would be appreciated.

Regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** Gareth Denovan <Gareth.Denovan@northlincs.gov.uk>

**Date:** Thursday, February 13, 2014 12:55PM  
**Subject:** RE: Messingham School Safety Measures

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Gareth

Thank you for clarifying that, it makes sense now!

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Gareth Denovan [mailto:Gareth.Denovan@northlincs.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 13 February 2014 12:50  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Messingham School Safety Measures

Dear [REDACTED],

Parking on verges is something we will be enforcing via the verge parking signs which are in place around Wendover Road. Our officers have already issued a number of warning notices to vehicles parked in these areas and will continue to monitor them.

We have reduced the amount of lines in the area following the previous consultation responses. The lines we are implementing protect the turning heads at the ends of the cul-de-sacs and the school keep clear markings.

Regards

Gareth Denovan

Traffic Officer

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[REDACTED] wrote: -----

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From: [REDACTED]  
Date: 02/13/2014 10:56AM  
Subject: Messingham School Safety Measures

Gareth

With regard to your letter about the parking restrictions which will be imposed around the school.

You state in your letter that one of the main concerns is with regard to people parking on the grass verges. In the areas where the restrictions will affect, there are no grass verges, so I am confused as to the benefit of the restrictions, other than to force the traffic to the areas where the grass verges actually are?

Regards

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** <gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk>

**Date:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 11:08PM

**Subject:** Messingham school parking restrictions

History: ✦ This message has been replied to.

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The proposed parking restrictions around the school are ridiculous. I cannot believe that the council would merge 2 schools on this super site without a thought for parents dropping children off in cars.

The vast majority of parents walk when they possibly can but as a working mum I, along with many others, need to travel to school by car. By restricting parking, parents will simply park on the next nearest street because they have to. If you think the parking restrictions will encourage more parents to walk to school then I'm afraid you are wrong.

I am in no doubt that no matter what any of us hard working parents say about this, the restrictions will go ahead regardless!

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk

**Date:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 06:05PM

**Subject:** Consultation - School Safety Measures - Messingham Primary School

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Dear Mr Denovan

I refer to your letter, dated 16 December 2013, regarding the above subject.

Whilst the reduced amount of restricted parking now being proposed will undoubtedly assist some parents/drivers and may even satisfy some of the disgruntled local residents the latest proposal still does not resolve the problem but merely moves it to another location.

Since the start of this school year I have noticed that Briggate Drive and School Drive have far fewer cars parked on them between 8.30am and 9am and 3.15pm and 3.45pm. However the cars have simply moved around the corner and the congestion is now on Wendover Road leading to the B1400.

No doubt when the residents of Wendover Road complain you will impose similar parking restrictions there and move the problem once again?

What is needed, in my opinion, is either the utilisation of the school car park, which is always half empty [or full] and/or a purpose built temporary car parking area along School Drive for cars to drop-off and pick-up children during the above periods.

This could, and should, have been considered when the school was extended recently as there was, and still is, plenty of room but apparently nobody thought ahead and planned for this at the time?

Regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** gareth denovan <gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk>, ian jickells <ian.jickells@northlincs.gov.uk>

**Date:** Friday, February 14, 2014 05:58PM  
**Subject:** School Safety Measures, Messingham Primary School

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Dear Ian Jickells & Gareth Denovan

Have just received your hand delivered missive with regard to 'latest' and proposed version of the parking restrictions for School Drive, Messingham...which is to be applied as from 21st Feb 2104....

Thanks for the advance notice... just 7 days! And can only presume 'our' half term early morning peace and quiet will be shattered by hoards of NLC staff installing all the various signage and yellow lines!!!

Having checked through the paperwork I have to say... Well done NLC!!!!... You have just made my household's daily life evermore complicated! I previously wrote to say we have several elderly and infirm friends/visitors/relatives, many living at distance, who drive to see us, and they call round throughout the day (not just at weekends!) and they normally park (without any restriction even on a school day) outside our house.

Would someone at NLC like to please explain why 'us' the residents of No 7 School Drive feel like we have been singled out to have our lives totally inconvenienced from Monday to Friday 52 weeks a year for 'at least' the next 18 months, in stark contrast to the rest of our neighbours who can apparently park as per usual whenever they like, either adjacent to, or in front of their own property?

It appears WE not supposed to have any visitors for the next 18 months on a weekday throughout the year? It's certainly going to be a real problem for us if 'no-one' can stop, park, or load/unload any vehicle between 08:30 - 09:30 and 15:00 - 16:00 hours each weekday.

