



Northumberland

County Council

TYNEDALE LOCAL AREA COUNCIL

DATE: 14 MAY 2019

PETITION - REMOVAL OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES, BEECH GROVE,
PRUDHOE

Report of the Director of Local Services, Paul Jones

Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson, Environment & Local Services

Purpose of report

To respond to the petition received by the Tynedale Local Area Council regarding residents request to remove double yellow lines at Beech Grove in Prudhoe

Recommendations

It is recommended that the contents of this report be noted and that Local Area Council supports the decision that the double yellow line should remain in place and the petitioners request be declined.

Link to Corporate Plan

How - "We want to be efficient, open and work for everyone"

Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"

Connecting - "We want you to have access to the things you need"

Key Issues

1. A petition has been received requesting the removal of double yellow lines at Beech Grove, Prudhoe

Introduction

The County Council has received a petition of 60 signatures requesting the removal of double yellow lines at Beech Grove in Prudhoe.

The petition states:

“Myself (lead petitioner) and residents would like the yellow lines removed from Beech Grove, Prudhoe, Northumberland, NE42 6HU.”

“The Council should remove the yellow lines to enable residents to park outside their own houses and to enable residents to receive visitors to their property. The residents also think that by removing yellow lines and allowing people to park on the road will prompt other drivers to slow down as people drive very fast along the road, also parts of the same road do not have yellow lines and they have parking facilities behind their property whereas Beech Grove does not and according to highways the width of the road is 6.8 metres the same width as parts of the road that do not have yellow lines.”

Background

Beech Grove is a terrace of 29 residential properties located on the north side of the B6395 in Prudhoe. This is the main road into the town from the west. Double yellow lines are in place along the entire frontage of the properties. Most properties have created parking spaces for at least one car within their curtilages, though some do not have any off-street parking. There is no vehicular access to the north side of the terrace. A view looking east along Beech Grove is shown in Figure 1, below.



Fig. 1. Looking east. Beech Grove is on the left.

The double yellow lines have been in place for many years. The section in front of Beech Grove is part of a wider system of double yellow lines, on both sides of the road, that extend 1km from Woodburn Terrace to the town centre at Front Street. Figure 2 shows the extent of the lines highlighted in red.

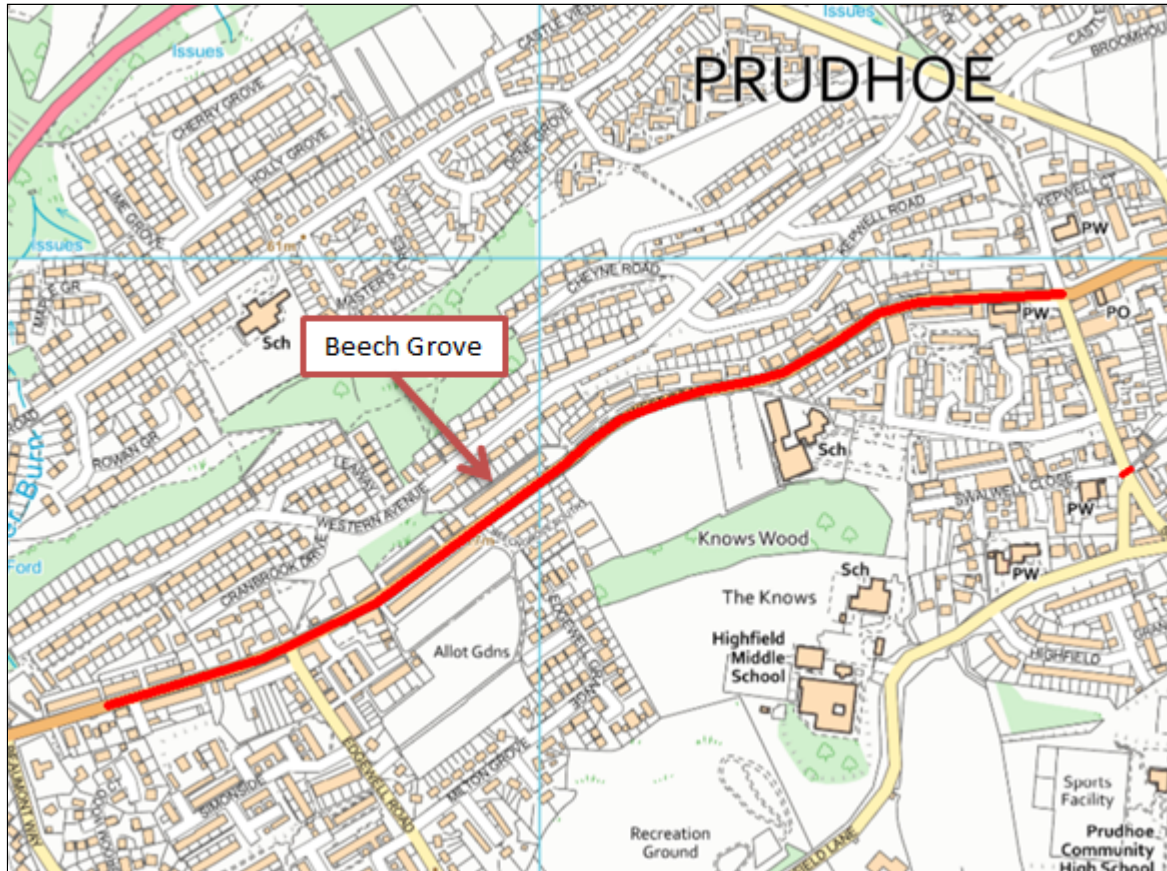


Fig.2. Extent of double yellow lines, B6395 West Road, Prudhoe

The B6395 West Road is the main route in and out of Prudhoe to and from the west. As such, it carries significant volumes of traffic, including large vehicles, (over 3,000 vehicles per day in 2015), and is a bus route. The road is approximately 6.8 metres wide which is below the desired standard for this type of route. The double yellow lines therefore keep the route clear, enable free flow of traffic and prevent congestion.

The majority of the properties along the route are terraced houses with little or no off-street parking. If the double yellow lines were removed there is a strong likelihood that parking will begin to take place at the roadside. This could lead to congestion and interrupt the flow of traffic. It could also give rise to traffic safety issues as vehicles manoeuvring around stationary vehicles could meet oncoming traffic head-on. Furthermore, removing the section outside Beech Grove could lead to similar requests from elsewhere on West Road. It is therefore considered that the lines should remain in place.

The petition refers to the speed of traffic on West Road. The most recent speed survey on West Road was taken in 2015. At that time, the average speeds were 29.8mph eastbound, and 30mph westbound. A new speed survey has been requested and if the average speeds are found to have increased to a level that justifies intervention the results will be passed on to Northumbria Police for enforcement.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	The response to the issues raised in this petition is consistent with LTP Policies.
Finance and value for money	None
Legal	None
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None
Risk Assessment	n/a
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	The petitioners views have been carefully considered in preparing the response to the petition.
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	Prudhoe North

Background papers:

Speed survey ref TS/15/77

Report sign off

	initials
Finance Officer	N/A
Monitoring Officer/Legal	N/A
Human Resources	N/A
Procurement	N/A
I.T.	N/A
Director	PJ
Portfolio Holder(s)	GS

Report Author

Richard McKenzie – Senior Programme Officer
richard.mckenzie@northumberland.gov.uk
01670 624099