



To: **Members of the South Lakeland Locality Board**

Agenda

Dear Member

SOUTH LAKELAND LOCALITY BOARD

A meeting of the South Lakeland Locality Board will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 25 January 2024
Time: 6.00 pm
Place: District Council Chamber - Kendal Town Hall - Kendal
Town Hall, Lowther Street, Kendal, LA9 4DQ

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MEMBERSHIP

Cllr G Archibald
Cllr R Audland
Cllr J Batty (Vice-Chair)
Cllr S Bavin
Cllr J Boak
Cllr M Brereton
Cllr J Brook
Cllr H Chaffey (Chair)
Cllr W Clark
Cllr B Cooper
Cllr J Cornthwaite
Cllr P Dixon
Cllr J Drake
Cllr P Endors
Cllr S Evans

Cllr J Filmore
Cllr E Hennessy
Cllr H Hodgson
Cllr V Hughes
Cllr H Irving
Cllr A Jama
Cllr A Jarvis
Cllr D Jones
Cllr H Ladhams
Cllr I Mitchell
Cllr S Pender
Cllr D Rathbone
Cllr S Sanderson
Cllr M Severn
Cllr P Thornton

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A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

To receive declarations of interest by members of any interests on respect of items on this agenda, and to consider any dispensations.

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registerable or other interests.

3. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item on the agenda.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive any questions or statement which have been received from members of the public and to receive any petitions.

(note questions or statement must be received in writing (including email) by the Council at least 3 clear working days before the day of the meeting (not including the day of the meeting). So, for example, if the meeting is on Tuesday requests must be received by 11.59 pm on the previous Wednesday by the person named on the front of the agenda. Petitions must have been presented to the Monitoring Officer 9 working days before the date of this meeting to be valid).

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 October 2023 (copy enclosed).

(Pages 5 - 16)

6. PRESENTATION FROM FIBRUS

To receive a presentation from Fibrus regarding the Hyperfast GB Project.

7. SAFE AND STRONG COMMUNITIES

To consider a report from the Senior Manager, Safe and Strong Communities.

(Pages 17 - 58)

8. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP REPORT

To consider a report from the Area Highway Network Manager.
(Pages 59 - 68)

9. LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT FUND

To receive a report from the Senior Manager – Sustainable Transport.
(Pages 69 - 80)

10. BRIDGE RESTRICTIONS TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

To consider a report from the Traffic Management Team Leader regarding Bridge Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order.
(Pages 81 - 102)

11. PARKING RESTRICTIONS TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

To consider a report from the Traffic Management Team Leader regarding Parking Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order.
(Pages 103 - 128)

12. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE AND OTHER BODIES

To consider a report from the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer regarding, appointments to Outside and Other Bodies.
(Pages 129 - 136)

13. OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive feedback from members on the outside bodies they attend.

14. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any urgent items of business.

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the South Lakeland Locality Board is scheduled for Thursday, 25 April 2024 at 6 p.m. and will be held in the District Council Chamber at Kendal Town Hall.

WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL SOUTH LAKELAND LOCALITY BOARD

Minutes of a Meeting of the **South Lakeland Locality Board** held on Wednesday, 18 October 2023 at 6.00 pm at District Council Chamber - Kendal Town Hall - Kendal Town Hall, Lowther Street, Kendal, LA9 4DQ

PRESENT:

Cllr G Archibald	Cllr J Filmore
Cllr R Audland	Cllr E Hennessy
Cllr J Battye (Vice-Chair)	Cllr H Hodgson
Cllr S Bavin	Cllr V Hughes
Cllr J Boak	Cllr H Irving
Cllr M Brereton	Cllr A Jarvis
Cllr J Brook	Cllr D Jones
Cllr H Chaffey (Chair)	Cllr H Ladhams
Cllr W Clark	Cllr I Mitchell
Cllr J Cornthwaite	Cllr S Sanderson
Cllr J Drake	Cllr M Severn
Cllr P Endsor	Cllr P Thornton
Cllr S Evans	

Officers in attendance:

Mike Conefrey	Senior Manager (Safe and Strong Communities)
Gill Holmes	Community Development Officer
Hosking	Local Area Network Manager (Highways Delivery)
Helen Karaaslan	Traffic Management Team Leader
Ms J Krier	Legal, Governance and Democracy Senior Specialist (Solicitor)
Mr A Moffatt	Democratic Services

PART I ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Cooper, P Dixon, S Pender and D Rathbone.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interest made at the meeting.

25. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no excluded items on the agenda.

26. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Chair be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2023.

27. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Cox, a local resident was invited by the Chair to address the Locality Board to present a petition which had been signed by 77 residents.

The petition requested the creation of a single lane carriage way with a 20 mph zone along Aynam Road, Kendal.

Following his statement regarding the petition, the Chair thanked Mr Cox for his contribution to the meeting and noted that a written response would be provided by officers.

Members expressed their support for the petition and understanding of the current issues faced by the residents of Aynam Road.

28. PRESENTATION FROM KIER CONSTRUCTION

Members received a presentation regarding the Structures Renewal Scheme on the M6 Lune Gorge (the Scheme) from Kier Construction. The presentation set out the following:-

- background to the Scheme;
- the provisional timescales for options, design and construction;
- Stakeholders engaged with so far;
- next steps for the Scheme; and
- an offering called Caring for Cumbria which was a social value project developed by the M6 Lune Gorge Scheme.

The Chair invited members to raise any questions.

Following a question regarding the number of days that traffic would be flowing through Kendal as a result of the Scheme, Members were informed that traffic management would be an issue and that it was not possible to provide key details of the impact at this stage. It was noted that when this information was available, it would be communicated to Members.

Members referred to the impact the Scheme would have and requested details of any actions to enhance Biodiversity and reduce the impact of the Scheme on Climate Change. It was highlighted that the aim of the Scheme was to not leave an imprint and that a plan would be put in place to enhance the environment in the area.

Details were requested on any plans to contribute to ensuring that areas such as Appleby Road would be in a good condition ahead of the increased traffic flow as a result of the Scheme. Members were informed that there was a strict budget but that if it was possible this would be considered. It was also noted that some areas would benefit from closures that would decrease traffic flowing from the M6 for some periods of time within the proposed timescales of the Scheme.

Members requested that the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills be kept informed on the Caring for Cumbria proposal, particularly where apprenticeships and training were mentioned.

Following a query regarding biodiversity and offsetting CO2, Members were encouraged to email any ideas or helpful information to the scheme.

Members reiterated earlier concern for the impact of the Scheme on the traffic management within Kendal, particularly the potential impact on the elderly residents around Kendal who may rely on a Carer.

Members were informed of the reasons for replacing the bridges and were provided with the estimated life span of the planned replacements. It was requested that Grayrigg, New Hutton and Sedbergh Parish Councils all be kept up to date on the Scheme.

29. SAFE AND STRONG COMMUNITIES

The Senior Manager (Safe and Strong Communities) introduced a report which set out information from across the Thriving Communities Teams, including community development, and provided an update on the work undertaken by three of the four working groups created by the Locality Board at its meeting held on 18 July 2023. Members were also given an update on current issues and an overview of the Locality Board budget position.

The Senior Manager (Safe and Strong Communities) informed Members of an amendment to the wording of paragraph 3.1 in the report which read as below

These budget lines respectively 'Building Community Assets' and 'Climate Action and Biodiversity' to be administered in accordance with the criteria regarding Community Grants agreed by Cabinet at its meeting of the 12th September 2023 OR the terms of the Officer Decision Record (ODR) of August 2023 regarding the Priority Investment Fund, Strong and Connected Communities Programme (Appendix VI - to follow).

The Chair then invited the three Working Group Chairs to provide an update on the work undertaken in the initial meetings.

The Chair of the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group informed Members that the Working Group had discussed the two devolved budgets, which related to Building Community Assets and Local Sustainable Travel and Transport. Members were informed of the issues considered, as set out in the Action Notes of the meeting which were attached at Appendix II to the report.

The Chair of the Children and Young People Working Group informed Members that the Working Group had received a written report on the Children's Public Health Team and a verbal update from the Youth Council/ Youth Parliament and Early Years Service. Members of the Working Group also discussed the role of Elected Members as Corporate Parents and considered access to youth work. A number of grant submissions had been considered with respect to the two devolved budgets as set out in the Action Notes of the meeting which were attached at Appendix I to the report. Members also highlighted discussions around changes to the terminology used in the Terms of Reference and other documents relating to children and young people, Members had been requested to use "cared for children" and "care experienced" in the future.

The Chair of the Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity Working Group recognised the positive step the South Lakeland Locality Board had taken in recognising Climate Change and Biodiversity loss as a priority of the Locality Board and commented that across the Westmorland and Furness area there should be equity in the approach of Members and Officers. He noted that communication was key regarding potential funding opportunities and that several actions were raised at the Working Group which he looked forward to updating on. The Action Notes of the Working Group were attached at Appendix III to the report.

Members were reminded of and encouraged to attend the ongoing consultation on the Climate Change Action Plan, which in part was being conducted through a series of Climate Conversations across the Westmorland and Furness area.

The Chair proposed that members consider the recommendations in the following order:-

- Recommendations at paragraph 2.1 to 2.6 and 2.9 to 2.10 in the report
- Recommendation at paragraph 2.7 in the report
- Recommendation 2.8

A motion to approve recommendations 2.1 to 2.6 and 2.9 to 2.10 was proposed and seconded.

Members expressed their support for the recommendations and information set out in the report, which would provide support for households across the South Lakeland Area and noted their concern regarding funding from central government.

A vote was taken and Members unanimously approved recommendations set out at 2.1 to 2.6 and 2.9 to 2.10.

Regarding the recommendation set out in 2.7, Members were asked to consider the funding report set out in Appendix IV, relating to Destination Hawkshead.

A proposal was received to grant an award of £16,620 to Hawkshead Parish Council from the Building Community Assets Budget and was seconded.

The seconder then withdrew his seconding of the motion.

The Chair requested an alternative proposal from members.

Members requested clarity on the figures in the application to ensure that they represented good value for money.

Following a request from Members the Chair clarified that if members were minded to defer the decision to enable the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group to consider the proposal, the next meeting of the Locality Board was scheduled for January 2024.

An alternative motion was proposed as follows:-

To delegated authority to the Senior Manager (Safe and Strong Communities) in consultation with the Chair of the South Lakeland Locality Board and the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group to consider the grant application from Hawkshead Parish Council and to make a decision..

The motion was seconded.

Members expressed their strong support for the proposal and noted the need to ensure that the criteria for success and any lessons learnt were set out if the funding was to be approved.

A vote was taken and the recommendation was approved.

Members were asked to consider recommendations 2.8 (i) and (ii) as follows:-

2.8 (i) Agree to the establishment of a Community Transport Grants Panel to award grants (including bus grants) to community transport providers. The Director of Thriving Places in consultation with the Chair of the Locality Board is given the delegated authority to determine the relevant schemes and criteria to distribute the investment for community transport grant awards

2.8 (ii) If 2.8(i) is agreed, to nominate five members to form this Community Transport Panel as described in (paragraph 3.7 of the report).

Following a query on the total budget the panel would have if members were minded to approve, Senior Manager (Safe and Strong Communities) explained that the Locality Board could decide the amount to allocate to the panel. The Cabinet Member for Highways and Assets clarified that the legislation around Community Transport was complicated and that where members had projects that should be put forward to the panel, discussions with officers would take place.

A motion to agree the amended recommendation at 2.8 (i) was proposed and seconded, a vote was taken and it was unanimously approved.

Members were then asked to nominate five members to the Community Transport Panel as set out at 2.8 (ii). Councillors M Brereton, R Audland, V Hughes, E Hennessy and I Mitchell were nominated.

A motion to agree the five nominated members was proposed and seconded. A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED, that:-

- (1) the award of £15,500 from the 0-19 budget to Brathay Trust be approved, to cover the essential delivery costs required to maintain the various delivery strands of the Youth Matters project in Year 2 for the reasons set out in the report;
- (2) it be noted that the following grant awards from the 0-19 budget and the 11-19 universal services budget that have been made under the delegation from the Locality Board on 18 July 2023 to the Senior Manager Safe and Strong Communities in consultation with the Chair Vice Chair and the relevant ward members and in accordance with the criteria in the Cabinet Guidance agreed by Shadow Cabinet in February 2023:
 - £4,470 from the 11-19 universal services budget to Youth Presence for open access youth provision in Kendal
 - £2,436 from the 0-19 budget to Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust to contribute to a pilot project with primary school children to address the gap in literary education due to COVID, using Comic Art.
 - £4000 from the 0-19 budget to Cumbria Youth Alliance for the delivery of the Dreamscheme project in South Lakeland.
- (3) decisions on grant awards up to £5,000, in respect of the South Lakeland Building Community Assets Budget (to be administered as set out in this report) be delegated to the Senior Manager Safe and Strong Communities in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequality Working group the Chair and Vice Chair of the South Lakeland Locality Board and the relevant ward Members;

- (4) decisions on grant awards up to £5,000 in respect of the Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity budget (to be administered as set out in this report) be delegated to the Senior Manager Safe and Strong Communities in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity Working group the Chair and Vice Chair of South Lakeland Locality Board and the relevant ward Member/s;
- (5) the award of £30,000 from the devolved Department of Work & Pensions (DWP) Household Support Fund (HSF) to Action for Children be approved for the reasons set out in this report;
- (6) decisions on grant awards up to £5,000 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund (to be administered in accordance with the DWP criteria for that funding) be delegated to the Senior Manager Safe and Strong Communities in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of South Lakeland Locality Board and the relevant ward Member/s;
- (7) The Senior Manager (Safe and Strong Communities) in consultation with the Chair of the South Lakeland Locality Board and the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group be delegated authority to consider the grant application from Hawkshead Parish Council and to make a decision.
- (8)
 - (i) the establishment of a Community Transport Grants Panel to award grants (including bus grants) to community transport providers be agreed and that delegated authority be given to the Director of Thriving Places in consultation with the Chair of the Locality Board to determine the relevant schemes and criteria to distribute the investment for community transport grant awards; and
 - (ii) the following members form the Community Transport Grants Panel as described in 3.7:-
 - 1) Councillor M Brereton
 - 2) Councillor V Hughes
 - 3) Councillor R Audland
 - 4) Councillor E Hennessy
 - 5) Councillor I Mitchell
- (9) in respect of the full Community Grant fund, decision making be delegated in relation to grant awards of up to £5,000 per award to the Senior Manager Safe and Strong Communities in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and relevant ward members, in accordance with the Community Grant Scheme Guidance approved by Cabinet on 12 September 2023, for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.8; and
- (10) the Summary Budget Position as set out in Appendix V be noted.

30. HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP REPORT

The Area Highway Network Manager introduced a report which set out the Action Notes of the Highways Working Group (the Working Group), held on 13 September 2023.

Members were provided with details of the Action Notes as attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Chair invited Councillor R Audland, the Chair of the Working Group to provide an update on the work done by members at the first two meetings.

Members were informed that the two meetings had set the scene for the work done by the Working Group and had provided valuable discussion.

It was requested that the papers for the Working Group be shared to all Members as it would provide useful information and avoid repetition of questions to officers. A further request for training on Traffic Regulation Orders for Town and Parish Councils was made.

Members reiterated the Chair of the Working Group's comments and thanked officers for an informative meeting.

RESOLVED, that the Actions Notes of the Working Group meeting of 13 September 2023 at Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

31. BRIDGE RESTRICTIONS TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - HIGH CUNSEY AND RIGMADEN

The Traffic Management Team Leader introduced a report, which set out the responses to the statutory consultation and advertising of the Order as set out in the report.

The Council had been requested by the Bridges and Structures Team to consult upon weight and traffic restrictions for High Cunsey and Rigmaden Bridges respectively within the South Lakeland Area. Full details of the proposal were set out in the report and attached appendices.

The report included:-

- the statutory notice used for advertising and consultation as attached at Appendix 1 to the report;
- plans as attached at Appendices 2a and 2b to the report;
- the Councils' statement of reason for proposing to make the order as attached at Appendix 3 to the reports; and
- a summary of responses to the consultation, as set out at Appendix 4 to the report (Appendix 4 had been circulated as a late document to all members of the Locality Board).

Members expressed their support for the proposals and noted that it was important that diversion routes were clearly set out. It was highlighted how important repairing both bridges was, as large detours would increase carbon emissions and travel time.

Officers and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Assets were thanked for their hard work and leadership in ensuring the repairs were completed.

A motion to approve the recommendation as set out in the report was proposed and seconded. A vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED, that, having taken into account the representations, which were received during the statutory consultation and advertisement and having also taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 8.1 of the Report, the Westmorland and Furness Council (C5028 High Cunsey, near Far Sawrey) (Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles over 7.5 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight) and (C5080 Rigmaden Bridge, near Barbon) (Prohibition of All Traffic) Order 2022 (<“the Order”>) be approved and be brought into operation as advertised.

32. LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND

The Senior Manager – Safe and Strong Communities introduced a report, which presented Members with a list of schemes which the South Lakeland Locality Board – Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group had recommended approving to utilise the Local Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund (the Fund) allocation.

The report set out the funding for the Local Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund, as agreed by Cabinet at its 6 June 2023 meeting as well as the process and funding delegations for considering any bids from relevant groups which would be submitted to a South Lakeland Community Transport Grants Panel for approval. Members were being asked to endorse the first phase of schemes as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, which had been presented to the South Lakeland Locality Board Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group.

Members were informed of a bid to the Fund from the Friends of the X112 Community Group for a grant of £5,000 to support the operational costs of this community run service until March 2024 with an additional request being considered by the Furness Locality Board for support of £1,750, which reflected the passenger usage in the locality.

Following a query from Members, the Senior Manager (Safe and Strong Communities) provided clarity on the progress on the list of issues raised by Members during the 'walk the ward' sessions. He informed Members that the list had been disaggregated across the different areas of the Council to assign them to the most appropriate area and that the organised list of proposals would be brought to the December Working Groups.

Note - Cllr I Mitchell left the meeting at 19.50

Members welcomed the inclusion of the list of schemes at Appendix 1 and commented on the positive impact that the schemes would have when implemented across the South Lakeland area. It was noted that Town and Parish Councils could provide valuable knowledge on their local areas and would be keen to take an interest in any future works.

Following a request from Members, the Chair requested that officers share the list of issues raised in the 'walk the ward' sessions. It was also noted that Members would have the opportunity to put any further ideas forwards.

A motion to approve the recommendation in the report was proposed and seconded. A vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED, that the Director of Thriving Places, in consultation with the Chair of the Locality Board be recommended to agree the list of recommended schemes to utilise the Local Sustainable Travel and Transport fund, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

33. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The Legal, Governance and Democracy Senior Specialist (Solicitor) introduced the report and noted that the Council had been approached by Ulverston Business Improvement District (BID) to request that an appointment be made to the Ulverston BID by the South Lakeland Locality Board.

Councillor V Hughes nominated Councillor H Irving as the representative on Ulverston BID and was seconded by Councillor M Brereton.

No further nominations were received/ repeat as above.

RESOLVED, that Councillor H Irving be appointed as the Council's representative on Ulverston BID.