We may live across the road from the primary school, but the school is only open circa 190 days a year (or 39 weeks) and WE do have lives too...!! And also have need to park to load/unload our own and visitors vehicles during the day and have no desire to run our lives by the damned clock every weekday just to avoid getting a parking ticket. It is all the more irritating when it now appears the rest of our neighbours are going to be able to park and load/unload on the public highway whenever they like right outside their own properties.

We foolishly thought 'we were all in it together' (to quote Mr. Cameron) but cannot help taking umbrage at apparently being singled out for the mucky end of the stick over this matter. We were previously informed that the parking restrictions were to be operational for TERM TIME ONLY, just like the flashing lights in Wendover Road... But it now appears the goalposts have been moved, so that we are now 'the only house in this street' that is going to be imposed upon on a daily basis by these parking restrictions for 52 weeks a year and not for just the 39 weeks that were originally mooted to us.

Personally I'm at a loss to comprehend WHY a quiet no-through road in a village like Messingham warrants a year round parking restriction? Term time parking restrictions are quite logical for a road where there are road safety implications near the school, but NLC deciding to put parking restrictions in place to also cover the school holidays too, really doesn't make any sense!?!

I would appreciate a prompt reply to this email, preferably BEFORE North Lincolnshire Council commence the work to fit the signs and yellow lines in our street. Could you also let me know the planned date for the work, as my own car is presently (legally) parked on the road outside our house and as I may be away during half term break, the car will need to be moved so NLC are able to fit signs and mark out the yellow lines adjacent to our property.

I was very surprised not to receive a reply to my previous email, when I emailed with regard to the size/dimensions of the proposed parking sign and the height of the post for the signage to be placed in the public footpath adjacent to our front boundary wall... As you clearly did not receive the information, can you please urgently ensure that someone at NLC Highways Works Dept. is made aware that the length of public footpath outside our property has buried within it a number of public utilities, so they can avoid hitting/damaging them!

With regard to public footpath, due to poured tarmac topping it is not apparent that there are several supply cables/pipes laid adjacent (very close) to our front boundary wall!... These includes our gas main / a feeder cable from sub station with electric mains supply to our property and street / a cable for the street lighting / and finally our own property's water main.

All these various pipes and cables (I fear) will add a little 'Russian roulette' if/when NLC's workmen attempt to fit a post for the parking restriction sign to be located in front of our property.... Perhaps it would be wiser (for all concerned), as the traffic order is only initially for just 18 months, that perhaps sign (and post?) could be temporarily attached in some way, instead of digging up the public footpath? If only to avoid danger to NLC's staff c/o the various utility services buried therein.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** ian jickells <ian.jickells@northlincs.gov.uk>, gareth denovan <gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk>

**Date:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014 12:09PM  
**Subject:** Parking zone update - Messingham Primary School

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Ian & Gareth,

Yesterday, on Monday 24th Feb 2014, the first official test of the parking restrictions were met with a mixed response, as some folk were clearly un-nerved by all the new 'no parking' signs.

Under the circumstances, I decided it was prudent (as a parish councillor) to observe how the arrangement fared for the first few weeks... And will endeavour to send you a (far briefer) update in future, as free time allows for me to make observations.

Ironically, the first 'illegal parking' offender was a van delivering to the school - At 9am - 2 transit vans arrived, one van drove into school site and made a delivery to the kitchen, the other van stopped dead on zigzags outside school car park and was parked for several minutes (circa 5-10 minutes) as driver delivered 1 or more boxes (presume veg) to the school kitchen. At the time there were numerous cars and pedestrians milling about in the street, so this illegally parked van just added to the mayhem!

Perhaps the school should lead by example?!?! As there's plenty of room in the school car park for all staff/visitors vehicles and space for several transit vans to safely park near the kitchen - So there's absolutely no excuse for anyone working at the school, or delivering to the site, to be illegally parked.

Then, at 9:08am (13 minutes late for school!) a silver Citroen [NG63 AZU] arrived in School Drive (by then, only 1 other car parked in street!). The female driver parked car on yellow line (outside No's 6 & 7) right under new 'restricted time' sign and offloaded a little girl and was about to walk into school site when I shouted to her that she couldn't park there anymore and to check the new sign for confirmation - She made no response, but did move her vehicle up the street to park before entering school site via the School Drive gate, but then discovered the door to nursery unit was locked, they both had to retrace their steps, out of the gate, up the street and round to the school's front door! Had this driver remained parked on yellow line for duration, it would have been illegally parked for nearly 10-12 minutes, as it was 9:20 when car left the street.