34. OUTSIDE BODIES

Members provided verbal updates following Outside Body meetings they had attended.

Feedback on the Council's Armed Forces Board, the Climate Conversation held in Barrow, the Brewery Arts Centre Trust and the National Park Authority were received.

Members requested that communication on the functions of the Locality Board be circulated to residents and community groups to ensure that they were aware of the work done and opportunities provided by the Locality Board.

Following a query raised by Members, the Legal, Governance and Democracy Senior Specialist (Solicitor) provided an update on a request from members at the last meeting of the Locality Board for further information on the role of members who had been appointed to Outside Bodies. Members were informed that this was an ongoing process and that an update had been circulated to all members of the Locality Board with information that had been provided by the Outside and Other Bodies.

35. URGENT ITEMS

There were no Urgent Items for consideration.

36. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the South Lakeland Locality Board is scheduled for Thursday, 25 January 2024 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the District Council Chamber at Kendal Town Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.07 pm

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Report Title:	Safe and Strong Communities
Meeting:	South Lakeland Locality Board
Meeting Date:	25 th January 2024
Report Author:	Mike Conefrey – Senior Manager, Safe and Strong Communities
Lead Cabinet Member(s):	Cllr Virginia Taylor – Sustainable Communities and Localities
Wards Affected	All in South Lakeland
PUBLIC, PART EXEMPT OR FULLY EXEMPT	Public
List of Appendices	<p>Appendix I: Children and Young People Working Group - Action Notes</p> <p>Appendix II: Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group - Action Notes (Known as Communities & Equity Working Group)</p> <p>Appendix III: Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity Working Group - Action Notes</p> <p>Appendix IV: South Lakeland Locality Board Plan – DRAFT</p> <p>Appendix V: Devolved Budget – Summary Position</p>

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Safe and Strong Communities report brings together information from across the thriving community teams including community development. This report provides the South Lakeland Locality Board with an update on the work undertaken in Locality Board priority areas as reflected by the Board's attendant Working Groups, namely:

- Children and Young People Working Group
- Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group
- Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity Working Group

In addition, the report provides an opportunity to highlight current issues and gives an overview of the Locality Board budget position.

2. Recommendations

For the reasons set out in this report, it is recommended that the South Lakeland Locality Board:

- 2.1 Approve the award of £10,000 from the 11-19 Universal Youth Services budget to Levens Playing Fields for refurbishment of playing fields in Levens.
- 2.2 Approve the award of £10,000 from the 0-19 budget to St John's Hospice to support the delivery of Bereavement Support Services for Children and Young People.
- 2.3 Approve the award of £8,870 from the 0-19 budget to Comic Arts to support the Manga Mash Up Library Project in Kendal Library.
- 2.4 Approve the award of £12,500 from the 0-19 budget to the Kent Estuary Youth Project to support the Life & Community Skills Project.
- 2.5 Approve the award of £15,000 from the Priority Investment Fund, Strong and Connected Communities Programme to Waste into Wellbeing to support Phase 1 development of a new climate hub/food waste project.
- 2.6 Approve the award of £35,000 from the Priority Investment Fund, Strong and Connected Communities Programme to Cumbria Wildlife Trust to support continuation of the Planting for Pollinators Project.
- 2.7 Approve the award of £25,000 from the Priority Investment Fund, Strong and Connected Communities Programme to Stricklandgate House Trust to support preliminary phase of proposed large scale building refurbishment and redevelopment.
- 2.8 Approve the award of £8,000 from the Priority Investment Fund, Strong and Connected Communities Programme to Waste into Wellbeing to support installation of an accessible toilet.
- 2.9 Approve the award of £7,000 from the Priority Investment Fund, Strong and Connected Communities Programme to Ambleside Parish Centre (Community Hub) towards Centre costs.
- 2.10 Approve the award of £6,500 from the Priority Investment Fund, Strong and Connected Communities Programme to Arnside Sailing Club to support building changing facilities and a meeting room in the boat house.
- 2.11 Approve the Draft South Lakeland Locality Board plan (Appendix IV).
- 2.12 Note the award of the following grants in accordance with the delegated authority agreed by the locality Board at its meetings on the 18th of July 2023 and the 18th of October 2023 (Ref: Westmorland and Furness Council South

Lakeland Locality Board, meeting 18th October 2023, Minutes sec. 29 (3, 4 & 6); Westmorland and Furness Council South Lakeland Locality Board, meeting 18th July 2023, Minutes sec. 19 (7 & 12)).

Name of Group / Organisation	Purpose of Grant	Grant Awarded
Burton Memorial Hall	Feasibility survey to assess suitability of solar panels	£3,350
Kent Estuary Youth (KEY)	The purchase of a range of equipment	£1,500
Pennington Parish Council	Repair works to a car park located in Loppergarth	£1,450
Sedbergh Allotments Association	Towards hedge laying at Sedbergh Community Allotments	£900
Sustainability & Energy Network in Staveley (SENS)	Purchase of bike trailer	£400
Manna House	Household support costs	£5,000
Outside In Cumbria	A Tuesday evening session, offering a warm place to eat and drink, for families	£2,130
Kirkby Lonsdale Community Cupboard	Winter 2023 warm spaces project	£3,980
Cartmel Peninsula Holiday Boxes	The cost of food boxes	£2,660
Grange-over-Sands Community Lunch/Foodshare	Household support costs	£5,000
Milnthorpe Area Food Bank	The cost of providing food parcels	£2,000
Sandylands Residents Association	Weekly Foodshare costs	£3,500
Ambleside Parish Centre	The running of a weekly food club	£3,180
Windermere & District Foodbank	Household support costs	£4,950
Staveley with Ings Together	The cost of weekly food parcels	£3,200

Coniston Parish Council	Supporting the Community Pantry/Fridge project	£1,000
Kendal Food Club	The running costs of the food club	£3,600
Zero Waste Sedbergh CIC	Household support costs	£2,000
Ulverston Food Waste Project	Food share and warm spot costs	£2,000
Kirkbarrow Residents Association	Household support costs	£5,000
St Johns Hospice	2 items of specialist equipment for in-patient ward	£5,000
Waste into Well Being	Towards an accessible toilet	£5,000
Youth Presence	Year 6 transition project	£4,950
Action for Children	To provide hygiene products at each children's centre	£905
Ambleside Parish Centre	Contribution to projects	£4,500
Greenwich Leisure Ltd	10p swims for children	£4,284
Kirkby Lonsdale & Lune Valley Community Interest Company	Supporting the Annual Christmas Fair	£2,110
Levens Methodist Church	Towards costs for a winter warm spot	£748
Inspira	Catering to support return to work courses	£4,000
Cumbria Action for Sustainability CAfS)	Small grants programme for groups to run Great Big Green Week events	£2,500

2.13 Note the Summary Budget Position (Appendix V)

3 Information: The Rationale and Evidence

South Lakeland Locality Board priorities 2023/24

3.1 At the meeting of the South Lakeland Locality Board held on the 18th of July 2023 members resolved to form four Working Groups reflecting the local priorities identified following workshops held in May and June. These Working

Groups to be focused on Children and Young People, Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities, Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity, and Highways. At this meeting the Locality Board agreed to combine the Priority Investment Fund Project monies attendant to the Strong and Connected Communities Programme devolved to the Locality Board with General Provisions funding to create two budget lines upon which the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group and the Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity Working Group would advise the Locality Board regarding spend. These budget lines respectively 'Building Community Assets' and 'Climate Action and Biodiversity' to be administered as appropriate in accordance with the criteria regarding Community Grants agreed by Cabinet at its meeting of the 12th of September 2023 and/or the terms of the Officer Decision Record (ODR) of August 2023 regarding the Priority Investment Fund, Strong and Connected Communities Programme (Appendix VI, Safe & Strong Communities Report, South Lakeland Locality Board Meeting 18th October 2023).

3.2 Children and Young People Working Group.

- 3.2.1 The Children and Young People Working group met on the 11th of December 2023 (Action Notes are provided at Appendix I). The Working Group received a verbal report with respect to the Children in Care Council and Care Experienced Young People including an update on activities which have taken place recently and are due to take place in coming months. Em Fenton (Deputy Member of Youth Parliament) attended the meeting and gave an overview of her role. A verbal update on the changes to the Public Health nurses' team was provided.
- 3.2.2 At its meeting on the 18th of July the South Lakeland Locality Board agreed that decisions on grant awards up to £5,000 from the 0-19 budget and the 11-19 universal services budget be delegated to the Senior Manager, Safe and Strong Communities, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair and the relevant ward Members provided that these are in accordance with the criteria in the Cabinet Guidance agreed by Shadow Cabinet in February 2023. (Ref: Westmorland and Furness Council South Lakeland Locality Board, meeting 18th July 2023, Minutes sec. 19 (7)). Accordingly, the Locality Board is recommended to approve the award of £10,000 from the 11-19 Universal Youth Services budget to Levens Playing Fields for refurbishment of playing fields in Levens, approve the award of £10,000 from the 0-19 budget to St John's Hospice to support the delivery of Bereavement Support Services for Children and Young People, approve the award of £8,870 from the 0-19 budget to Comic Arts to support the Manga Mash Up Library Project in Kendal

Library and approve the award of £12,500 from the 0-19 budget to the Kent Estuary Youth Project to support the Life & Community Skills Project.

This is deemed to be consistent with the conditions agreed by the Locality Board at its meeting on the 18th of July 2023, namely that projects address at least one of the following criteria:

- Provide access to play, recreational, leisure or outdoor activities.
- Provide access to care or educational activities.
- Provide access to safe and enjoyable places for children and young people to go.
- Provide access to holiday, weekend or out of school activities.
- Enable children and young people's involvement and participation e.g. forum, youth council, engagement, empowerment, decision-making.
- Support children and young people to take part in volunteering or community action.

3.2.3 The Board is also asked to note the awards that have been made under the delegation to the Senior Manager, Safe and Strong Communities agreed on the 18th of July 2023 meeting:

- The award of £4,950 from the 0-19 budget to Youth Presence to support a year 6 transition project.
- The award of £905 from the 0-19 budget to Action for Children to provide hygiene products at each children's centre.
- The award of £4,500 from the 0-19 budget to Ambleside Parish Centre to contribute to projects for children and young people.
- The award of £4,284 from the 0-19 budget to Greenwich Leisure Ltd to support 10p swims for children and young people.

3.3 Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group.

3.3.1 The Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group met on the 6th of December 2023 (Action Notes are provided at Appendix II). The Working Group considered a presentation from Jade Gibson of Community Catalysts updated members on current activity commissioned by Westmorland and Furness Council to provide free advice and information to caring support businesses in Barrow, South Lakeland and Eden. Lois Sparling provided an update on the work of the South Lakeland Poverty Truth Commission. Items attendant to the Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund are addressed in the accompanying paper.

3.3.2 At its meeting on the 18th of October 2023 the Locality Board agreed that awards up to £5,000, in respect of the South Lakeland Building Community Assets Budget be delegated to the Senior Manager Safe and Strong Communities in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequality Working group the Chair and Vice Chair of the South Lakeland Locality Board and the relevant ward Member/s (Ref: Westmorland and Furness Council South Lakeland Locality Board, meeting 18th October 2023, Minutes sec. 29 (3)). Accordingly the Locality Board is recommended to approve the award of £15,000 from the Priority Investment Fund (Strong and Connected Communities Programme) to Stricklandgate House Trust to support preliminary phase of proposed large scale building refurbishment and redevelopment (this in conjunction with £10,000 from the Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity Budget), approve the award of £8,000 from the Priority Investment Fund (Strong and Connected Communities Programme) to Waste into Wellbeing to support installation of an accessible toilet (this in conjunction with £5,000 from the Community Grants Fund), approve the award of £7,000 from the Priority Investment Fund (Strong and Connected Communities Programme) to Ambleside Parish Centre (Community Hub) towards Centre costs and approve the award of £6,500 from the Priority Investment Fund (Strong and Connected Communities Programme) to Arnside Sailing Club to support building changing facilities and a meeting room in the boat house.

This is deemed to be consistent with the priorities agreed by the Locality Board at its meeting on the 18th of July 2023, namely that projects contribute to at least one of the following:

- Building Community Assets.
- Enabling communities to reduce inequalities.
- Enabling communities to build opportunity.
- Enabling communities to achieve greater independence.

3.3.3 The Board is also asked to note the awards that have been made under the delegation to the Senior Manager Safe and Strong Communities agreed on the 18th of October 2023 meeting:

- The award of £4,000 from the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities budget to Inspira to provide catering to support return to work courses.
- The award of £3,350 from the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities budget to Burton Memorial Hall for a feasibility survey to assess suitability of solar panels.

- The award of £2,110 from the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities budget to Kirkby Lonsdale & Lune Valley Community Interest Company to Support the Annual Christmas Fair.
- The award of £748 from the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities budget to Levens Methodist Church towards costs for a winter warm spot.

3.4 **Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity Working Group.**

3.4.1 The Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity Working Group met on the 13th of December (Action Notes are provided at Appendix III). The Working Group received a presentation from Cumbria Wildlife Trust on the Pollinator Programmes in Cumbria, including the 23/24 Planting for Pollinators which has included 7 sites in South Lakeland and a presentation on the Home Upgrade Grants 2 scheme being delivered by W&F Council to provide energy efficiency upgrades and low-carbon heating for households earning up to £31,000 a year living in the least energy efficient, off-gas grid homes. The group was advised that the previous South Lakeland District Council Biodiversity Toolkit has been rebranded and updated as requested at the last meeting.

3.4.2 At its meeting on the 18th of October 2023 the Locality Board agreed that awards up to £5,000, in respect of the South Lakeland Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity Budget be delegated to the Senior Manager Safe and Strong Communities in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequality Working group the Chair and Vice Chair of the South Lakeland Locality Board and the relevant ward Member/s (Ref: Westmorland and Furness Council South Lakeland Locality Board, meeting 18th October 2023, Minutes sec. 29 (4)). Accordingly the Locality Board is recommended to approve the award of £35,000 to Cumbria Wildlife Trust from the Priority Investment Fund (Strong and Connected Communities Programme) to support continuation of the Planting for Pollinators Project, approve the award of £15,000 to Waste into Wellbeing from the Priority Investment Fund (Strong and Connected Communities Programme) to support Phase 1 development of a new climate hub/food waste project and approve the award of £15,000 from the Priority Investment Fund (Strong and Connected Communities Programme) to Stricklandgate House Trust to support preliminary phase of proposed large scale building refurbishment and redevelopment (this in conjunction with £15,000 from the Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Budget).

This is deemed to be consistent with the priority agreed by the Locality Board at its meeting on the 18th of July 2023, namely:

- Caring for our climate and reducing our carbon footprint.

3.4.3 The Board is also asked to note the awards that have been made under the delegation to the Senior Manager Safe and Strong Communities agreed on the 18th of October 2023 meeting:

- The award of £400 from the Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity Budget to Sustainability & Energy Network in Staveley towards purchase of a bike trailer.
- The award of £2,500 from the Climate Action and Increasing Biodiversity Budget to Cumbria Action for Sustainability to provide a small grants programme for groups to run Great Big Green Week events.

3.5 Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund (HSF)

3.5.1 At its meeting on the 18th of October 2023 the Locality Board agreed that award decisions on grant awards up to £5,000 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund (to be administered in accordance with the DWP criteria for that funding) be delegated to the Senior Manager Safe and Strong Communities in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of South Lakeland Locality Board and the relevant ward Member/s (Ref: Westmorland and Furness Council South Lakeland Locality Board, meeting 18th October 2023, Minutes sec. 29 (6)). Accordingly, the Board is asked to note:

- The award of £5,000 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Manna House to assist people with household costs.
- The award of £2,130 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Outside In Cumbria to provide a Tuesday evening session offering a warm place to eat and drink for families.
- The award of £3,980 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Kirkby Lonsdale Community Cupboard to support the Winter 2023 warm spaces project.
- The award of £2,660 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Cartmel Peninsula Holiday Boxes towards the cost of food boxes.
- The award of £5,000 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Grange-over-Sands Community Lunch/Foodshare to assist people with household costs.

- The award of £2,000 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Milnthorpe Area Food Bank towards the cost of providing food parcels.
- The award of £3,500 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Sandylands Residents Association to support with weekly FoodShare costs.
- The award of £3,180 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Ambleside Parish Centre towards the running of a weekly food club.
- The award of £4,950 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Windermere & District Foodbank to assist people with household costs.
- The award of £3,200 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Staveley with Ings Together to assist with the cost of weekly food parcels.
- The award of £1,000 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Coniston Parish Council to support the Community Pantry/Fridge project.
- The award of £3,600 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Kendal Food Club to support the running costs of the food club.
- The award of £2,000 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Zero Waste Sedbergh Community Interest Company to assist people with household costs.
- The award of £2,000 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Ulverston Food Waste Project to support FoodShare and warm spot costs.
- The award of £5,000 from the Department of Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to Kirkbarrow Residents Association to assist people with household costs.

3.6 Community Grants

- 3.6.1 At its meeting on the 18th of October 2023 the Locality Board agreed that award decisions on grant awards up to £5,000 from the Community Grants Fund (to be administered in accordance with the Community Grant Scheme Guidance approved by Cabinet on 12 September 2023) be delegated to the Senior Manager Safe and Strong Communities in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of South Lakeland Locality Board and the relevant ward Member/s (Ref: Westmorland and Furness Council South Lakeland Locality Board, meeting 18th October 2023, Minutes sec. 29 (9)). Accordingly, the Board is asked to note:

- The award of £5,000 from the Community Grants Fund to Waste into Well Being towards the installation of an accessible toilet (this in conjunction with £8,000 from the Priority Investment Fund (Strong and Connected Communities Programme)).
- The award of £1,500 from the Community Grants Fund to the Kent Estuary Youth Project towards the purchase of a range of equipment
- The award of £1,450 from the Community Grants Fund to Pennington Parish Council towards repair works to a car park located in Loppergarth.
- The award of £900 from the Community Grants Fund to Sedbergh Allotments Association towards hedge laying at Sedbergh Community Allotments
- The award of £5,000 from the Community Grants Fund to St Johns Hospice towards the purchase of 2 items of specialist equipment for the in-patient ward.

3.7 South Lakeland Locality Board Plan

3.7.1 The South Lakeland Locality Board Draft Plan (Appendix IV) describes the Locality Board priorities, methods of working and aspirations. It supports Westmorland and Furness Council's vision, priorities and values. The Locality Board Plan priorities will be reviewed with local members annually to ensure the plan continues to reflect the concerns of the local community.

Members are recommended to approve the South Lakeland Locality Board Draft Plan.