At 3:30pm, on Monday afternoon, right on the dot of school leaving time, a large TNT lorry arrived in Briggate Drive and parked on the yellow zigzags just outside the school car park to deliver a parcel to the school. The delivery driver was on site for several minutes, then proceeded to reverse the TNT lorry back down Briggate Drive and backed into School Drive around numerous parked vehicles, to enable driver to turn the vehicle round to exit the street... It was a somewhat ridiculous manoeuvre to make with such a large lorry, as the street was thronging with school time cars and lots of small children on foot, scooters and bicycles! As per my morning observation - Perhaps the school need to lead by example and arrange ALL their deliveries at a 'safer' time?!?!

To add insult to the TNT lorry debacle, only seconds later my daughter and I witnessed a driver of a red Jaguar saloon (who had parked on Briggate Drive facing Benson Close), having collected their children from school proceed to do a 3 (or more!) point turn in Briggate Drive (using the full width of the road including the yellow zigzags outside the school). This driver's actions were equally as dangerous as the TNT lorry's ill-considered manoeuvre in a street full of moving cars and pedestrians and cyclists of all ages.

Today, Tuesday 25th February 2014 - Message has clearly got home to folk delivering their charges to the school, as street was 'quiet' throughout delivery time this morning, with regular stream of cars coming and going from 8:25am onwards... However, one man (who clearly doesn't bother to read road signs, even when they're bright yellow!) parked his black Citroen [YN02 OGO] on the hammerhead yellow line at the side of No 5 School Drive, unloaded his son and walked off to the school, leaving his car parked from 8:48 to 8:55am. I had to chuckle when, just as he was about to drive off, one of the more public spirited school parents pointed out the parking restrictions to him - He actually smiled... But me thinks having been verbally shamed by 'one of his own' he may think twice before he does it again.

As for silly parking... With the reduced options near the School Drive entrance gate, folk are still 'trying' to park in the street, but are now parking 'far too close' to T junction of School Drive with Briggate Drive - Perhaps an area of 'keep area clear' hash markings might be something NLC may wish to add in the future to compliment the safety measures already in place?

As for my own household...

***If we have any personal complaints about the restricted parking, it would be to question WHY? NLC thinks it needs to be operational 52 weeks a year?***

***When the school is closed, streets in this area of the village are all but deserted of parked cars - That said, as a household, we do have various visitors throughout the working week, who all need to park their vehicles, but we only have/own 2 off-road parking spaces with this house, unlike our 'detached' neighbours (who have considerably more off-road parking and they can still park 24/7 on the public highway). We are very aware, having lived here nearly 20 years, that both the semis (No's 6 & 7) in School Drive actually need 'the public highway' parking option to enable their households to function, as both visitor and tradesmen realistically expect to be able to park near our properties? - But we do note (with some alarm) that the new parking restrictions ALSO cover Bank Holidays as well as school holidays, so they will now impact on our lives 52 weeks a year!***

***When would NLC propose that we are too get professional work done on a weekday, or to entertain long distance friends and relatives overnight?... Or do the Council presume that our household will be expected to only do such things at weekends in future?***

***Will NLC please consider revising the 'parking restriction times' on School Drive, Messingham to 'TERM TIME ONLY' to assist this household to have some form of life on a weekday for part of the year, as we would prefer that our legitimate visitors and guests do not incur a parking ticket if they happen to park outside our house, and particularly so during the school holidays. Surely even NLC can appreciate that 70 days respite a year is not an unreasonable request?***

Kind regards - [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** ian jickells <ian.jickells@northlincs.gov.uk>, gareth denovan <gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk>

**Date:** Wednesday, February 26, 2014 10:13AM  
**Subject:** Update - Messingham School - Parking Restrictions

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Hi Ian & Gareth,

I understand from near neighbours, that a traffic officer did briefly put in an appearance on Monday afternoon?.... That would account for the man in a dark uniform that was spotted in Briggate Drive at 3:40pm on Monday afternoon? - Me thinks, by that time, he'd arrived a little late to book anyone illegally parked, most folk have departed by 3:35!?!

It's only Wednesday, 3 days in; and the cracks are already showing!... Suspect NLC may need to give some folk a quick hard shock! (sending out traffic officers both mornings and afternoons, arriving on an ad-hoc basis over the next month, may be what's needed to get the message home?)

This morning, no sign of a traffic officer, so illegal parking was the order of the day once again!...