3.8 Other Activity of Note

3.8.1 Locality Board Additional Meetings:

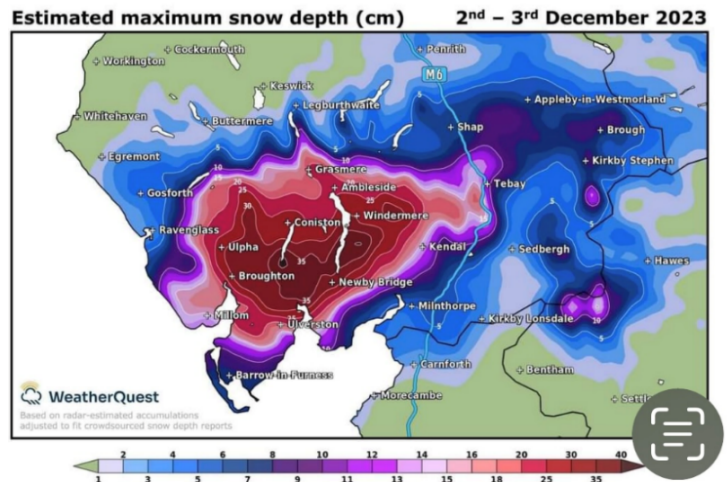
In addition to quarterly meetings and meetings of working groups the Locality Board has the opportunity to request additional meetings to consider topics of interest. Since the Board last met in October 2023 members have had the opportunity to attend meetings considering the following;

- The Westmorland & Furness Council Climate and Nature Partnership Fund
- The UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Community and School Transport

- The Community Safety Partnership
- Winter Preparedness

3.8.2 Snow:

Saturday the 3rd of December saw very heavy and unexpected snow fall across a large part of South Lakeland. A number of events had drawn visitors to the area and many people were unable to return home due to impassable roads. Along with the police, mountain rescue and other partners



Westmorland and Furness Council mobilised a significant response from across the organisation, to work on opening roads, supporting the co-ordination of the emergency response etc. Many of these staff were not on-call but once contacted worked through the weekend to support local communities and stranded visitors.



The South Lakeland communities team worked through the weekend to identify and support community groups that were contributing to the effort and to glean situational awareness from contacts 'on the ground.' A number of community facilities (along with businesses) opened their doors for people stranded overnight providing shelter, warmth food and drink in an exemplary community effort. The communities' team are working to ensure community groups and community centres that used their resources to provide food and drinks etc. are not financially disadvantaged by their efforts.

3.8.3 Farm Visit:

The concerns of our local farming community, the contribution that community makes to the local area and the challenges those in farming face are of great interest not only to Westmorland and Furness Council but to many partner organisations most notably those working in health care.



At the end of November Cllr Pender generously facilitated an opportunity for council officers interested in biodiversity, rural poverty, and the rural economy along colleagues from primary care with an interest in physical and mental health could explore these issues in situ during a visit to an upland farm. Thankfully the weather, along with the setting, was beautiful as was the home baked lemon cake!

3.8.4 South Lakeland Community Health, Wellbeing and Equity Partnership:

Early in December Katrina Stephens, The Director of Public Health for Westmorland and Furness, lead a workshop to consider how best the Public Health agenda might be progressed across South Lakeland.



Those invited included the relevant portfolio holders, the chair of the Locality Board and its' working groups, representatives from other statutory and voluntary partner organisations. As the South Lakeland locality board has a member working group (Building Communities Assets and Addressing Inequality) that considers many of the issues attendant to the Public Health agenda considerable thought was given to what an additional form might offer and how it might best be organised. Further work continues on an appropriate local model which it is anticipated will be agreed in the coming months.

4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (People, Climate, Communities, Economy and Culture, Customers, Workforce)

1. South Lakeland Locality Board has a key role in local community leadership, it is ideally placed to progress the Council Plan priorities through enabling collaborative local working across the priority themes. Close working with partner organisations and communities ensures that the interventions undertaken to address these priorities are relevant to our population and that local people are at the heart of council delivery.

2. The priorities of the South Lakeland Locality Board compliment those of the Council as a whole; the work of the Locality Board brings both additionality and emphasis that reflects the particular circumstances of the area.

3. Having now established Working Groups aligned to the agreed local priorities the South Lakeland Locality Board is now equipped with a decision making infrastructure which will enable considered and effective progress with respect these priorities.

4. The proposed South Lakeland Locality Board Plan provides explicit coherence between the work of the Locality Board and the Council Plan priorities. If adopted it offers a strong platform for local decision making that progresses corporate objectives in a manner sympathetic to local circumstances.

5. Consultation Outcomes (with services, ward councillors & public consultation where required)

5.1 No consultation outcomes.

6. Alternative Options Considered

6.1 Members may choose to either agree the recommendations as presented or suggest alternative proposals.

7. Financial Implications and risk

7.1 The Locality Board currently has unallocated resources in its budget totalling £198,315, which includes decisions made at previous meetings and grants of

up to £5,000 made under the agreed delegated authority contained in this report, with a breakdown of the budget headings shown in Appendix 5 to the report.

- 7.2 Recommendations for approval by the Locality Board in this report total £137,870 and these are summarised in Appendix 5. Should all these recommendations be approved, £137,870 will be committed from the budget, leaving unallocated resources of £60,445 available for future allocation.

8. Legal & Governance Implications

- 8.1 The Locality Boards Terms of Reference within the Constitution at Part 2 – Section 5 include: the power to allocate funding grants within the terms of a Community Grants Scheme to be developed by the Cabinet, and allocation of discretionary budgets, making decisions and developing activities in supporting locality working, projects and activities within the terms of any scheme that may be developed by the Cabinet.
- 8.2 Locality Board members must satisfy themselves that the proposals to distribute grants are being made in accordance with agreed criteria to ensure consistency and transparency across the process. Due weight must be given in terms of equalities duties and fairness. Should the Council distribute funds not in accordance with these principles, then it could be at risk of legal challenge.
- 8.3 Grant awards should be made subject to appropriate terms and conditions and with regard to the Council's Finance Procedure Rules. Members of the Locality Board will need to satisfy themselves that the proposed grant awards are being determined in accordance with criteria.
- 8.4 The Council is under a legal obligation to comply with the Subsidy Control Act 2022. Decisions of the Council may be challenged by judicial review if the subsidy control rules are not followed or not followed completely. Grants or other measures may be suspended, and orders for damages or recovery of any unlawful subsidy made. The Council may suffer reputational damage if an unlawful subsidy is made.

9. Human Resources Implications

- 9.1 There are no human resources implications resulting from this report.

10. Equality & Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty, Armed Forces Families, Care Leavers and Health inequalities implications)

- 10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications resulting from this report.

11. Background Information & Sources (used in preparation of this Report)

- 11.1 This report has been compiled based on previous decisions by Westmorland & Furness Council and work undertaken by Thriving Community Teams in conjunction with colleagues.

SOUTH LAKELAND LOCALITY BOARD OF WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP

Meeting 11 December 2023

ACTION NOTES

In Attendance:

Core members

Cllr Shirley Evans (Chair), Cllr Janet Battye (Vice-chair), Cllr Jenny Boak, Cllr Will Clark, Cllr Jonathan Cornthwaite, Cllr Jackie Drake, Cllr Judy Filmore, Cllr Vicky Hughes

Other attending members

Cllr Helen Chaffey, Cllr Hazel Hodgson, Cllr Rupert Audland, Cllr Andrew Jarvis, Cllr Matt Severn, Cllr Steve Bavin

Officers

Mike Conefrey	Area Manager
Gill Holmes	Community Development Officer
Karen Charlesworth	Community Development Assistant
Lynne Murray	Youth Participation Officer
Joanne Gawne	Children's Rights Officer
Clare Paling	Active Cumbria

Guest

Em Fenton	Deputy MYP
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Apologies

Cllr Dyan Jones	Cllr Sue Sanderson
Yvonne Rowlinson	Public Health Nurse

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and took apologies as above.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 13 September 2023 were presented to Locality Board on 18 October 2023 and confirmed as a correct record.

3. Priority Setting

The priorities that had been set by the CYPWG in Cumbria County Council had been circulated prior to the meeting to assist Members in setting priorities for the current CYPWG. Suggestions and requests were received from Members. Some terminology is to be changed and the top priority resulting from the Young People's 'Make Your Mark' ballots that take place between January and 1 March, is to be incorporated.

We also agreed to include 'poverty' as an agenda item at the next meeting in March. Members feel that the role of corporate parent is so important that a session on developing the role could be included in a future Locality Board meeting.

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Some amendments to be made to the previous priorities and circulated for comment	Gill Holmes	NIL
Corporate Parenting to be raised with LB Chair and the Area Manager	Gill Holmes	

4. Children in Care Council (CiCC) & Care Experienced Young People

Joanne Gawne provided an update to the group and her report will be circulated following the meeting, giving an update on activities which have taken place recently and are due to take place in the coming months. Joanne had previously reported that the team continued to work across the county but that she is now the only officer covering the 3 areas of W & F. Her new manager is Sue Hodkin.

They are currently in the process of changing the name of the group in line with the wishes of the children and young people and the working group will be updated on progress in due course. They are working on a film about 'Home' which is due to be completed very shortly and will be shared with Members of the Locality Board.

We are looking to recruit some more Promise Ambassadors in January. An on-line training session on the Promise will be available for Members to attend. Joanne is in the process of organising a drop-in session in Kendal so will extend invites to Members once it is set up.

Hampers had again been given to the Care Experienced Young People.

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Link to the on-line training to be circulated. Members to be invited to the drop-in session in Kendal	Gill Holmes/Joanne Gawne	NIL

5. Youth Council/Youth Parliament

Em Fenton, Deputy Member of Youth Parliament was welcomed to the group and gave an overview of her role. She is focussing on women's health at the moment and was keen for us to understand the lack of education on the menopause for young people and how they can be impacted by the symptoms experienced by their family members. Em does feel that the authority that her role brings encourages young people to listen and engage.

Lynne Murray added that getting young people engaged in this work needs some creative thinking to make them want to take time out from their busy lives. The numbers in the South Lakeland Youth Council are low at the moment. She reiterated the fact that they now hold monthly on-line meetings because of the geographical footprint. Members can visit for a half-hour slot and should put in writing what they would like to ask or talk about in advance of their attendance.

6. Public Health

Gill Holmes gave an update on the changes to the Public Health nurses team. We look forward to receiving a report at the next meeting. Mike Conefrey confirmed that there is no replacement for his role in Public Health yet. However, we can raise specific issues and ask for data on behalf of Members.

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Members to ask Gill Holmes to request specific information and inform PH how they would like it to be fed into the group in future	Gill Holmes/Members	NIL

7. Corporate Parenting

The Chair informed that the manager from the Apprentices Team had spoken at the last Corporate Parenting Board meeting. The Chair will attend the next Foster Carers Steering Group and had received some very positive feedback following the Christmas Party. Cllr Matt Severn who also attended the party, gave his feedback following his conversations with our foster carers.

8. Youth Work

The Chair commented on the abundance of material provided by the NYA and the new guidance for Local Authorities to secure, as a statutory duty, sufficient youth provision, with open access to meet high standards.

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Information to be circulated following the meeting	Gill Holmes	NIL

9. HAF update

Details of the South Lakeland providers and winter activities have previously been circulated to Members.

10. Funding Reports

The following funding reports were considered by the group

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| • Youth Presence | Transition Project for Kendal Year 6 children | £4950 |
| • Action for Children | Hygiene products in each of the Children's Centres in South Lakeland | £ 905 |
| • Ambleside Parish Centre | Project Activities | £4500 |
| • GLL | 10p swims in Kendal and Ulverston | £4284 |

- St John's Hospice Bereavement service for children and young people £10000
- Lakes Comic Arts Manga Mashup library project £8,870
- Kent Estuary Youth Project Life and social skills project £12,500
- Levens Playing Fields Upgrade and refurbish £10,000

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Agreed by Area Manager in discussion with core Members of the CYPWG to award the grants under £5000 as detailed above	Mike Conefrey to note for LB. Gill Holmes to process the awards	£14,639 committed from 0 – 19 budget
Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Recommendation to Locality Board 25 January to award the grants of more than £5000 as detailed above	Mike Conefrey to table for LB	£31,370 committed from 0 – 19 budget £10,000 committed from 11 – 19 universal services budget

11. AOB

None

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5 March 2023 5pm to 7.30pm. Invites to be circulated with details of room and link to join via MS Teams

SOUTH LAKELAND LOCALITY BOARD OF WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES & EQUITY WORKING GROUP

6th December 2023

ACTION NOTES

In Attendance:

Core members:

Cllr H Ladhams (Chair)
 Cllr J Drake (Vice Chair)
 Cllr Stephen Bavin
 Cllr Giles Archibald
 Cllr Suzanne Pender

Other attending members:

Cllr H Chaffey
 Cllr P Thornton
 Cllr R Audland
 Cllr J Battye
 Cllr S Evans

Officers:

M Conefrey
 C Last
 A Shields
 H Karaaslan
 P Landreth
 F Millward

Apologies:

Cllr M Brereton
 Cllr J Boak

External Parties Attending:

Lois Sparling, Poverty Truth Commission
 Jade Gibson, Community Catalyst

NOTES

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Welcome and Apologies	Apologies from Cllr M Brereton, Cllr J Boak		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
None Arising			

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising	Minutes of the last meeting approved as a true record.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
None Arising			

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Community Catalyts	Jade Gibson updated members on current activity, commissioned by Westmorland and Furness Council to provide free advice and information to caring support businesses in Barrow, South Lakeland and Eden. Support is provided on helping dress and wash, shopping, befriending and getting out and about, advice on framework policies such as insurance, marketing, governance to ensure people are safe and sustainable.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
HC contact details to be shared with Jade to discuss how the initiative could be supported locally.		C Last	
JG to forward link Small Good Stuff to circulate		C Last	

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Poverty Truth Commission	Lois Sparling provided an update on current activity, in the process of recruiting a facilitator, evaluating the commission, providing training for community commissioners and in bedding what's coming out of working group which runs until end of November 2024. 2 full commission meetings have taken place the community commissioners about lived experience of poverty and civic commissioners about power and influence locally. Next meeting 18 th December, still looking for a business to join the commission, aim to start working groups from easter will possibly be focussing on food, access to services, cultural, and communication of services.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
Regular updates to working group twice a year.		C Last	

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Performance and Budget Update	Members to note that £37,080 has been granted (agreed by email in October). £39,248 remains.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
	Future funding requests will be shared with core working group members by SharePoint.	C Last	

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Funding Requests	(1) Stricklandgate House Trust – to support the Development Phase of a large-scale building improvement project.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
	Recommendation to defer for further discussion at an extraordinary meeting.	C Last	£15 000 earmarked from C&E budget
	Recommendation for discussion at Locality Board on 25 th January 2024.	M Conefrey	

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Funding Requests	(2) Inspira– to support unemployed adults on the programme to be provided with lunch.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
	Agreed by core Members of the C&E WG to award £4,000 to Inspira towards the project.	M Conefrey to note for LB. C Last to process the award	£4,000 committed from C&E WG budget

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Arnside to Grange Trail	Sarah Mason, provide an update on the Arnside to Grange Trail which included background information, what the funding will support, the technical work, community and partnership work, wider benefits and costs.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
	Members support in principle, request more information on sustainability.	C Last	
	Recommendation for further discussion at Locality Board on 25/1/24	A Shields	

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Local Sustainable Transport Fund	Austin Shields, Senior Manager Sustainable Transport update, a request to cabinet on 6 th June £419,400 allocated to South Lakeland Local Sustainable Travel and Transport towards footpaths, community transport, public right of ways, cycling and walking and school streets. First phase of schemes approved by Members at the South Lakeland Locality Board on 18 th October 2023, schemes are currently being progressed by officers. The remainder of the balance £289,200 needs to be committed before the end of this financial year. Schemes have come from the members walk the wards and have been classed as high, medium low feasibility recommended to build in a 15% contingency to cover increased material costs. Looking to have the remaining schemes approved at the next South Lakeland Locality Board on 25 th January 2024.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
	Proposed by Cllr S Pender to support the high to medium schemes listed. Seconded by Helen Ladhams.	A Shields	
	Recommendations to be taken to the Locality Board on 25 th January 2024.		

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Any other	AOB		

business	-		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
None Arising			

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th March 6pm, Microsoft Teams (link to follow)

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SOUTH LAKELAND LOCALITY BOARD OF WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL
CLIMATE ACTION AND INCREASING BIODIVERISTY WORKING GROUP

13th December 2023

ACTION NOTES

In Attendance:

Core members:

Cllr E Hennessy (Chair)
 Cllr H Hodgson (Vice Chair)
 Cllr P Dixon
 Cllr H Ladhams
 Cllr J Battye
 Cllr J Filmore
 Cllr M Brereton

Other attending members:

Cllr G Archibald
 Cllr D Jones

Officers:

M Conefrey
 L Foster
 C Neubauer

Apologies:

Cllr H Chaffey

External Parties Attending:

Jill Salmon, Stricklandgate House
 David Sykes. Trustee Stricklandgate House
 Tanya St Pierre, Cumbria Wildlife Trust

NOTES

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Welcome and Apologies	Apologies from Cllr Chaffey		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
None Arising			

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising	Minutes of the last meeting approved as a true record.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
None Arising			

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Declaration of interest	None		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
None arising			

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Cumbria Wildlife Trust (CWT)	Presentation on the Pollinator Programmes in Cumbria, including the 23/24 Planting for Pollinators which has included 7 sites in South Lakeland.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
Discussion to take place with CTW about the capacity to continue the project and include sites identified in the funding requests section below.		L Foster	£35 000 earmarked from CA&IB Budget with conditions

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Home Upgrade Grants	Presentation on the HUG 2 scheme being delivered by W&F Council to provide energy efficiency upgrades and low-carbon heating for households earning up to £31,000 a year living in the least energy efficient, off-gas grid homes.		

	The aim is to reduce fuel poverty and to phase out off-gas grid fossil fuel.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
	None arising		

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Biodiversity Guidance	SLDC Biodiversity Toolkit has been rebranded and updated as requested at the last meeting.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
	To be shared by email once final ecologist comments added.	L Foster	

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Performance and Budget Update	Members to note that £400 has been granted to Sustainability and Energy Network in Staveley SENS for a new ebike trailer (agreed by email in October). £75 927 remains.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
	None arising		

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Funding Requests	(1) South Lakes Action on Climate Change (SLACC) – Waste into Wellbeing – development of their new premises ‘The Eddington’		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
	Recommendation to Locality Board on 24/1/24 to award £15 000 to SLACC – Waste into Wellbeing	M Conefrey	£15 000 earmarked from CA&IB budget pending Locality Board approval

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AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Funding Requests	(2) Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS) – to enable a small grants pot for local community events as part of Great Big Green Week taking place in June 2024		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
	Agreed by Area Manager in discussion with core Members of the CA&IB WG to award £2500 to CAfS for the project.	M Conefrey to note for LB. L Foster to process the award	£2500 committed from CA&IB budget

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Funding Requests	(3) Stricklandgate House Trust (SGHT) – to support the Development Phase of a large scale building improvement project.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
	To determine the corporate position on supporting SGHT	M Conefrey	£10 000 earmarked from the CA&IB budget pending Locality Board approval
	Recommendation for further discussion at the Locality Board on 24/1/24	M Conefrey	

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Funding Requests	(4) Helsington and Brigsteer Village Hall - Seeking funding towards solar panel and battery to reduce the carbon footprint of the local community hall.		
	ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
	To defer until the group have determined the exact cost and have received decisions on other pending funding applications.	L Foster	

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
Funding	(5) Lancaster Canal Regeneration Project – to increase the biodiversity on the towpath trail		

Requests		
	ACTION/S	WHO
Recommendation for collaboration with Cumbria Wildlife Trust on this project.		L Foster
	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S	

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	
Funding Requests	(6) Peninsula Environment Action Team – Greener Grange project including installation of water fountains on the promenade and biodiversity improvements in the Ornamental Gardens	
	ACTION/S	WHO
	Recommendation to defer the water fountain element of the project until appropriate permissions and installation costs determined.	L Foster
	Recommendation for collaboration with Cumbria Wildlife Trust on the Biodiversity aspect of the project.	L Foster
	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S	

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	
Any other business	AOB	
	ACTION/S	WHO
None Arising		
	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S	

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South Lakeland Locality Board Plan

Introduction

Westmorland and Furness Council has three Locality Boards: Eden, Furness and South Lakeland.