Some of them are quite blatant! They know that no-one is going to book them, so they just carry on as per usual - It's becoming very clear already that, for some, the new signs and yellow lines are to be either treated with disdain, or challenged... **Me thinks that some folk may have a really bad case of 'it doesn't apply to me, I'm delivering my children to school' disease!**

This morning's illegal's noted in School Drive are as follows:-

26/02/2014 8:37-9:00am black Jaguar saloon [Reg No. YD60 PYO] parked on yellow line outside front of No. 5 School Drive - a woman (jeans/black coat/dk hair in ponytail) delivered child to school/chatted to another parent/etc.

26/02/2014 8:49-8:52am Kath's Taxis (Taxi No 210 [Reg No. YG02 OTF] green saloon) parked on zigzags opposite No's 6 & 7 School Drive - a harassed looking man/c60's/short grey hair/glasses - walked 3 children into the school - **Thought you had sent 'advance warning' letters to all local taxi firms?**

26/02/2014 8:50-8:55am red BMW [Reg No. 163 AAB] parked on yellow line (under time sign) at side of No 6 School Drive, the children walked themselves into school watched by male driver (c35ish/dark hair with thick set build/may have been texting on a phone?). **NB - This car has regularly parked or blocked hammerhead in this very spot in the past and driver has been known to 'try to' park his vehicle on the private owned hard-standing between Nos 5 & 6 - This male driver clearly has no respect for authority/private property.**

Kind regards [REDACTED]  
Sent from Windows Mail

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** ian jickells <ian.jickells@northlincs.gov.uk>, gareth denovan <gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk>

**Date:** Monday, March 24, 2014 11:02AM  
**Subject:** School Drive, DN17 3TP restricted parking zone

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Dear Ian and Gareth,

Are we ever going to witness a traffic officer patrolling/handing out illegal parking tickets in and around School Drive between the hours of 8:30-9:30 and 3-4? Sorry to complain!... But NLC's TO's have been rather 'conspicuous by their absence' since the new school parking zone went operational!

Have noted more than 25 illegally parked vehicles over the past couple of weeks around the hammer-head in School Drive during the restricted times... It's mostly the same culprits each day (abet it can differ from morning to afternoon), this also includes our neighbour from No 6, who left his BMW parked all day (half on the path) 'over' the yellow line in the hammerhead just last Friday. Clearly, some folk don't give a damn where they park, no matter what official road markings or signage the council install!

From the perspective of a resident, now personally inconvenienced twice a day (52 weeks a year), forgive me if I complain that it appears that the Council (who actually inflicted the parking zone on us) seems to be doing little, or nothing, to police it themselves!

Those parking illegally at school-times, are doing so because they know they can get away with it, as 'no one official' is bothering to show up to ticket them 'each morning and afternoon'.

A regular presence from NLC's TO's is the only way you're going to stop the illegally parking in the zoned area around the school gate - It's mostly the same few people/vehicles that turn up and blatantly park on the zigzags outside the front of the school & opposite No 7 (including deliveries to the school and a taxi!!) plus a few diehards who always parked on/across the yellow lines adjacent to Nos. 5/6 & 7.

It was very clear this morning, that folk had concluded (after our neighbour parked illegally on Friday) that *'if the residents do it - Why shouldn't we!'*, number of illegally parked cars certainly escalated between 8:35 and 9, at one point we had 3 or more vehicles parked/stopped at the same time on the KEEP CLEAR and yellow lines around the hammerhead!

NLC need to regularly send 'someone official' out to Messingham to witness and/or book all these illegally parked vehicles... Presuming, that you've not just installed the parking zone outside my house to inconvenience the residents 52 weeks a year?!?! But, all joking apart... If you want this school time no parking zone to work as it was intended, the council is going to have to put in a wee bit more effort to police it on a daily basis, or I fear it's going to end up as yet another costly white elephant.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED] Messingham Parish Councillor.

Sent from Windows Mail

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** ian jickells <Ian.Jickells@northlincs.gov.uk>, Harry Metcalfe <Harry.Metcalfe@northlincs.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** gareth denovan <Gareth.Denovan@northlincs.gov.uk>

**Date:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 09:58AM  
**Subject:** RE: School Drive, DN17 3TP restricted parking zone

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Quick update...

Today - Thursday 8:55am (less than 2 minutes after Harry Metcalfe left the street), and plenty of options to park legally available, a red mini (YD60 LSJ) drove up and parked right outside No7 on the yellow line/zigzags and driver switched off the engine and walked her child onto the school site... As she returned to her vehicle I walked to our gate and casually pointed out that 'she was exceedingly lucky as the Traffic Officer had just left!'... Her flippant reply 'She knew!' she then drive off with a very smug look on her face.