Each Locality Board promotes close working with our communities, making sure local voices are heard when we are developing our services and policies. In addition, they work with residents and community groups on issues that are important to their area.

The three Locality Boards are based on the geographical boundaries of the former District Councils and are made up of the Councillors who have been elected in each particular area. Locality Boards have some decision making powers and budgets, as well as the ability to influence and engage with matters which affect their locality.

Locality Boards have a range of responsibilities which are delivered under the themes below:

- Undertake a community leadership role, bringing together different interest groups from the public, private and voluntary sectors to work in partnership.
- Understand and influence the delivery of Council services to ensure this reflects local need.
- Allocation of funding and grants to support locality working, projects and activities.
- Support the local delivery of the Council Highways Service.

Each Locality Board's Locality Plan sets out its priorities based on local issues and opportunities while supporting Westmorland and Furness Council's vision, priorities and values.



The Place Plan priorities will be reviewed annually to ensure they reflect community need.

This is the South Lakeland Locality Plan

Foreword

We live in one of the most beautiful places in the country. From the world famous Lake District to the underrated coastline which is equally magnificent in its own way with its myriad estuaries.

Many people have strong local roots and immense pride in the place where they were born and raised, whether that be one of the market towns, outlying villages and farms. People who have come here to work or as retirees truly appreciate the magical surroundings of where they live.

There is also a strong sense of community, evidenced by the extraordinary response to the pandemic where everyone pulled together to help out the most vulnerable and continue to do so for both residents and visitors alike during past and recent weather events.

However, there are challenges. A relatively high cost of living is not matched by a local economy where salaries are relatively low so young people increasingly can't afford to live and raise their families here. As with many rural areas, public transport and access to services, especially for the elderly who no longer drive, is problematic.

The South Lakeland Board is Westmorland and Furness Council's link to the people and organisations of the area. We are here to represent the local voice in how we develop our services and policies. We are also here to help fund local initiatives that are important to local communities.

Funding isn't of course unlimited, so we have had to call out priorities and the ones we have focused on this year are children and young people, building community assets and addressing inequalities, protecting our natural landscape from the impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss, sustainable travel and transport.

The Locality Plan describes how we intend to work for and with our local residents and local organisations to help ensure that South Lakeland is a place where everyone can live, work and thrive and that we continue to protect its natural beauty for everyone to enjoy, both residents and visitors alike.

I look forward very much to working with you all and welcome any feedback you may have.

Cllr Helen Chaffey

Chairman, South Lakeland Locality Board

About South Lakeland

POPULATION:

Unlike the population of England, which has increased by 6.6% in the past decade, the population of South Lakeland has increased by just 0.8% from 2011, to around 104,500. This represents 46% of the residents of Westmorland and Furness Council

South Lakeland has an ageing population with over a quarter of residents aged 65yrs or older. The proportion of the population aged 65yrs or older has increased dramatically in the past decade while the working age and child/young person population has fallen.

ECONOMY & CULTURE:

Accommodation & Food Services and Wholesale & Retail are the two largest employment sectors in South Lakeland. Gross median annual full time earnings for employments based in South Lakeland (£28,502) are the lowest of the three locality board areas (Eden, £29,523; Furness £34,802).

South Lakeland boasts an internationally recognised cultural offer, from its connexions with Wordsworth, Ruskin, Stan Laurel and Beatrix Potter to Grizedale Arts in Coniston and Brewery Arts in Kendal. The Lake District National Park alone attracts over 15 million visitors a year. With additional visitors to the Yorkshire Dales National Park (which includes part of South Lakeland) and villages outside the national parks such as Arncliffe, Cartmel and Grange-over-Sands the area, which has 4 Michelin starred restaurants, has some 11,500 local jobs directly associated with leisure industries.

HEALTH & WELLBEING:

Life expectancy at birth in South Lakeland (female, 84·8yrs; male 80·3yrs) is higher than that for England as a whole. Within South Lakeland there are significant differences in life expectancy for those born into our most deprived and least deprived communities; on average those in our most deprived areas die more than 4 years earlier than those in our most affluent areas and spend nearly 10 more years at the end of these shorter lives in poor health than those in our most advantaged areas.

HOUSING:

There are approximately 53,800 dwellings in South Lakeland of which 29·5% are estimated not to meet the decent homes standard; South Lakeland has among the highest proportion of non-decent housing in the country.

There are a relatively high proportion of homes that are owned. The ratio of socially rented dwellings to privately rented is relatively low. The percentage of local dwellings in council tax bands A and B is low compared with that for England and there are a relatively high proportion of homes in bands G and H.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

The geography and topography of South Lakeland result in a varied climate. In coastal towns such as Ulverston, in the high fells and in more inland Sedbergh temperature and precipitation reflect the particular circumstances of place and daily weather as well as climate differ considerably. In recent years climatic events such as Storms Desmond (2015) and Arwen (2021) along with very localised heavy rains Ulverston (September 2023) have resulted in considerable distress to local communities and understandably have exacerbated anxieties around climate change.

A 2020 report 'A Carbon Baseline for Cumbria' identifies transport, industrial & commercial fuel use and domestic energy as the largest local contributors to Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions with local per capita production-based emissions greater than that for England as a whole.

COMMUNITY:

With over 70 town councils, parish councils and parish meetings the geographical communities in South Lakeland vary from super-rural, to hamlets, villages and market towns.

97·7% of the population identify as white with 94·7% having one or more UK identity only. Over half the population consider themselves to be Christian with the next largest group reporting having no religion, minority faiths account for only about 1% of the local population. 2·27% of the

population over 16yrs identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or other (LGB+), 90·77% as straight or heterosexual.

Local communities are generally very cohesive and resilient as demonstrated during the COVID pandemic. However, as is common in rural areas, minority and vulnerable groups (LGB+, those with mental health problems, people with disability, minority faith groups etc.) can feel isolated with limited opportunity to connect to peers and, when looking to access services or support, frequently express concern about lack of anonymity. Access to services, post 16 education and recreation can be challenging and expensive, many young people migrate out of the area.

The challenges we face.

For the majority of local residents South Lakeland is a wonderful place to live. The beautiful natural environment, low crime rates and a strong sense of community make it attractive, notably to those in retirement. Over time these strengths have contributed to the development of a local socio-economic structure which presents sustainability challenges.

The local economy is relatively low paying, the ratio of local house prices to local salaries makes it difficult for the average local worker to afford local housing. Many local residents who are working are employed in better paying sectors located in Barrow, Lancaster or Copeland with local employers often recruiting from surrounding areas with lower housing costs. The resultant daily migration of workers into and out from the area contributes to the local carbon footprint. Increasing the availability of affordable local housing is a challenge but provides an opportunity to rebalance the local economy, improve housing stock and reduce the local carbon footprint.

Access to goods and services can be challenging. For those living in more rural parts with limited financial means, food, fuel and transport costs can be relatively high; a function of a lack of nearby low cost food retailers, reliance on oil or solid fuel for domestic heating of houses that are often energy inefficient and the need to maintain a vehicle given the limitations of local public transport. For those with health and care needs access to services can be problematic; an aging population increases the need for social care, however the small local workforce and relatively low pay for care workers limits availability. Furthermore, travel distances and times to secondary and tertiary health care settings are far greater than for those in, or close to, major urban conurbations. Many local young people have limited ability to access education and training, vulnerable and minority groups limited access to people with shared life experience. Mobilising our community assets through volunteering and local engagement, partnership working (particularly with those in health care), improving our digital infrastructure & digital literacy, embracing innovation in communication and taking action to address wider determinants of health are all measures which can mitigate these challenges.

A very attractive visitor offer means the area sees huge tourist numbers. In the most popular places this frequently results in traffic problems. Public transport is limited and there is a tension between maintaining the unique features of the area and major transport infrastructure development. More even distribution of the visitor footfall across the area is both a challenge and an opportunity.

The general affluence of South Lakeland tends to mask areas of significant concern. Geographically constructed measures of deprivation overlook small numbers of households in affluent areas facing challenges from poverty to poor housing and, in rural areas, challenges of

access and loneliness. Working closely (at a granular level) with our local community groups, effective collaboration with parish & town councils, supporting our community infrastructure (both physical and social), and targeting resources at individuals and households rather than by geography all present opportunities to address local inequality thus improving the health, wellbeing and life chances for those most vulnerable and increasing a sense of community cohesion and harmony for all.

South Lakeland Locality Board Plan Priorities

From March 2023 a series of workshops led by the Area Manager were held with local members. Input from officers representing Public Health, Highways, Children's Services, Community Development etc. was included and members were invited to consider both quantitative and qualitative data relevant to South Lakeland. From these workshops and subsequent discussions members agreed two themes that should cut across the work of the locality board;

Theme 1: Supporting and empowering our communities across South Lakeland to build the places they are proud of.

Theme 2: Promoting health and wellbeing across the life-course.

At its meeting in July 2023 the Locality Board agreed to the formation of four working groups to consider issues attendant to the priorities for action that had emerged;

Priority 1: Children & Young People: ensuring that our young people have the best start in life and are supported to achieve their full potential.

Priority 2: Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities: enabling communities to reduce inequalities, build opportunity and achieve greater independence.

Priority 3: Climate Action: caring for our climate and reducing our carbon footprint.

Priority 4: Highways: supporting a safe and effective highways network.

Delivery

South Lakeland Locality Board will work with partners and utilise Council funding to support the delivery of the priorities described above.

Member working groups have been formed as described above. Groups meet quarterly (ahead of meetings of the Locality Board) and may also call occasional meetings to consider any urgent matter or to explore a subject of interest. The working groups may draw in officers of the council or third parties with particular expertise to assist them in their deliberations. The core membership of these working groups was agreed by the Locality Board at its meeting in July 2023, all core members are elected members of Westmorland and Furness Council. Where working groups are considering making recommendation to the Locality Board a majority vote of core members is required. Elected members who are not core members of working groups may attend and may contribute to meetings, they may not (unless deputised by a core member) vote on any motion

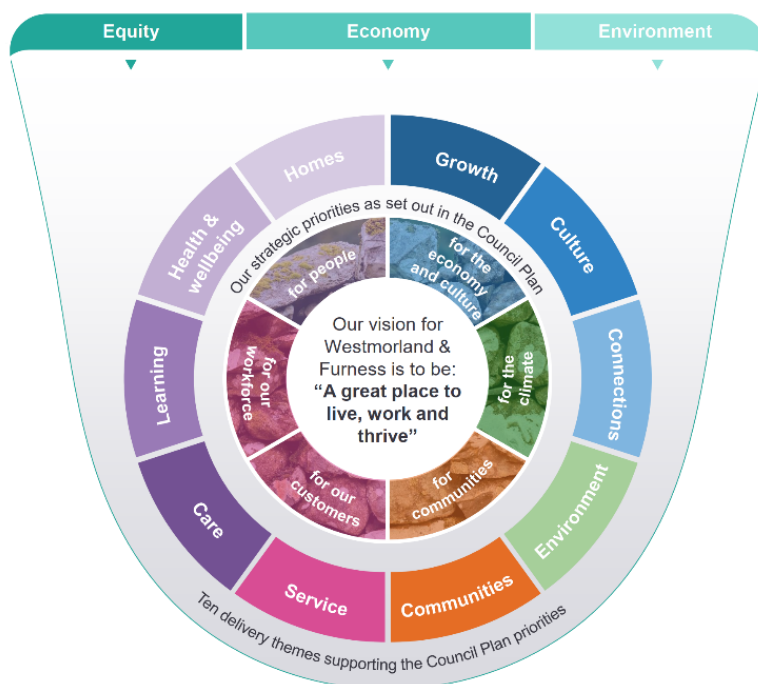
under consideration. Working groups advise the Locality Board on spend devolved to the Board, they are not decision making bodies.

Delivery of the Place Plan priorities will be linked to both the Council Plan Delivery Framework and the Council’s Target Operating Model to both support and influence the delivery of projects and services to best benefit the local area.

Westmorland and Furness Council Plan Delivery Framework

The Framework provides information about what the Council plans to deliver and how it will work with communities and partners to ensure Westmorland and Furness is a great place to live, work and thrive.

The Framework identifies ten strategic delivery themes, bringing these together with the Council’s vision and the six strategic priorities, with three sustainability principles of equity, economy and environment.



Westmorland and Furness Target Operating Model

An operating model helps us plan and deliver activities, projects and programmes that will support the priorities we have as a Council.

The Westmorland and Furness target operating model has been designed with a focus on early intervention and improving the customer experience.

Community focus 	We will focus on early intervention and prevention, working with individuals, community groups, parish and town councils, the voluntary sector and partners to reduce need for our services and improve health and wellbeing.
Easy access 	Services will be user friendly, caring and accessible through multiple channels. Wherever possible services will be available and delivered digitally, reducing demand for phone and in-person interaction so those resources can be focused to those most in need.
Effective services 	Services are outcome focused and maximise use of technology to drive efficiency and effectiveness. Service delivery is citizen centred and seamless between services and partner organisations.
Enabling Processes 	Internal processes and functions are designed to support a seamless end-to-end experience. Improvement and change is supported by key enabling functions including HR, Legal, PMO etc working closely with service delivery teams.
Supporting Technology 	'Fit for purpose' technology across the Council that supports the delivery of services, promotes digital ways of working, and enables organisational efficiency.

What Success Looks Like

- A Locality Board that is a strong advocate within the council for South Lakeland communities, that contributes to and has influence in the development of council policy, and that helps progress an agenda which empowers local communities to have greater control in matters that affect them.
- Evidence of work with partners in the statutory and voluntary sectors to support the delivery of social care throughout the life-course, for children, young people, working age adults and older adults who need social support.
- Close working with parish councils, town councils and local partners across all sectors. Evidenced by ongoing and fruitful engagement with the Locality Board and its working groups.

Priority 1: Children & Young People

- Measurable effective local investment in schemes and projects that;
 - Provide opportunity for children and young people to broaden their life experience and enable them to achieve their aspirations; supporting them to make safe and sound decisions as they move into young adulthood.
 - Address issues attendant to child poverty.
 - Ensure those in their early years have the best start in life.
 - Local members actively engaged with supporting cared for and care experienced children and young people in their role as corporate parents (as corporate parents, it's every councillor's responsibility to make sure that the council is meeting it's duties towards children in care and care leavers as described in the Children and Social Work Act 2017).

Priority 2: Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities

- Measurable effective local investment in community activity and community infrastructure for the benefit of residents to;
 - Maintain and enhance physical and social infrastructure locally.
 - Support those most vulnerable and disadvantaged.
 - Promote community resilience (local groups actively supporting their communities).
 - Contribute to providing accessible and rewarding local employment.
 - Supports the local voluntary sector, ensuring it flourishes and continues to provide additionality to statutory services.
 - Maintaining and developing local art and sport as key community assets.
 - Encourage dispersal of visitors across the locality.
 - Enable and encourage social engagement and physical activity that supports the mental and physical wellbeing of residents throughout the course of their lives.

Priority 3: Climate Action

- Measurable effective local investment and collaboration with partners to;
 - Help facilitate large scale strategic infrastructure projects that encourage lower carbon lifestyle choices around travel, work and leisure.
 - Maintain, develop and promote use of our local network of footpaths, cycleways and bridleways to encourage active low carbon travel choices.
 - Raise awareness and understanding of issues attendant to climate action, enabling individuals and communities to act and make choices that contribute to mitigating climate change.
 - Support local communities and community groups with an interest in addressing climate change and promoting biodiversity.

Priority 4: Highways

- Measurable effective local investment, collaboration the Council's Highways & Transport Strategic Board and engagement with local communities to;
 - Maintain a safe local highway infrastructure.
 - Ensure the needs of all highway users are appropriately met.
 - Develop local traffic management schemes attendant to the needs of communities.
 - Support effective sustainable travel including public transport.
 - Support the resilience of the local network at times of stress (floods, snow etc)

The locality Board will develop a set of key measurables against which progress on its priorities can be assessed. An annual review of the Locality Board Plan will ensure it remains relevant and is an effective tool in improving local wellbeing.

South Lakeland Locality Board, Summary Financial Position

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT: 31 December 2023

Discretionary budgets total allocation 2023/24 Council	
Budget Allocation as Council Before Review By Local Committee	
General Provision	82,655
0-19 Services	76,355
11-19 Universal Services	32,428
Total Discretionary Allocation	191,438

Budget Sector	Original Budget 2023/24	Balance B/Fwd	Virement In	Virement Out	Revised Budget 2023/24	Other Contribs	Spending Limit 2023/24	Committed Expenditure	Actual Expenditure to Date	Projected Outturn	Unallocated Resources or Variance	Recommended for Approval 25/01/24	Revised Unallocated Resources if Approved
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£
Discretionary Budgets													
General Provision	82,655	0	0	(82,655)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0-19 Services	76,355	0	0	0	76,355	0	76,355	20,689	15,886	36,575	39,780	31,370	8,410
11-19 Universal Services	32,428	0	0	0	32,428	0	32,428	4,470	0	4,470	27,958	10,000	17,958
Community Grants Fund	0	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000	18,500	3,850	22,350	7,650	0	7,650
	191,438	0	30,000	(82,655)	138,783	0	138,783	43,659	19,736	63,395	75,388	41,370	34,018
Other Revenue Budgets													
Money Advice Contract - CAB	47,550	0	0	0	47,550	0	47,550	0	47,550	47,550	0	0	0
Local Sustainable Travel & Transport Fund	0	0	419,400	0	419,400	0	419,400	414,400	5,000	419,400	0	0	0
Strong Connected Communities Programme	0	0	100,000	(100,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DWP Household Support Fund	0	0	0	0	0	79,200	79,200	0	79,200	79,200	0	0	0
Building Community Assets	0	0	76,328	0	76,328	0	76,328	748	26,080	26,828	49,500	36,500	13,000
Climate Action & Biodiversity	0	0	76,327	0	76,327	0	76,327	0	2,900	2,900	73,427	60,000	13,427
	47,550	0	672,055	(100,000)	619,605	79,200	698,805	415,148	160,730	575,878	122,927	96,500	26,427
LOCALITY BOARD TOTAL	238,988	0	702,055	(182,655)	758,388	79,200	837,588	458,807	180,466	639,273	198,315	137,870	60,445

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Agenda Item 8

Westmorland and Furness Council

Report Title:	Highways Working Group Covering Report
Meeting:	South Lakeland Locality Board
Meeting Date:	25 th January 2024
Report Author:	Peter Hosking – Area Highway Network Manager
Lead Cabinet Member(s):	Peter Thornton
Wards Affected	All in South Lakeland
PUBLIC, PART EXEMPT OR FULLY EXEMPT	Public
List of Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1 – Action Notes. Highways Working Group 28 th November 2023

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 *This report provides the Action Notes of the meeting of the Highways Working Group (“the Working Group”) held on 28th November 2023 and includes recommendations for consideration by the Locality Board.*

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 For the reasons set out in this report, it is recommended that the South Lakeland Locality Board:

note the Action Notes of the Working Group meeting of 28th November 2023 which are attached as Appendix 1;

3. Information: the Rationale and Evidence

- 3.1 The Working Group received the following presentations, which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting, except for the Cadent Gas presentation;

- The North-West Streetworks Manager for Cadent Gas delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the ongoing programme of cast iron gas main replacements, and particularly the works being undertaken in the South Lakes area in 2024/25. Cadent Gas and the Authority’s highways and streetworks teams had met previously, and the plans provided by Cadent Gas at that meeting were circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.
- The Local Area Network Manager delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Authority’s winter service and described how the Highway Service delivered the Authority’s statutory duty.