This morning, as Mr Metcalfe was walking up and down School Drive, my daughter & I both spotted someone feverishly texting at the school gate whilst watching his progress, which hints that 'some parents' have pre-arranged to text each other when a TO is working in the area - Call me a cynic, but the parent texting is one of the worst for illegal parking in School Drive nearly everyday at school-time, yet her own vehicle was nowhere in sight this morning and she wandered off through the passage to West Green.

Based on past 7 days, last Friday and this Monday were, by far, the worst 2 days for illegal parking in the street since the parking order went live, and was probably escalated due to our neighbour's own BMW being blatantly parked on yellow line 'all day' on Friday, whilst the presence of NLC's TO's has discouraged most of the usual parking issues in the area whilst they are present.

Unfortunately, it appears that 'a few of the regulars' are finding ways round being caught in the act.

Kind regards [REDACTED]

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**From:** Harry Metcalfe  
**Sent:** 25 March 2014 10:35  
**To:** Ian Jickells  
**CC:** Gareth Denovan, [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: School Drive, DN17 3TP restricted parking zone

Morning All

I arranged patrols for yesterday afternoon and this morning to further assess the situation.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, we saw no vehicles parking in contravention, though this is more likely a feature of our presence rather than one of typical behaviour.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** ian jickells <ian.jickells@northlincs.gov.uk>, gareth denovan <gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk>

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**Date:** Monday, March 31, 2014 08:31AM  
**Subject:** FW: Parking zone - School Drive, Messingham, DN17 3TP

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Ian and Gareth

Forwarding copy of my email to Harry Metcalfe for your info

Kind regards - [REDACTED]

Sent from Windows Mail

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 31 March 2014 08:25  
**To:** Harry Metcalfe  
**Subject:** Parking zone - School Drive, Messingham, DN17 3TP

Good morning Mr Metcalfe,

It's Monday... and our neighbour from No 6 has his black BMW parked across the yellow line in the hammerhead - Based on previous weekend, it's likely to parked there all day again.

We're not overly thrilled at No 7 to have the imposition of a parking zone in front of our house either, but our attached neighbours have no excuse, as their garage and hard-standing are right beside the house (unlike No 7, where it's 50+ metres away!).. At No 6 they'd have plenty of space for 2 cars to park if they got 'the skip' uplifted that's been in-situ (and fully loaded) since before Christmas 2013!

If this parking zone is ever going to work, the residents need to respect it too, or why should the school-time traffic bother.

Kind regards [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "rob.beales@northlincs.gov.uk" <rob.beales@northlincs.gov.uk>  
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**Date:** Tuesday, April 08, 2014 04:14PM  
**Subject:** Potholes in Messingham

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Dear Mr Beales,

Contacting you direct, as Ian Jickells is presently on holiday...

Local Messingham residents have been in touch with me about a 'large & dangerously located' pothole next to a storm drain in Wendover Road - Just taken a walk round the area to check and people aren't fibbing, it's certainly turning into quite a crater.

It's not the widest road at this point... Whilst standing there I witnessed two cars passing, and in order to avoid colliding, one vehicle was obliged to drive through the pothole which violently threw the car about as it hit the spot. It could prove quite dangerous if some unsuspecting soul hit this deep hole at any speed in the dark, and certainly do wonders for a car's suspension, with possibly insurance claims against NLC? Would advise urgent attention to rectify a.s.a.p.

This hole/pothole can be found 'on east side of' Wendover Road (between Briggate Drive and Kealholme junctions) located next to storm drain at the side of first semi-detached house on the corner of Kealholme Road... It's pretty difficult to miss!!

It's amazing how much you fail to notice when you're driving from A to B, which you spot 'on foot'! The road surface in Ashberry Drive and also in Briggate Drive (at its junction with School Drive) are also badly breaking-up again, with small patches of potholes appearing, which is an on-going problem in both locations.

Kind regards - [REDACTED] (Messingham Parish Councillor)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** "gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk" <gareth.denovan@northlincs.gov.uk>

**Date:** Thursday, February 13, 2014 10:56AM

**Subject:** Messingham School Safety Measures

History: ✦ This message has been replied to.

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Gareth

With regard to your letter about the parking restrictions which will be imposed around the school.

You state in your letter that one of the main concerns is with regard to people parking on the grass verges. In the areas where the restrictions will affect, there are no grass verges, so I am confused as to the benefit of the restrictions, other than to force the traffic to the areas where the grass verges actually are?

Regards

[REDACTED]

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