- The Local Area Network Manager presented a paper informing Members how the Members ambitions that were captured during the “Walk the Wards” meetings in June and July 2023 had been considered and allocated to the appropriate team within the wider service. The spreadsheet attached to the paper detailed those revenue ambitions which the local area highway team had completed, those which had been actioned yet to be completed and those which still required action.
- The Traffic Management Team Leader presented a paper providing an update to Members regarding the Traffic ambitions captured during the “Walk the Wards” meetings.
- The Traffic Management Manager presented a paper advising Members of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) that will be presented to the South Lakeland Locality Board meeting in January. The TROs related to bridge weight restrictions, general parking restrictions and a TRO for Cartmel. The TROs are being considered as part of this meeting under other agenda items and therefore no recommendations are included in this paper in relation to these items.
- The Local Area Network Manager presented a paper informing Members of the impact of Storm Debi on the highway service and the response of the service.

4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (People, Climate, Communities, Economy and Culture, Customers, Workforce)

- 4.1 A safe, sustainable, and serviceable highway network underpins the Council Plan Vision for Westmorland and Furness to be a great place to live, work and thrive and supports many of the Council’s priorities. A reliable highway network enables people, goods, and services to be moved around the Authority area promoting new business creation, economic growth and enabling people to thrive within their own communities.

5. Consultation Outcomes (with services, ward councillors & public consultation where required)

- 5.1 No consultation outcomes.

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 Members may choose to either agree the recommendations as presented or suggest alternative proposals.

7. Financial Implications and risk

- 7.1 There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

8. Legal & Governance Implications

- 8.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The South Lakeland Locality Board has various responsibilities, powers and functions concerning Highways and Transport (para 14 of Part 2 of the Constitution).

8.2 By noting the Action Notes of the Working Group meeting of 28th November 2023 which are attached at Appendix 1 as recommended the Locality Board will be fulfilling its constitutional function.

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 There are no human resources implications resulting from this report.

10. Equality & Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty, Armed Forces Families, Care Leavers and Health inequalities implications)

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications resulting from this report.

11. Background Information & Sources (used in preparation of this Report)

11.1 No previous relevant decisions.

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SOUTH LAKELAND LOCALITY BOARD OF WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL**HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP****Teams meeting 28th November 2023 18:00 to 20:00****ACTION NOTES****In Attendance:****Core members:**

Cllr J Cornthwaite
 Cllr H Irving
 Cllr R Audland
 Cllr S Bavin
 Cllr I Mitchell
 Cllr H Hodgson
 Cllr A Jarvis

Other attending members:

Cllr J Batty
 Cllr V Hughes
 Cllr S Evans
 Cllr S Pender
 Cllr J Boak
 Cllr P Thornton

Officers:

M Conefrey
 K Charlesworth
 H Karaaslan
 P Hosking

Apologies:

Cllr D Rathbone
 Cllr H Ladhams
 Cllr J Filmore
 Cllr P Dixon
 Cllr H Chaffey

External speaker:

Paul Carter (Cadent Gas)

NOTES

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	
<i>Agree minutes and actions from previous meeting 13.09.23.</i>	Chair Cllr Audland ask if all in agreement- Agreed	
OUTSTANDING ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
<i>Street works presentation.</i> (a) F Maxwell to make enquiries and report back directly to Cllr Batty (b) F Maxwell to make enquiries and feedback to K Charlesworth Sam Pearson-Carr (Streetworks Manager) confirmed review will be	F Maxwell	

Appendix 1

<p>shared when completed by Gary Kyle 28.11.23 To be actioned</p> <p>Ash Die back paper (a) P Hosking & Cllr Audland to discuss: a process to prioritise scheme projects, to take to Strategic Highways Board 28.11.23 To be actioned</p> <p>TRO – Traffic regulation orders (a) V Upton to take comments back to the team. To pursue working more closely with members, Parish and Town Councils, communities, and stakeholders (b) V Upton to pursue online training session for P&TC 28.11.23 To be actioned</p>	<p>P Hosking & Cllr Audland</p> <p>V Upton</p>	
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AGENDA ITEM	NOTES	
(3) Replacement of the cast iron gas mains by Cadent	Workload covering Year Four Apr 24 to Mar 25 PowerPoint - presented by Paul Carter from Cadent Gas	
ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
<p>(a) Cllr Hughes requested detailed street work maps by ward for Year 4</p> <p>(b) Cllr Jarvis requested a map of Windermere`s planned works PDF shared only covers Rose Cottage Lane</p> <p>(c) Cllr Bavin requested a map of Bowness and Lakeside planned works</p> <p>(d) P Carter to forward the above to P Hosking for dissemination by K Charlesworth</p> <p>(e) P Carter also looking to share maps for Year 5 Apr 25 to Mar 26 when available</p> <p>(f) Cllr Thornton suggested that this presentation would be useful information for The Town & Parish Councils</p>	<p>Paul Carter</p> <p>P Carter / P Hosking / K Charlesworth</p>	

Appendix 1

<p>P Carter happy to present an overview to any Town & Parish Council, should they wish to invite him</p>	<p>Members to advise Town/Parish Councils of this offer</p>	
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AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
<p>(4) Winter PowerPoint Presentation</p>	<p>Presented by P Hosking</p>		
ACTION/S		WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
<p>(a) To share weather cameras link with members</p>		<p>K Charlesworth</p>	

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
<p>(5) Walk the Wards. Highways Revenue Activity</p>	<p>Presented by P Hosking – Appendix 1</p>		
ACTION/S		WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S
<p>(a) Cllr Battye thanked P Hosking, H Karaaslan and respective teams for works completed to date. (b) Cllr Battye asked – What is the best way to have an area of work added to the list? P Hosking confirmed via HIAMS online reporting system (c) Cllr Pender asked- How do actionable defects get completed? P Hosking replied depending on Service Standard applied to a defect, determines amount of time it will take to action works. (d) Cllr Pender request sight of Service Standards. (e) Cllr Evans asked – How do we ensure works required on personal / business properties such as Hedge cutting are actioned by a 3rd</p>		<p>P Hosking</p>	

Appendix 1

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
(7) Update Traffic Regulations Order	Presented H Karaaslan		
ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S	
(a) Cllr Hodgson Bridge work at Langdale and weight limits on bridges, detrimental to local farmers, as maybe only access in and loads could exceed limits set! H Karaaslan to raise this with the structures team and report back	H Karaaslan		

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
(8) Storm Debi	Presented by Peter Hosking		
ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S	
(a) Website and Social media messaging review to take place when Authority in a Weather Warning situation. To try and avert the reporting system and officers becoming overwhelmed, with items not related to immediate weather situation	P Hosking		

AGENDA ITEM	NOTES		
(9) AOB	Date of next meeting: <i>Weds 6th Mar 2024 County Hall 10:00 to 12:00</i>		
ACTION/S	WHO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATION/S	

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Agenda Item 9

Westmorland and Furness Council

Report Title:	Local Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund
Meeting:	South Lakeland Locality Board
Meeting Date:	25 January 2024
Report Author:	Austin Shields, Senior Manager – Sustainable Transport
Lead Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Neil Hughes, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environmental Services
Wards Affected?	All in South Lakeland
PUBLIC, PART EXEMPT OR FULLY EXEMPT	Public
List of Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1 – list of recommended schemes to utilise the remaining balance of the Local Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund. Appendix 2 – Background Arnside to Grange Trail.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report presents Members with a list of schemes which the South Lakeland Locality Board – Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group have recommended approving to utilise the remaining balance of the Local Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund allocation.

2. Recommendation

For the reasons set out in this report, it is recommended that South Lakeland Locality Board -

- 2.1 recommend that the Director of Thriving Places in consultation with the Chair of the Locality Board agrees the list of recommended schemes to utilise the remaining balance of the Local Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund as outlined in Appendix 1

3. Information: the Rationale and Evidence

- 3.1 At its meeting on 06 June 2023 the Council’s Cabinet approved an allocation of £419,400 to South Lakeland Locality Board to utilise during the 2023/24 financial year for the Local Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund.
- 3.2 The Council’s Constitution states that the remit of the South Lakeland Locality Board includes to “agree and keep under review the implementation of a one year programme of Local Sustainable Transport schemes for the area. Local Sustainable transport schemes could include footpaths and rights of way, cycling and walking improvements, school streets, community transport support.” The Terms of Reference also include for the Locality Board “To advise and make recommendations to a grants panel for community bus grant

applications”. At the Cabinet meeting on 11 July 2023, it was resolved that ‘the relevant Director will agree with the Chair of the Locality Boards the relevant schemes, criteria, panels and / or working groups to distribute the Investment in Council Plan priority funding relating to the £900,000 for the Sustainable Transport Fund outlined in paragraph 3.10 of the June Cabinet report...’ For transparency the Director of Thriving Places is bringing the list of proposed schemes before the South Lakeland Locality Board, in Appendix 1.

- 3.3 The funding delegation referred to in paragraph 3.1 above will help improve public health and the environment by reducing congestion, air pollution, carbon emissions and supporting healthier lifestyles.
- 3.4 Officers from the Council’s Highways Delivery Team undertook Walk the Ward exercises with Members in Spring and Summer 2023. From these exercises a number of suggestions were submitted which could be delivered using the Local Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund. In addition, officers from the Council’s Countryside Access, Sustainable Transport and Safe & Strong Communities teams are in receipt of previous requests from Members and local communities which could also be delivered using the Fund.
- 3.5 The initial criteria was developed and agreed by the Director of Thriving Places and Chair of Locality Board. A long list of 60 potential schemes was assessed by officers using the agreed scoring and rating. Each entry was assigned a feasibility score and rating. This grading assessed if the funding could be committed to deliver the scheme by 31 March 2024 and also considered other elements including alignment to Council Plan priorities, any land ownership issues that would require resolution, the estimated cost of the scheme and any environmental implications.
- 3.6 On 12 September 2023 the long list was presented to Members of the South Lakeland Locality Board - Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group. At the conclusion of this meeting Members agreed that the group would reconvene on 27 September 2023 to further refine the list of schemes. At the meeting on 27 September 2023, Members of the Working Group endorsed the first phase of schemes which were endorsed by the South Lakeland Locality Board on 18 October 2023. The Director of Thriving Places subsequently agreed with the Chair of the Locality Board the first phase of relevant schemes to receive investment and decisions were recorded in an Officer Delegated Decision Record dated 30 November 2023 and published. The estimated cost of the first phase of schemes was £130,200 leaving a remaining balance of £289,200.
- 3.7 On 06 December 2023 a long list of 73 potential schemes was presented to Members of the South Lakeland Locality Board - Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group. Following discussions and advice from officers of the relevant teams Members of the Working Group endorsed the second phase of schemes as presented in appendix 1 of this report and are recommending that these are also endorsed by South Lakeland Locality Board.

- 3.8 The list of schemes presented in appendix 1 of this report includes an application from the Morecambe Bay Partnership for the Arnside to Grange Trail. This application was initially submitted to the Council's Partnership Fund however did not receive any funding through this mechanism. Officers from the Council's Climate and Natural Environment Team have asked if this application can be considered for the Local Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund. Background information from the applicant regarding the Arnside to Grange Trail is at appendix 2 of this report.
- 3.9 The total estimated cost of the schemes listed in appendix 1 of this report is £241,999. This will leave a balance of £47,201 remaining from the original allocation £419,400 to the South Lakeland Locality Board. It is recommended that the remaining balance is set aside as a contingency to reflect any potential cost increases in delivering the schemes.
- 3.10 The Director of Thriving Places will agree with the Chair of the Locality Board all the relevant schemes to receive investment as outlined in appendix 1 and the decisions will be recorded in an Officer Delegated Decision Record and published.

4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (People, Climate, Communities, Economy and Culture, Customers, Workforce)

- Supporting active, healthy happy lives for young and old.
- Supporting people in need and reducing inequality.
- Providing leadership in the drive to become carbon net zero.
- Confident, empowered, resilient communities.
- Sustainable, inclusive, economic growth

5. Consultation Outcomes (with services, ward councillors & public consultation where required)

- 5.1 Consultation has been undertaken with Members via the South Lakeland Locality Board – Building Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group who approved the list of schemes detailed in this report.

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 To utilise the funding for other schemes. The schemes presented are those which officers have indicated are the most feasible to deliver within the finite funding available, the timescale for utilising the funding and remit of the Local Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund.
- 6.2 Not to utilise the funding. This will present a reputational risk for the Board as the funding has already been allocated for the 2023/24 financial year.

7. Financial Implications and risk

- 7.1 The recommendation of this paper is that the the Locality Board approves the schemes set out in Appendix 1 totalling £241,999.
- 7.2 This is to be funded from the £419,400 allocated to South Lakeland Locality Board for a Local Sustainable and Transport Fund to be utilised in 2023/24 (Cabinet 6 June 2023). The South Lakeland Locality Board – Buidling Community Assets and Addressing Inequalities Working Group are recommending the Locality Board approves the schemes set out in Appendix 1 totalling £241,999. This along with the earlier allocation of £130,200 (18th October 2023) totals £372,199 leaving £47,201 available to use as a contingency sum

(P Cameron 22.12.23)

8. Legal & Governance Implications

8.1 The Locality Board Terms of Reference (Part 2 Section 14 Constitution) include provision: 8.1.1 to allocate discretionary budgets, make decisions and develop activities in supporting locality working, projects and activities within the terms of any scheme that may be developed by the Cabinet 8.1.2 to agree and keep under review the implementation of a one year programme of Local Sustainable Transport schemes for the area. Local Sustainable transport schemes could include footpaths and rights of way, cycling and walking improvements, school streets, community transport support.

8.2 Cabinet resolved on 11 July 2023 that the relevant Director would agree with the Chair of the Locality Boards the relevant schemes, criteria, panels and/ or working groups to distribute the Investment in Council Plan priority funding relating to the £900,000 for the Sustainable Transport Fund outlined in paragraph 3.10 of the June Cabinet report. It is proposed that the Director of Thriving Places, under the delegation from Cabinet on 11 July 2023, will make the decision to agree the schemes set out in Appendix 1. For transparency purposes this report brings the proposed list of schemes in Appendix 1 before members of the Locality Board

9. Human Resources Implications

- 9.1 There are no direct Human Resources Team implications.

(L Robb 22.12.23)

10. Equality & Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty, Armed Forces Families, Care Leavers and Health inequalities implications)

- 10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications at this time however these will be considered in delivering the approved schemes.

11. Background Information & Sources (used in preparation of this Report)

11.1 Not applicable.

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South Lakeland Locality Board 25/01/24

Appendix 1 – list of recommended schemes to utilise the Local Sustainable Travel and Transport Fund

Location	Proposal	Estimated cost
Natland Mill/Beck Lane, Kendal	Design cyclist speed mitigation and junction safety improvements	£15,000
Burton Road/Natland Road, Kendal	Footpath request for signs to warn of cyclists crossing	£1,500
Bigland Hill into Low Wood, Backbarrow	Advisory signage requesting cyclists to reduce speed	£1,500
Tenterfield, Kendal	Footpath improvements	£5,000
Queens Road, Kendal	Crossing feasibility assessment	£1,000
Busher Walk, Kendal	Dropped kerbs	£8,000
Sparrowmire Road and Burneside Road, Kendal	Crossing feasibility assessment	£1,000
A591 bus layby near Sizergh	Install signage	£5,000
M6 junction 36	Data collection for park and ride feasibility	£5,000
Levens Lane, Levens	Footpath feasibility study	£30,000
Coniston and Colton	Improving sustainable travel including signage and road markings at Coniston Church of England Primary School and Bandrake Head, Colton	£20,000
Chapel Lane/Silverdale Road, Arnside	Resurfacing improvements	£6,000
Soutergate, Ulverston	Traffic monitoring and signage	£5,000
Arnside to Grange trail	Project management, overheads, community delivery, technical and engineering, equipment, events, marketing and public relations materials – please see appendix 2	£99,999
Fir Tree Rise and High Garth, Kendal	Improve lighting on path	£38,000

Total £241,999

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Arnside to Grange Trail

Background

ATOG (Arnside to Grange) formed over 10 years ago in response to high level community interest in the Arnside Viaduct being adapted to enable walkers and cyclists to cross the Kent Estuary and provide a new traffic-free link between Grange-over-Sands and Arnside.

The group has raised funds internally and externally to commission several studies and undertake cost exercises for creating a trail link between the two communities. In 2022 Morecambe Bay Partnership took the lead for the partnership group in commissioning a feasibility study and undertaking community consultation to progress the vision to a Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) required for serious consideration.

The partnership steering group has representation from the key stakeholders required to back a scheme of this nature:

- Network Rail
- Lake District National Park Authority
- Westmorland & Furness Council
- Natural England
- Cumbria Community Rail Partnership (Furness Line)
- Holker Estate
- Dallam Tower Estate
- Sustrans
- Arnside & Silverdale AONB
- Founder community members, interested parties and local landowners

The ATOG partnership exists to promote and achieve a vision for a traffic-free accessible trail connecting the communities of Arnside and Grange over the Kent Estuary by creating an iconic promenade style attraction and practical carbon reducing active travel link. If successful, the opening of the Arnside to Grange Trail will be good news for Westmorland and Furness's future, connecting communities, increasing active travel, improving health and wellbeing, reducing carbon emissions while boosting the local green economy and creating a fantastic attraction for visitors and local people to enjoy.

Our activities align to the following Westmorland & Furness Council Plan priorities:

For People, supporting active, healthy happy lives for young and old.

For Climate, in the drive to become carbon net zero.

For Communities, working closely with residents and businesses to enable them to shape their own destiny and thrive. Building strong links with parish and town councils. A thriving voluntary and third sector.

For Economy and culture, sustainable, inclusive, economic growth. Retaining our young people and attracting investment and skilled people.

What the funding will support

The funding will increase capacity to enable the progression of a range of activities that will offer a major contribution to the region's efforts to engage with the climate emergency, and the national net-zero targets, link communities, create exciting low carbon solutions and accessible active travel experiences for all.

Firstly, we intend to progress the Arnside to Grange Trail scheme to Outline Business Case (OBC) status which is the planning phase of the project and acts as the final technical assessment stage prior to the initiation of scheme procurement. The purpose of the OBC is therefore to:

- Confirm the investment option which optimises Value for Money (VfM);
- Prepare the scheme for procurement; and,
- Put in place the necessary funding and management arrangements for the successful delivery of the scheme.

We will commission PJA consultants to provide the technical engineering, environmental, active travel planning and place making expertise, and we will directly work with partners and the community to achieve:

- agreement in principle from Network Rail;
- robust plans for development, management and maintenance of the trail route;
- engagement of local people and behaviour change toward a shift from a reliance on motor vehicles to public transport and active travel options;
- improvements in health and wellbeing of the population by more people becoming active and exercising outdoors;
- greater understanding, appreciation and care for the natural environment of Morecambe Bay;
- new active travel opportunities;
- support for the scheme that provides a compelling case for construction funding.

The Technical Work

- Development of an Outline Business Case
- Full team site visit with Network rail and employment of a Banksman
- Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority liaison/projection work
- Landscape Appraisal
- New visualisations
- Value Engineering and Specification work
- Arnside Station access and village traffic reduction work
- Commission Network Rail expertise to submit a Form A certificate of approval in principle.

Community and Partnership Work

Morecambe Bay Partnership are currently delivering complementary low carbon active travel initiatives. This grant would increase our capacity to create a culture whereby people look for alternatives to motor vehicle transport as their first option around the coast of Morecambe Bay. Along with our work to champion walking and cycling routes that connect communities and provide leisure activity, and accessible trails for people with mobility issues, we are investing in infrastructure and opening our first Community Active Travel Hub at Grange Station to make active travel more accessible. The grant will give us the capacity to engage more with the local community, visitors, businesses, and other partners to raise the profile of active travel options and benefits, increasing participation in walking, cycling and local green infrastructure development.

Cycling and walking is the only practical way to achieve true carbon net zero movement of people. The creation of safe, easy, accessible active travel routes that connect communities should be seen as a priority in the toolkit to tackle carbon emissions. Active travel will never be for everyone or every occasion, but investment in quality infrastructure is essential to encourage and enable more people to change their behaviour. The Arnside to Grange Trail would be a showpiece example of how Westmorland and Furness are serious about active travel playing its part in tackling climate change, achieving net zero, protecting natural habitats, improving the environment whilst providing quality leisure space for local communities.

The proposed construction of a 5.5km raised boardwalk along the railway embankment and a cantilevered bridge over the viaduct creates a new leisure space that also limits the current harmful encroachment by people and dogs onto the highly sensitive saltmarsh. The enclosed trail route can play an important part in reducing bird disturbance and preventing damage to sensitive flora and fauna. These are all factors of concern locally to us and our partners Natural England and RSPB who are tackling this problem. We believe the trail provides an opportunity to bring people closer to nature and educate them to care about the special environment and wildlife of the Bay.

During our 2022/2023 feasibility work we engaged with local communities sharing our plans for a trail and seeking their opinion.

During a 2-week survey period over 6,000 people responded and gave the trail their overwhelming support. **99.6% supported the trail** (2.6% with some reservations).

Two drop-in consultation events in Grange-over-Sands and Arnside were attended by over 500 people who were keen to see plans and ask questions of the team. The feedback was incredibly positive.

This scheme is more popular with local people than any other we have worked on.

Wider benefits

Eden Project Morecambe will generate an influx of new visitors interested in the environment, nature, Morecambe Bay and sustainable tourism. The trail experience will entice visitors to extend their trip, spending money further round the Bay benefiting local Cumbrian businesses and communities.

The scheme gives a high VfM ‘Benefit to Cost Ratio’ of 2.61 derived from figures from similar schemes like the Keswick to Threlkeld Trail. This only represents active travel benefits; actual benefit will be higher.

Contribution / benefit to local people:

- New leisure facilities, connecting communities, safe cycling and walking.
- New volunteering opportunities bringing people together with an interest in low-carbon life choices and helping others
- Promotion of active travel; making bikes, Trampers and mobility scooters easily accessible to local people; events and new community networks
- Organisations who aspire to net zero working together
- Free active travel taster sessions, guided rides, walks and events that improve the health and wellbeing of local people
- Practical solutions to the climate emergency available in the community.

Expenditure

Cost Description	Total including VAT
Project management and community delivery – inc. payroll, travel, and training	£25,640.00
Overheads @ 10%	£9,090.80
Subcontracting – technical and engineering (PJA & Network Rail)	£61,968.00
Equipment, events, marketing/PR materials	£3,300.00
Total	£99,998.80

Sarah Mason
December 2023

Westmorland and Furness Council

Report Title:	Bridge Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order
Meeting:	Locality Board - South Lakeland area
Meeting Date:	25 th January 2024
Report Author:	Helen Karaaslan, Traffic Management Team Leader
Lead Cabinet Member(s):	Peter Thornton
Wards Affected?	Coniston and Hawkshead High Furness Levens and Crooklands Windermere and Ambleside
PUBLIC, PART EXEMPT OR FULLY EXEMPT	Public
List of Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1 - Statutory Notice Appendix 2 - Plans of the proposals Appendix 3 - Statement of Reasons Appendix 4 - Summary of responses to Statutory Consultation

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the responses to the statutory consultation and advertising of the Order referred to at paragraph 2.1 of this report.
- 1.2 All of the proposals are summarised in the statutory notice which is attached in Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The plans attached as Appendix 2 to this report show the extents of the proposed restrictions.
- 1.4 The Councils' statement of reason for proposing to make the Order is attached as Appendix 3.
- 1.5 The report seeks a resolution on the proposed introduction of the Order.

2. Recommendation

For the reasons set out in this report, it is recommended that –

- 2.1 Having taken into account the representation which were received during the statutory consultation and advertisement and having also taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 8.1 of this report, that the Westmorland and Furness Council (Various Bridges - South Lakeland Area) (Traffic Regulation) Order 20>< be brought into operation as advertised.

3. Information: the Rationale and Evidence

3.1 The Council has been requested by the Council's Bridges and Structures Team to consult upon weight and traffic restrictions. The proposals are as follows;

- 3.1.1.1 Introduce a prohibition of all motor vehicles on that length of the U5528 heading towards Middle Fell Farm, near Great Langdale, from a point 24 metres north of the centre of its junction with the U5528 towards Stool End, extending over the full expanse of Middle Fell Bridge;
- 3.1.1.2 Introduce a 7.5 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight limit on the following Bridges:-
 - a) U5614 Main Drain Bridge, near Levens;
 - b) U5082 Water Yeat (Old) Bridge, near Water Yeat;
 - c) U5001 Bridge End Bridge, near Little Langdale; and
 - d) U5001 Fell Foot Bridge, near Little Langdale.
- 3.1.1.3 Introduce a 10 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight limit on the U5518 Newland Mill Bridge, near Newland Bottom.

(NB: There are no exemptions to the above proposed restrictions.)

3.2 Middle Fell Bridge, near Great Langdale – The bridge has been assessed as capable of carrying vehicles up to 10 tonnes weight. As a weak bridge, it should be signed with a weight restriction. However, the required signage at this location would be detrimental to the character of the area, with consideration of the nature of the approaches (agricultural field to the north), the confines of the approaches (narrow walled track to the south), and the character of the area (picturesque tourist location). The road carried by the bridge is unsurfaced; at the bridge there is a thin layer of cobbles laid directly onto the extrados of the structural arch barrel. Tracking of motorised vehicles over the bridge will therefore be causing damage to the structure of the bridge because of lack of distribution of wheel loads. Further surfacing of the road would cause detriment to the character of the area by significantly altering the appearance of the bridge, including the need to increase the height the parapets of the arch to accommodate thickness of the road surface. It is evident on site that all vehicles accessing Middle Fell Farm and the field immediately to the north of the Middle Fell Bridge are using the adjacent spur of the U5528 over Dungeon Ghyll Bridge as an alternative, therefore this alteration to access would not be a deviation from present preferred routes to access properties over the bridge. For this reason, it is proposed to prohibit all motor vehicles over the full expanse of Middle Fell Bridge.

- 3.3 U5614 Main Drain Bridge, near Levens;
U5082 Water Yeat (Old) Bridge, near Water Yeat;
U5001 Bridge End Bridge, near Little Langdale; and
U5001 Fell Foot Bridge, near Little Langdale:-

An inspection and structural assessment of these bridges has found that each bridge is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 7.5 tonnes without unacceptable risk to members of the public and damage to the road and structure. For this reason, it is proposed to introduce a 7.5 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight limit on each of the bridges.

- 3.4 U5518 Newland Mill Bridge, near Newland Bottom – An inspection and structural assessment of Newland Mill Bridge has found it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 10 tonnes without unacceptable risk to members of the public and damage to the road and structure. For this reason, it is proposed to bring in a 10 tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight limit over the bridge.

- 3.5 Attached as Appendix 1 is the statutory notice for advertising and consultation. Attached as Appendix 2 are the plans detailing the extents of the proposals. Appendix 3 is the Council's Statement of reason for proposing to make the Order.

4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (People, Climate, Communities, Economy and Culture, Customers, Workforce)

- 4.1 A safe, sustainable and serviceable highway network underpins the Council Plan Vision for Westmorland and Furness to be a great place to live, work and thrive and supports many of the Council's priorities. A reliable highway network enables people, goods and service to be moved around the Authority area promoting new business creation, economic growth and enabling people to thrive within their communities.

5. Consultation Outcomes (with services, ward councillors and public consultation where required)

- 5.1 Statutory Consultation and advertising began on Thursday 7th November 2023 and concluded on 30 November 2023.
- 5.2 4 responses have been received regarding the proposals as follows;
- 1 response was to the proposals for Middle Fell, Fell Foot and Bridge End bridges
- 1 response was to the proposals for Main Drain and Water Yeat (Old) bridges
- 2 separate responses were for proposals for Main Drain Bridge.
- 5.3 Support was indicated for the proposed restrictions at Middle Fell Bridge, Fell Foot Bridge and Bridge End Bridge.

- 5.4 Requested in the feedback was that signage required to be installed to indicate restrictions to highway users, should the proposals be approved, at Middle Fell Bridge, Fell Foot Bridge and Bridge End Bridge, that the designs should consider the context and environment and not be placed on the boundaries of historic properties to minimise any negative impact.
- 5.5 Should the proposed restrictions be approved for these bridges this will be taken into consideration and every effort taken to ensure signage is sensitively placed whilst ensuring it adheres with the legal requirements.
- 5.6 3 responses have been received regarding the proposed 7.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight limit.
- 5.7 A request was received for Main Drain Bridge to have an exemption to allow refuse vehicles of 12 tonnes. This is to be able to facilitate the collection of waste and recycling due to being a single track road with limited turning for the council's collection vehicles, the nearest junction being 300 yards away.
- 5.8 An inspection and structural assessment of Main Drain Bridge has found that they are incapable of carrying any load exceeding 7.5 tonnes without unacceptable risk to members of the public and damage the road and structure. The assessment aims to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road which runs over the bridges, and to prevent the use of the road by vehicular traffic in a manner which is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road and bridge. Consideration is given to the needs for efficient distribution of goods and services along with the needs of the environment and communities. Nevertheless, since the risk is unacceptable it is not possible to exempt vehicles above the proposed weight limit to use the bridge.
- 5.9 An objection to the proposed weight limit at Main Drain Bridge was received. The objection was that farm machinery and delivery vehicles use this road to access Levens Village and Lords Plain. The objection said that this was the only alternative route for the A590 and widely acknowledged as a dangerous section of road. Additional farm vehicles, delivery vehicle turning onto the road as the Hare and Hounds pub to Gilpin Bridge crossing the carriageway will increase the hazards, increasing the likelihood of accidents and potential temporary closure of the A590. Movement of excavators for drainage of the farmland on this area will be compromised. The road can serve as a strategic alternative route to the A590 in the event of a temporary closure of the A590. The issue is if the consultation is taking the safety of the current specific bridge in isolation from the overring requirement for a replacement at a greater capacity as was previously the case.
- 5.10 An inspection and structural assessment has found that it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 7.5 tonnes without unacceptable risk to members of the public or damage to the road and structure. The assessment aims to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the roads which runs over Main Drain Bridge, and to prevent the use of the road by vehicular traffic in a manner which is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road and bridge. Consideration is given to the needs for efficient distribution of

goods and services along with the needs of the environment and communities. Nevertheless, since the risk is unacceptable is it not possible to exempt vehicles above the proposed weight limit to use the bridge. This is not an agreed diversion route for the A590. Diversion routes for the A590 are only be approved on A, B, or C classification roads.

- 5.11 1 response has been received in support of the proposal for Main Drain Bridge but did raise a concern regarding enforcement as following the implementation of temporary signage at the bridge large LGV's have been seen using the bridge.
- 5.12 Enforcement of the proposed restrictions, should the Order be approved, would be for Cumbria Constabulary who have the powers to take enforcement action. Cumbria Constabulary have been consulted regarding all the proposed restrictions.

6 Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 The inspection and structural assessment findings indicate without the proposed restrictions members of public would be at unacceptable risk. There is not therefore a suitable alternative.

7 Financial Implications and risk

- 7.1 If Locality Board decide to agree recommendation at paragraph 2.1 the estimated the cost in terms of staff resources and advertising would be £3,500 and any implementation measures as a result of the making of the Order are estimated at £13,750. This would be funded through the Central Bridge Assessment Review budget.
- 7.2 The Locality Board are asked to note that if it is decided to agree recommendation at paragraph 2.1 the ongoing maintenance cost of signage for the restrictions is approximately £50 a year which would need to be met from within the Highways revenue budget.

8 Legal & Governance Implications

- 8.1 Westmorland and Furness Council, as Traffic Authority, must take into consideration the matters contained in section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") detailed below, in considering whether it is expedient to agree to bringing the Order into force as per the Recommendation in this Report for the reason specified at sections 1(1)(a), (b) and (d) of the 1984 Act, namely: -

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or

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Pursuant to Paragraph 14.12.2 (d) of the Constitution, Locality Boards may *“consider and determine traffic regulation orders, speed limit orders, experimental orders, parking places orders and revocation orders, with the exception of those that require urgent determination or are temporary in nature, in all cases, the relevant local member will have been notified of the matter.”*

9 Human Resources Implications

- 9.1 There are no human resources implications for consideration in connection with the TRO proposals or decision whether to make the Order.

10 Equality & Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty, Armed Forces Families, Care Leavers and Health inequalities implications)

- 10.1 The restrictions on the bridges have been considered carefully and are required on health and safety grounds for the travelling public. There are not considered to be any equality or diversity implications as a result of these restrictions or this decision.

11 Background Information & Sources (used in preparation of this Report)

- 11.1 The statutory requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 have been followed and will be signed in accordance with the Traffic Sign Regulations and General Directions 2016.
- 11.2 Full details on the background to this Order referred to within this report can be found in the Appendix documents 1-4.

WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL(VARIOUS BRIDGES – SOUTH LAKELAND AREA)
(TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2023

1. Westmorland and Furness Council hereby give notice that it proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
2. The effect of the proposed Order will be to: -
 - i) Prohibit all motor vehicles from proceeding along that length of the U5528 heading towards Middle Fell Farm, near Great Langdale, from a point 24 metre north of the centre of its junction with the U5528 towards Stool End, extending over the full expanse of Middle Fell Bridge.
 - ii) Introduce a 7.5 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight limit on the following Bridges;
 - a) U5614 Main Drain Bridge, near Levens;
 - b) U5082 Water Yeat (Old) Bridge, near Water Yeat;
 - c) U5001 Bridge End Bridge, near Little Langdale; and
 - d) U5001 Fell Foot Bridge, near Little Langdale.
 - iii) Introduce a 10 Tonnes maximum gross vehicle weight limit on the U5518 Newland Mill Bridge, near Newland Bottom.

(NB: There are no exemptions to the above proposed restrictions).

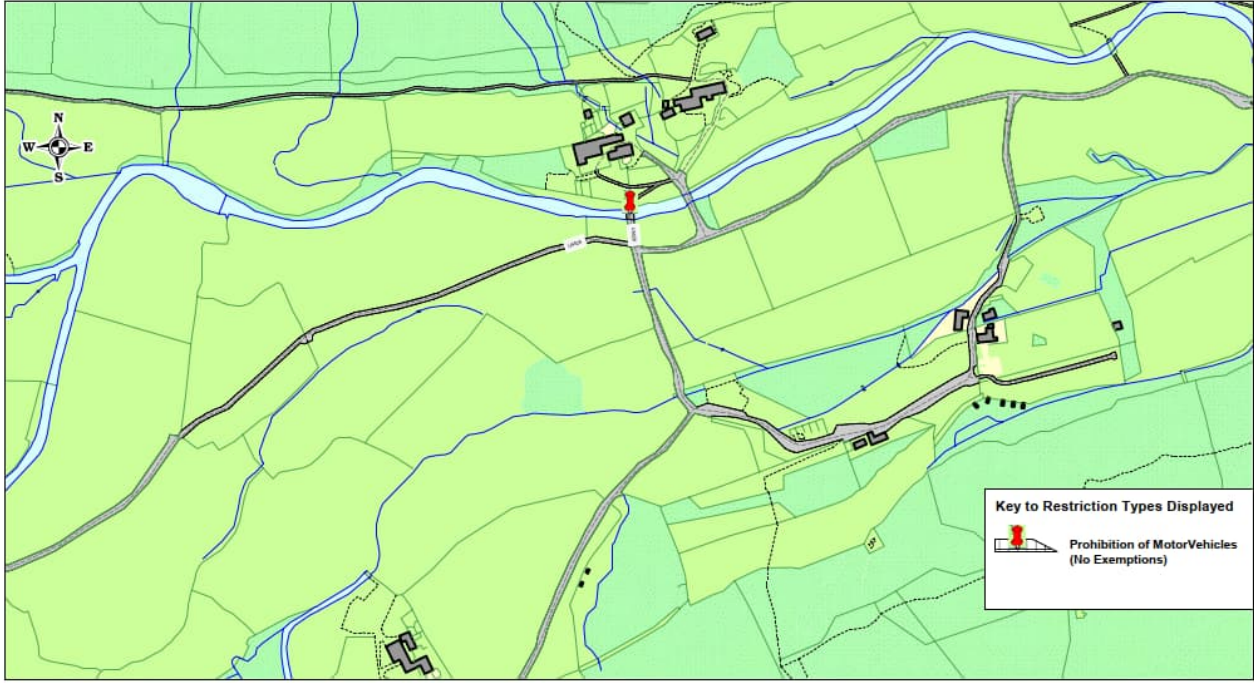
PLEASE REFER TO THE DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT AND ON THE COUNCIL'S WEB-SITE FOR FULL DETAILS.

3. Full details of the proposed Order, together with plans showing the lengths of road concerned, and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be: -
 - (i) viewed on the Council's website using the following link: -;
<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/parking-streets-and-transport/streets-roads-and-pavements/road-maintenance-closures-and-improvements/proposed-traffic-regulation-orders-tros>
 - (ii) on deposit at;
 - (a) Ambleside Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside, LA22 0BZ;
 - (b) County Hall, Kendal, LA9 4RQ;
 - (iii) at the offices of the undersigned; and
 - (iv) may otherwise be obtained by emailing
TROconsultation@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk
4. If you wish to comment or make representations in relation to the proposals, you should write to the Traffic Management Team, County Hall, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4RQ, or by email to TROconsultation@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk by **30 November 2023, marking your correspondence with reference SLBRIDGE2023/02/EU.**

Chief Legal Officer, Westmorland and Furness, South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, LA9 4DQ

Dated 9 November 2023


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Key to Restriction Types Displayed

 SL Maximum Gross Weight Limit At Any Time (All Vehicles Over 7.5 Tonnes)




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Main Drain Bridge
7.5 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight Limit
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Water Yeat (Old) Bridge
7.5 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight Limit
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Fell Foot Bridge
See Plan BRIDGE2023.02.1.4

Bridge End Bridge


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Fell Foot Bridge


Bridge End Bridge
See Plan BRIDGE2023.02.1.3

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 Part 1 M55C 10 tonnes (No Exemptions)

 <p>Westmorland & Furness Council</p>	<p>Newland Mill 10 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight Limit (No Exemptions)</p>	SCALE	1 : 7500
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(VARIOUS BRIDGES – SOUTH LAKELAND AREA)
(TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 20><

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Westmorland and Furness Council considers that it is expedient to propose make the above Order for the following reason (s) in Section 1(1) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984:

- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads or any other roads or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- (b) for preventing damage to the roads or to any building on or near the roads, or
- (d) for preventing the use of the roads by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the roads or adjoining properties.

For the following:

Middle Fell Bridge - Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

(Drawing SLBRIDGE2023.02.1.1)

The issues with this bridge, which have led to us deciding to prohibit motorised vehicles over it are as follows:

- The bridge has been assessed as capable of carrying vehicles up to 10 tonnes weight. As a weak bridge, it should be signed with a weight restriction. However, the required signage at this location would be detrimental to the character of the area, with consideration of the nature of the approaches (agricultural field to the north), the confines of the approaches (narrow walled track to the south), and the character of the area (picturesque tourist location).
- The road carried by the bridge is unsurfaced; at the bridge there is a thin layer of cobbles laid directly onto the extrados of the structural arch barrel. Tracking of motorised vehicles over the bridge will therefore be causing damage to the structure of the bridge because of lack of distribution of wheel loads. Further surfacing of the road would cause detriment to the character of the area by significantly altering the appearance of the bridge, including the need to increase the height the parapets of the arch to accommodate thickness of the road surface.
- It is evident on site that all vehicle accessing Middle Fell Farm and the field immediately to the north of the Middle Fell Bridge are using the adjacent spur of the U5528 over Dungeon Ghyll Bridge as an alternative, therefore this alteration to access, we believe, would not be a deviation from present preferred routes to access properties over the bridge.

Main Drain Bridge - 7.5 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight Limit

(Drawing SLBRIDGE2023.02.2.1)

Water Yeat Bridge - 7.5 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight Limit
(Drawing SLBRIDGE2023.02.2.2)

Bridge End Bridge - 7.5 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight Limit
(Drawing SLBRIDGE2023.02.2.3)

Fell Foot Bridge - 7.5 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight Limit
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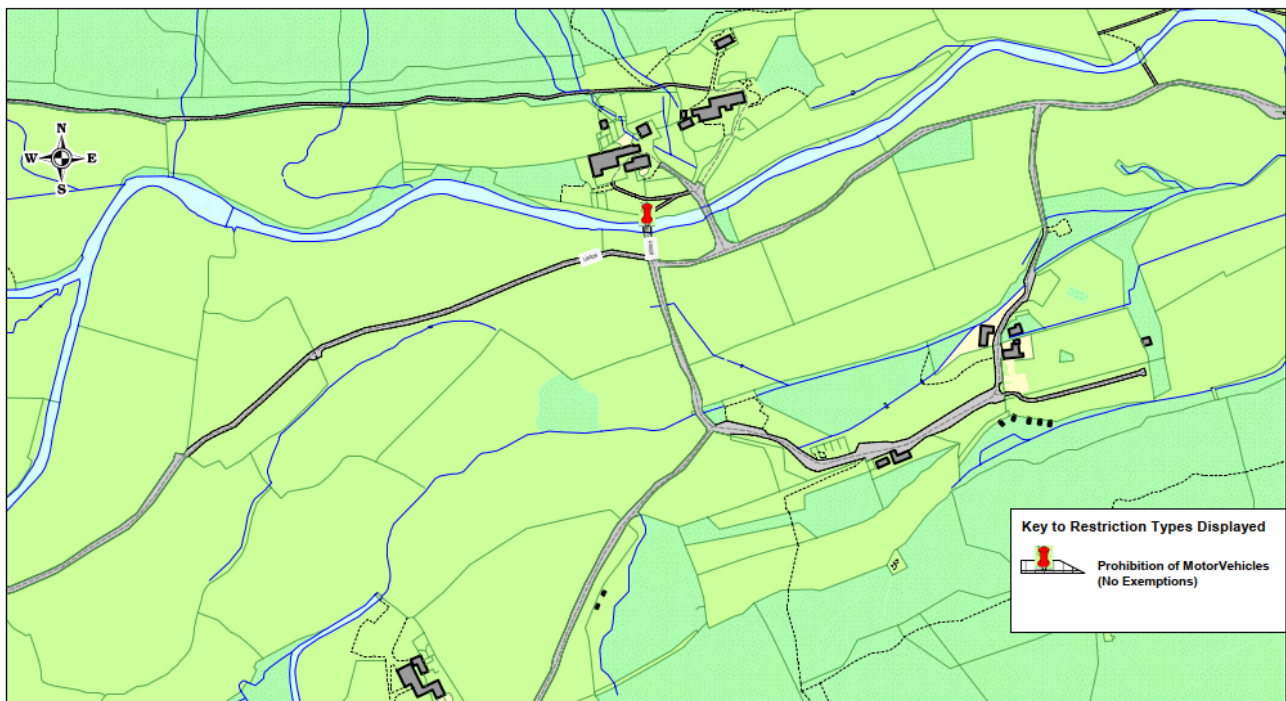
An inspection and structural assessment of the Bridges named above has found that each bridge is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 7.5 tonnes without unacceptable risk to members of the public and or damage to the road and structure.


This Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to prohibit all vehicles proceeding along the bridge extents.

Newland Mill Bridge - 10 Tonnes Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight Limit
Drawing SLBRIDGE2023.02.3.1


An inspection and structural assessment of Newland Mill Bridge has found that it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 10 tonnes without unacceptable risk to members of the public and or damage to the road and structure. We therefore propose a Traffic Regulation Order as a result of the weak bridge.

This Traffic Regulation Order is proposed to prohibit all vehicles proceeding along the bridge extents.




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Bridge Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order

Consultation Summary

RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION, ADVERTISING OBJECTIONS DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Responses

Lake District National Park

Middle Fell Bridge – appreciate the consideration of the landscape and historic environment impacts of a weight restriction. It is required infrastructure at this site and support the proposed prohibition of vehicles. The bridge links to a public footpath and removal of traffic will improve the amenity of the bridge and reduce damage to the surface.

Fell Foot Bridge – support the proposed weight limit. This is a sensitive location in a iconic valley in the Lake District National Park and World Heritage Site please consider the signage carefully to be in keeping with its context and to minimise any negative impact.

Bridge End Bridge – support the proposed weight limit. Should be noted the bridge itself is listed and the attached Bridge End Cottage and attached barn are Grade II listed. Please consider that all signage is not on located on the boundaries of these buildings, is in keeping with the setting of this historic property.

Response

Thank the Lake District National Park for their comments and should the proposals be approved careful consideration will be given to the signage required to be installed with consideration of the surroundings and environment.

Waste and Environmental Services – Westmorland and Furness Council

U5614 Main Drain Bridge – request an exemption of 12 tonnes to facilitate the collection of waste and recycling. This is a single track road with limited turning for the council's collection vehicles, the nearest junction being 300 metres away.

U5082 Water Yeat (Old) Bridge – request an exemption of 12 tonnes to facilitate the collection of waste and recycling. Introduction of a 7.5 tonnes maximum gross weight limit will create a 45 metre reverse in order to service 4 properties closest to the bridge.

No objection to the proposals for Middle Fell, Bridge End Bridge, Fell Foot Bridge and Newland Mill Bridge.

Response

Thank the Waste and Environmental Services for their feedback. An inspection and structural assessment of Main Drain Bridge and Water Yeat (Old) Bridge has found that they are incapable of carrying any load exceeding 7.5 tonnes without unacceptable risk to members of the public and damage the road and structure. The assessment aims to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road which runs over the bridges, and to prevent the use of the road by vehicular traffic in a manner which is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road and bridge. Consideration is given to the needs for efficient distribution of goods and services along with the needs of the environment and communities. Nevertheless, since the risk is unacceptable is it not possible to exempt vehicles above the proposed weight limit to use the bridges.

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Ref No.	Support/ Conditional / Object	Comment(s)	CCC Comments
1	Object	<p>Main Drain Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bridge needs to be a greater maximum gross vehicle weight of 7.5 tonnes. Farm machinery and delivery vehicles need to use this road to access Levens village and the fields on Lords Plain. The only alternative is the A590, this is widely acknowledged as a dangerous section of road. A significant number of deaths have occurred on the junctions on this section of the A590. (This has been discussed at Transport Secretary level.) Additional farm vehicles, delivery vehicle turning onto the road as the Hare and Hounds pub to Gilpin Bridge crossing the carriageway will increase the hazards, increasing the likelihood of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objects to the proposed weight limit at Main Drain Bridge. An inspection and structural assessment of the bridge has found that it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 7.5 tonnes without unacceptable risk to members of the public and or damage to the road and structure. The assessment aims to avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road which runs over Main Drain Bridge, and to prevent the use of the road by vehicular traffic in a manner which is unsuitable having

		<p>accidents and potential temporary closure of the A590. Movement of excavators for drainage of the farmland on this area will be compromised. The road can serve as a strategic alternative route to the A590 in the event of a temporary closure of the A590. There is not alternative route.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The significance of any move to a 7.5 tonnes wight limit on this bridge is the potential impact on the A590 either by increased accidents and there will be no alternative route e.g. for Fire Engines. • The issues is if the consultation is taking the safety of the current specific bridge in isolation from the overring requirement for a replacement at a greater capacity as was previously the case. 	<p>regard to the existing character of the road and bridge. Consideration is given to the needs for efficient distribution of goods and services along with the needs of the environment and communities. Nevertheless, since the risk is unacceptable is it not possible to exempt vehicles above the proposed weight limit to use the bridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is not an agreed diversion route for the A590. Diversion routes for the A590 are only be approved on A, B, or C classification roads. • It is the responsibility of drivers of vehicles carrying a load exceeding 7.5 tonnes, to observe traffic restrictions that may impede their chosen routes and adhere to them. • Recommended the proposals are approved.
<p>2</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Main Drain Bridge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No objection to the proposed weight limit and believe it to be good for the maintenance of this lovely old bridge. • Only concern would be the enforcement of this restriction as since temporary signs have been in place on many occasions been witness to large LGV vehicles use the bridge that are over 7.5 tonnes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the proposals. • An inspection and structural assessment of the bridge has found that it is incapable of carrying any load exceeding 7.5 tonnes without unacceptable risk to members of the public and or damage to the road and structure. Enforcement of the proposed weight limit, should it be approved would be for Cumbria Constabulary who have the legal

			<p>powers to take enforcement action. Cumbria Constabulary have been consulted for consideration of the proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended the proposals are approved.
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Summary

- Responses received total 4.
 Middle Fell, Fell Foot and Bridge End Bridge – 1 response in support. Request for consideration of signage in keeping with the environment,
 Main Drain Bridge - 1 request for an exemption of 12 tonnes vehicles to facilitate collection of waste and recycling. 1 objection received as the feedback stated “Farm machinery and delivery vehicles need to use this road to access Levens village and the fields on Lords Plain. 1 in support.
- Having considered all the responses it is recommended that the proposals are approved and implemented as advertised.

Westmorland and Furness Council

Report Title:	Parking Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order
Meeting:	Locality Board - South Lakeland area
Meeting Date:	25 th January 2024
Report Author:	Helen Karaaslan, Traffic Management Team Leader
Lead Cabinet Member(s):	Peter Thornton
Wards Affected?	Kendal Nether Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale Windermere and Ambleside
PUBLIC, PART EXEMPT OR FULLY EXEMPT	Public
List of Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1 - Statutory Notice Appendix 2 - Plans of the proposals Appendix 3 - Statement of Reasons Appendix 4 - Summary of responses to Statutory Consultation

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the responses to the statutory consultation and advertising of the Order referred to at paragraph 2.1 of this report.
- 1.2 All of the proposals are summarised in the statutory notice which is attached in Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The plans attached as Appendix 2 to this report show the extents of the proposed restrictions.
- 1.4 The Councils' statement of reason for proposing to make the Order is attached as Appendix 3.
- 1.5 The report seeks a resolution on the proposed introduction of the Order.

2. Recommendation

For the reasons set out in this report, it is recommended that –

- 2.1 Having taken into account the representation which were received during the statutory consultation and advertisement and having also taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 8.1 of this report, that the Westmorland and Furness Council (Various Roads, South Lakeland Area) (Traffic Regulation) Order 20>< be brought into operation as advertised.

3. Information: the Rationale and Evidence

3.1 Parking restrictions were brought in under emergency powers followed by a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) made by Cumbria County council in the summer of 2022 in response to parking taking place which was causing an obstruction at:

a) A65 Bentnick Drive, Kirkby Lonsdale

b) U5527, U5528 and B5343 at Dungeon Ghyll, Great Langdale

c) B5343 Near Elterwater; and

d) A591 Jenkins Field, Ambleside

3.2 TTRO'S can be in place for a maximum of 18 months. As the temporary restrictions have shown to be beneficial for road safety through removing obstructive parking it is proposed to make these permanent through a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

3.3 Additional Parking restrictions are also proposed to be implemented on Birch Street in Windermere. There is a section of No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow line) restrictions at the junction with Crescent Road which are not enforceable due to an error in a previous TRO, and it is proposed to include these restrictions so they can be enforced to prevent obstructive parking.

3.4 Additional No Waiting at Any Time restrictions are proposed at U5532 Pelter Bridge following obstructive parking which is preventing access to properties.

3.5 It is also proposed to introduce Police Parking Bays at 2 locations, namely

a) A591 between its junctions with Benfield and Greenhead Fold Grasmere; and b) A6 Shap Road in Kendal

This will allow police vehicles and speed camera vans only to park within the bays and carry out proactive enforcement of the speed limits at these locations without being impeded.

3.6 The proposals also included the removal of the "No Waiting, 8.00 am – 7:00 pm, Full Week" restrictions on the U5527 Great Langdale, the U5528 Great Langdale and the B5343 Great Langdale; and the removal of the "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions on the A591 Lake Road (south of Waterhead the northbound cycle bypass pull-in), and on the U5532 Steps End Road, Pelter Bridge. To enable the implementation of the restrictions listed in 3.1 to 3.5 requires the revocation of several TRO entries across the locations as listed in the notice.

4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (People, Climate, Communities, Economy and Culture, Customers, Workforce)

- 4.1 A safe, sustainable and serviceable highway network underpins the Council Plan Vision for Westmorland and Furness to be a great place to live, work and thrive and supports many of the Council's priorities. A reliable highway network enables people, goods and service to be moved around the Authority area promoting new business creation, economic growth and enabling people to thrive within their communities.

5. Consultation Outcomes (with services, ward councillors and public consultation where required)

- 5.1 Statutory Consultation and advertising began on Thursday 19th October 2023 and concluded on 9 November 2023.
- 5.2 3 responses have been received regarding the proposals.
- 5.3 One request was received in support of the proposed No Waiting at Any Time restrictions at A591, B5343, U557, U5528 at Great Langdale and U5532 Pelter Bridge on the basis the measures had made a material difference to the traffic and amenity for both residents and visitors in and passing through these locations. Support indicated for the measures to become permanent.
- 5.4 An objection was received in support of the proposed No Waiting at Any Time restrictions at A591 Jenkins Field, Ambleside and A65 Bentick Drive, Kirby Lonsdale. The objection said that the proposals were unnecessary as the roads already have controlled double white line system which prevents stopping or parking vehicles and is an offence requiring police enforcement. The objection to "Removing the "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions on the A591 Lake Road (south of Waterhead the northbound cycle bypass pull-in)". The continued use of the waiting restriction is necessary to prevent "pull-in" from being used as a parking space by vehicle users. Cyclists use the pull-in for its intended purpose. Removal of the double yellow lines will only encourage its use as a permitted parking place.
- 5.5 It is correct that vehicles parked on a road marked with double white lines can receive a fixed penalty notice from the police. The Council, with support from Cumbria Constabulary, have proposed to install No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow lines) restrictions so they can be enforced by the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers. This is beneficial in areas where obstructive parking is taking place repeatedly as enforcement levels can be increased. A further benefit is that the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers can enforce on both side of the double yellow line, up to the edge of the highway, meaning they can enforce against vehicles parking on the verge/footway.

- 5.6 An objection was also received to the removal of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions, at A591 Jenkins Field, Ambleside and A65 Bentnick Drive, Kirkby Lonsdale however these are not proposed to be removed but extended. Due to the way legal schedules are written, existing restrictions have to be revoked in the legal wording of the legal schedules and replaced with the wording which includes the proposed extension. As the restrictions in this location have been in place since summer 2022 (under a temporary traffic regulation order which we are proposing to make permanent) the road markings will remain as presently marked out, should this Order be approved. Please note; if the Order is not approved, or in relation to this part, then the temporary restrictions will expire and need to be removed.
- 5.7 An objection to the proposed provision of the police vehicle parking bays was also received. The objection stated *“Home Office and DoT criteria for siting of speed cameras, fixed or otherwise, are not met at these locations so their deployment cannot be justified and may be unlawful. Oppose any measures which serve to perpetuate what is quite simply an industrial scale penalty farming racket it is clear these speed camera vans, apart from failing to reduce collisions, may well be actually responsible for causing them through distraction. There are too many unnecessary penalties being issued often in cases where the speed limit is set well below the 85th percentile and measures ought to be taken to reduce the number of penalties being issued not increasing them.”*
- 5.8 Cumbria Constabulary Speed Camera Van Team have advised that there are no legal criteria that have to be followed for the implementation of the Police parking bays which are also to be used by the Speed Camera Vans. Both these sites were set up as a result of public concern, investigated by the Casualty Reduction and Safer Highway (CRASH) group made up of Cumbria Constabulary, the highway department and statutory bodies. These sites have been deemed appropriate for enforcement due to the number of vehicles travelling above the speed limit. Data provided by Speed Camera Team for Shap Road Kendal indicates that the speed camera van has been deployed 18 times since March 2023 at this location and 747 Notice of Intended Prosecution have been issued. The deployment of speed camera vans is an important function in reducing vehicle speeds across the Westmorland and Furness Council area and improving road safety. Introduction of a legal order to make the bays usable only by Police vehicles (and Speed camera vans) will ensure that this important function can continue without being impeded and should a non-police vehicle park in the bay, enforcement action can be taken.

6 Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 It is considered that there are not any other measures that can be introduced that will be as effective as these proposed parking restrictions.

7 Financial Implications and risk

- 7.1 If Locality Board decide to agree recommendation at paragraph 2.1 the estimated cost in terms of staff resources and advertising would be £3,500 and any implementation measures as a result of the making of the Order are estimated at £3,100. The cost of this work would be funded through the Annual Package of Measures budget, which is included within the Highways capital budget. Please note the part of the Order making permanent restrictions currently in place by a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order there are no new road markings required.
- 7.2 The Locality Board are asked to note that if it is decided to agree the recommendation at paragraph 2.1 the ongoing maintenance cost of signage for the restrictions is approximately £30 a year which would need to be met from within the Highways revenue budget.

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- 9.1 There are no human resources implications for consideration in connection with the TRO proposals or decision whether to make the Order.

10 Equality & Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty, Armed Forces Families, Care Leavers and Health inequalities implications)

- 10.1 The parking restrictions have been considered carefully and are required on health and safety grounds for the travelling public. There are not considered to be any equality or diversity implications as a result of these restrictions or this decision.

11 Background Information & Sources (used in preparation of this Report)

- 11.1 The statutory requirements of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 have been followed and will be signed/lined in accordance with the Traffic Sign Regulations and General Directions 2016.
- 11.2 Full details on the background to this Order referred to within this report can be found in the Appendix documents 1-4.

WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, SOUTH LAKELAND AREA)
(TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2023

1. Westmorland and Furness Council hereby give notice that it proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1(1) and 2(1) to (4), 32, 35, 35A, 47, 49 and 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
2. The effect of the proposed Order will be to: -
 - i) Introduce “No Waiting At Any Time” restrictions on parts of the following roads: -
Birch Street, Windermere;
A65 Bentinck Drive, Kirkby Lonsdale;
U5527, U5528 and B5343 at Dungeon Ghyll, Great Langdale;
B5343 near Elterwater;
A591 Ambleside, alongside Jenkin’s Field; and
U5532 (Steps End Road), Pelter Bridge.
 - ii) Introduce a “Police Parking Bays” on parts of the following roads: -
A6 Shap Road, Kendal; and
A591 between its junctions with Benfield and Greenhead Fold, Grasmere
Nb: The Bays are solely for use by any vehicle being used for Police purposes.
 - iii) Removing the “No Waiting, 8.00 am – 7.00 pm, Full Week” restrictions on the U5527 Great Langdale, the U5528 Great Langdale and the B5343 Great Langdale; and
 - iv) Removing the “No Waiting At Any Time” restrictions on the A591 Lake Road (south of Waterhead the northbound cycle bypass pull-in), and on the U5532 Steps End Road, Pelter Bridge.

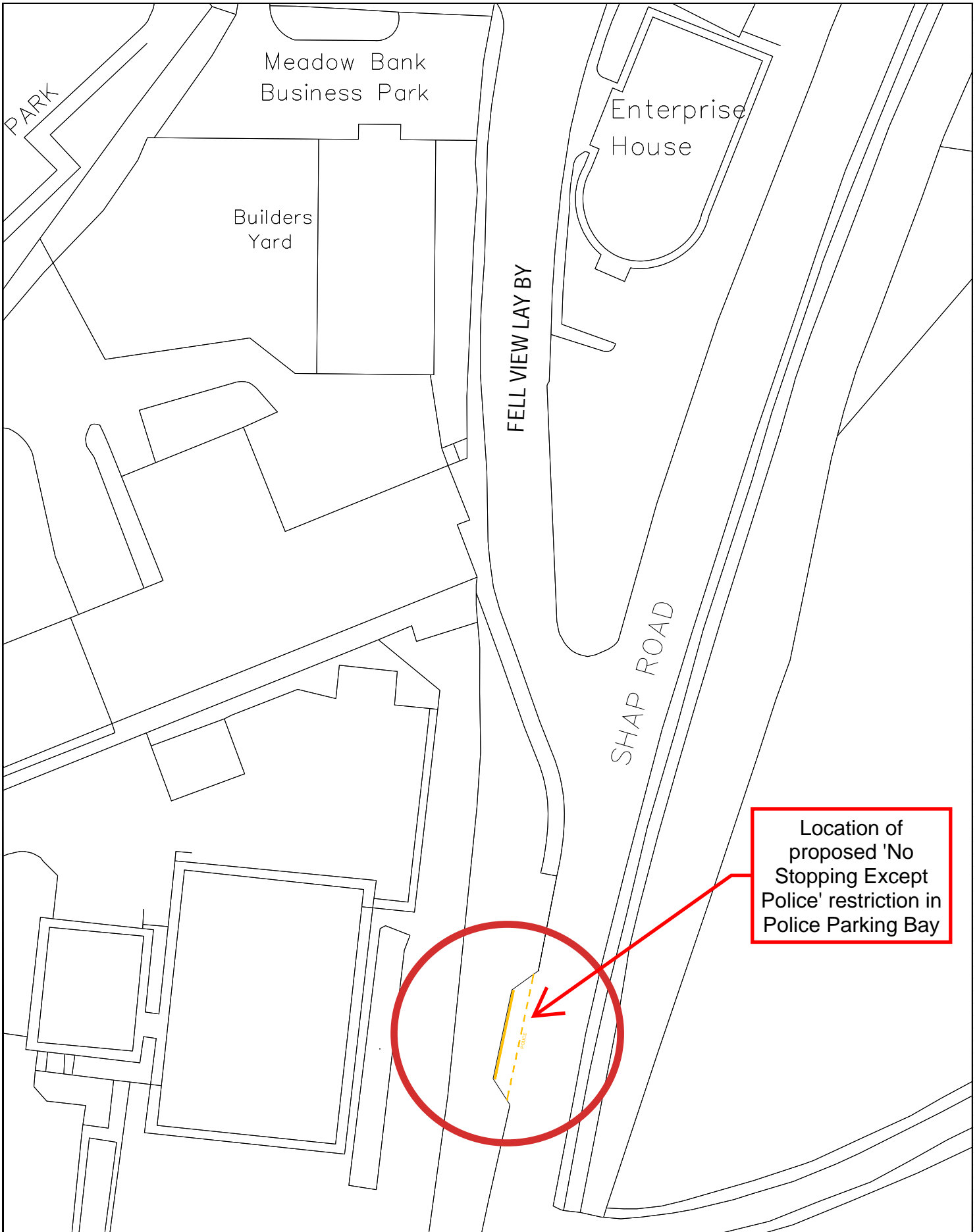
PLEASE REFER TO THE DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT AND ON THE COUNCIL’S WEB-SITE FOR FULL DETAILS.

3. Full details of the proposed Order, together with plans showing the lengths of road concerned, and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be: -
 - (i) viewed on the Council’s website using the following link: -;
<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/parking-streets-and-transport/streets-roads-and-pavements/road-maintenance-closures-and-improvements/proposed-traffic-regulation-orders-tros>
 - (ii) on deposit at County Offices, Kendal, LA9 4RQ; and
 - (ii) at the offices of the undersigned; and
 - (iii) may otherwise be obtained by emailing
TROconsultation@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk
4. If you wish to comment or make representations in relation to the proposals, you should write to the Traffic Management Team, County Hall, Busher Walk, Kendal LA9 4RQ or by email to TROconsultation@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk by **9 November 2023, marking your correspondence with reference ‘SLVPARKING2023/JT’**

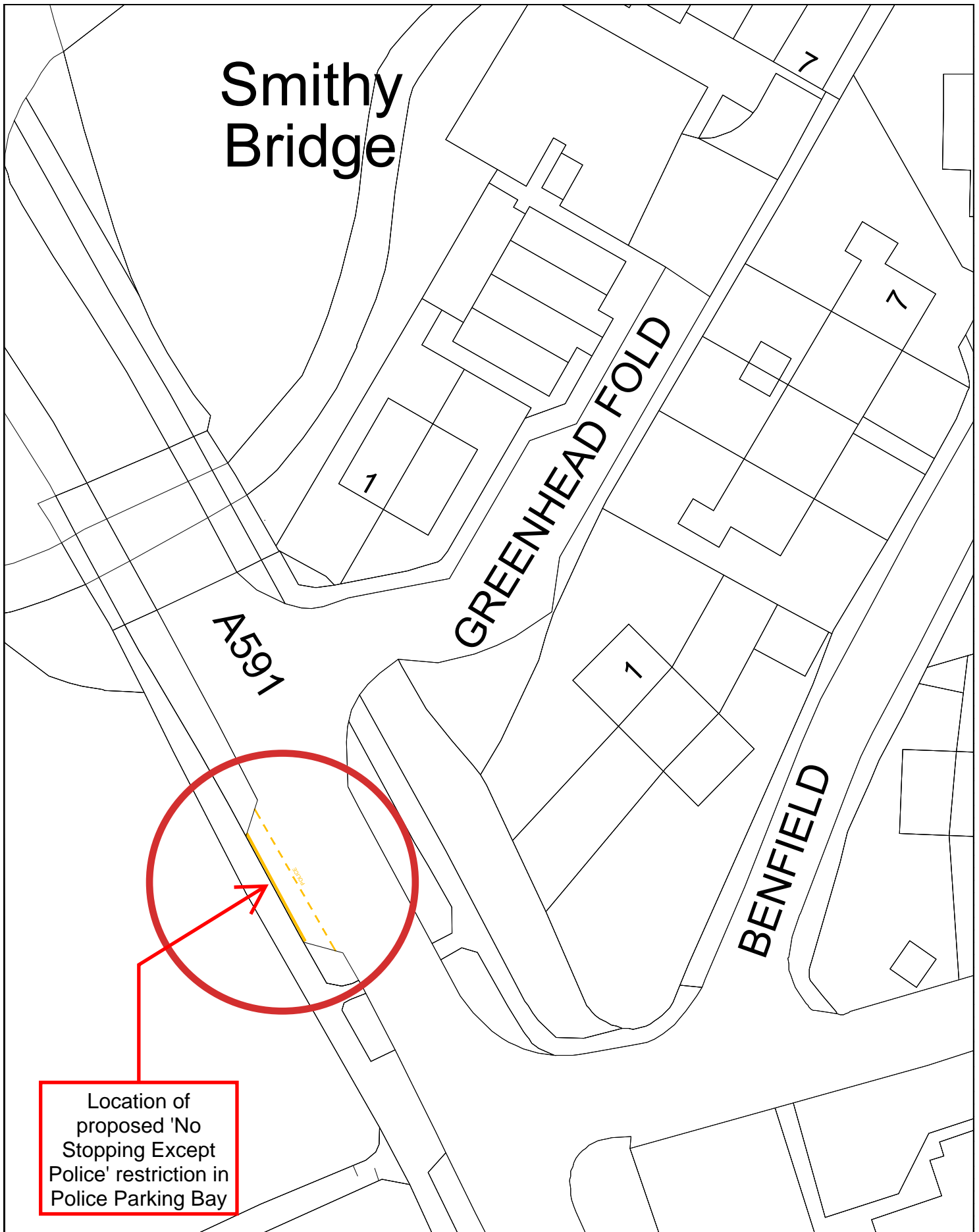
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Location of proposed 'No Stopping Except Police' restriction in Police Parking Bay



Location of proposed 'No Stopping Except Police' restriction in Police Parking Bay



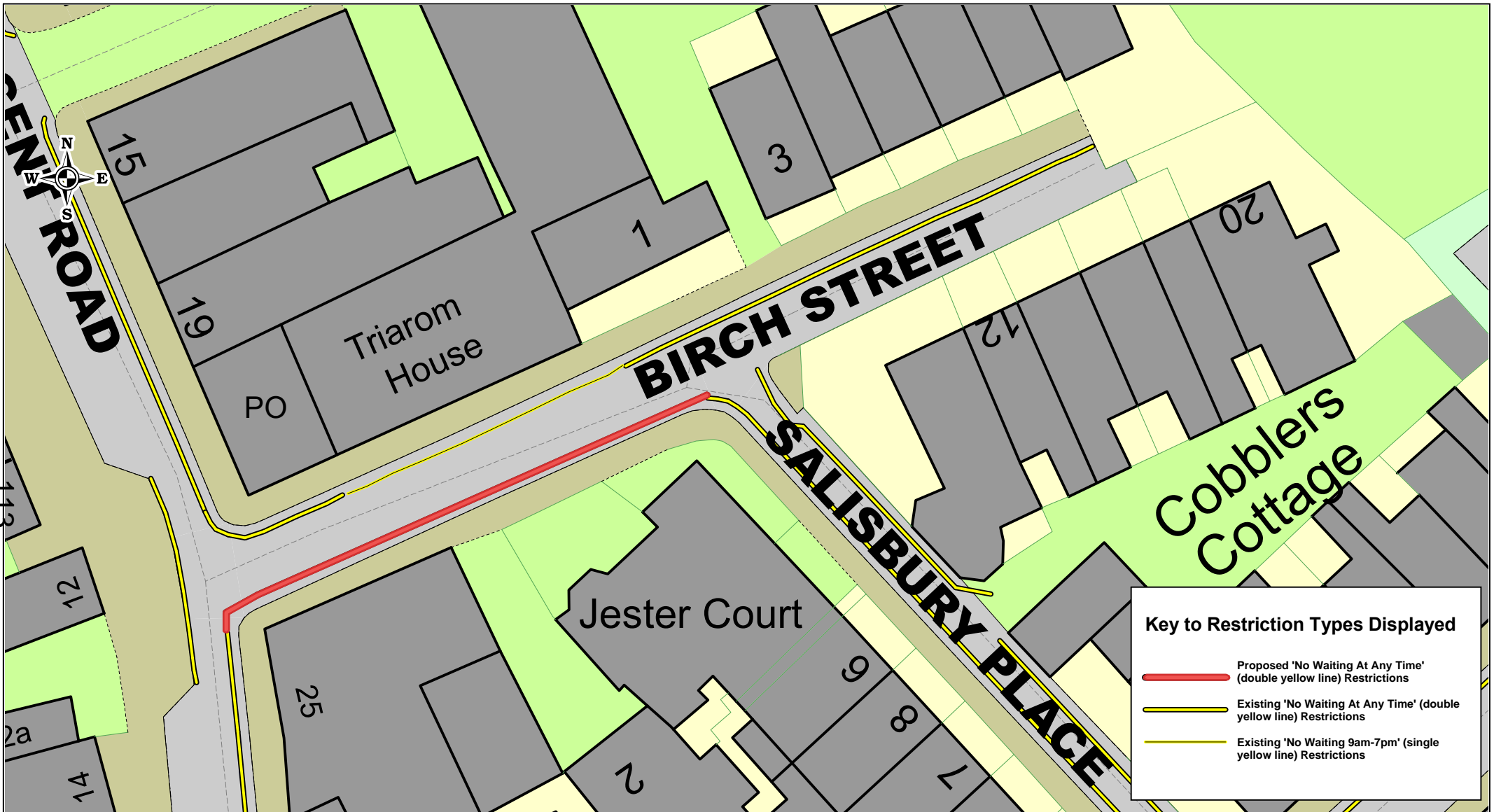
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Proposed Restrictions on
A591, Grasmere

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Proposed Restrictions on U5745, Birch Street, Windermere

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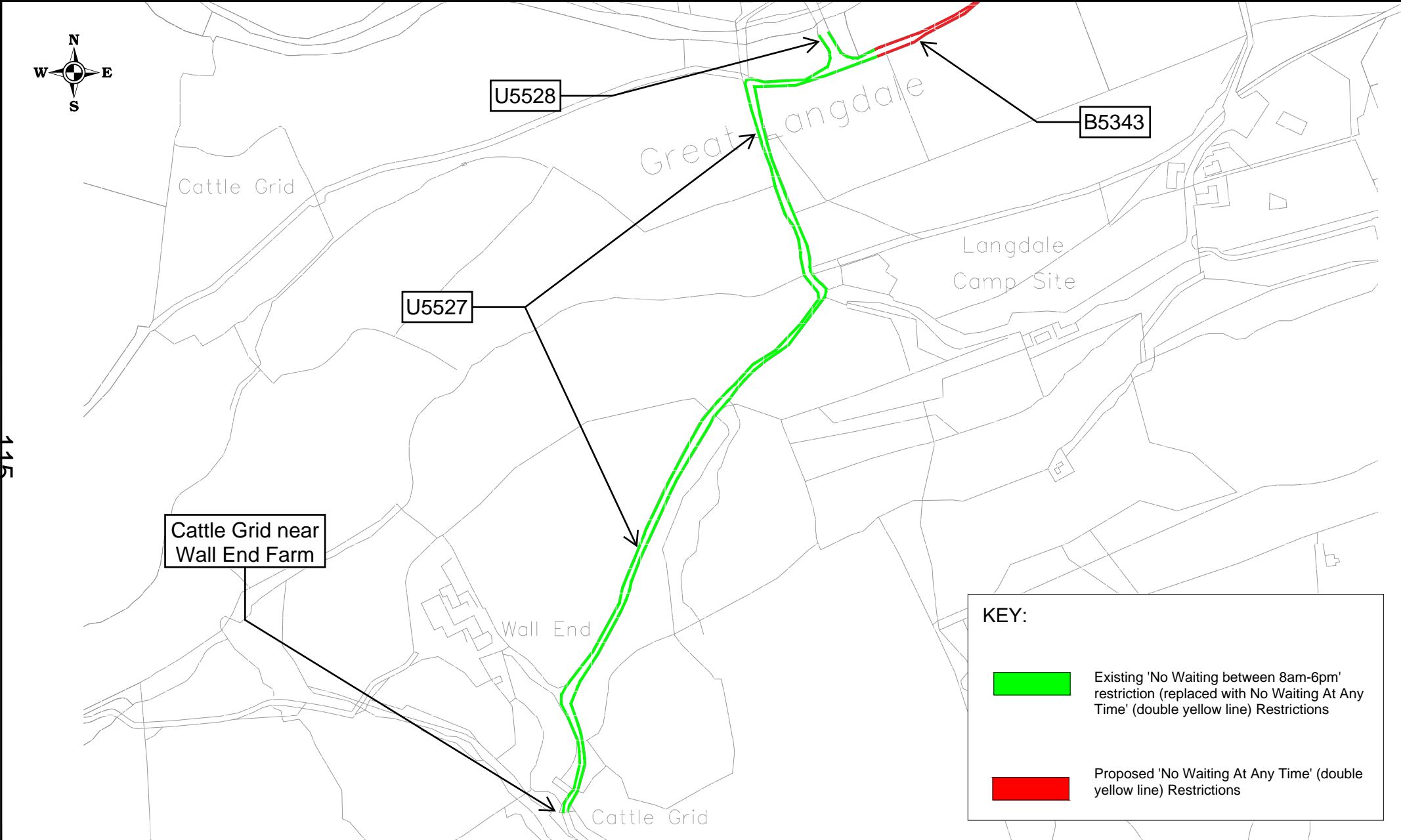
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Cattle Grid near Wall End Farm

U5528

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U5527

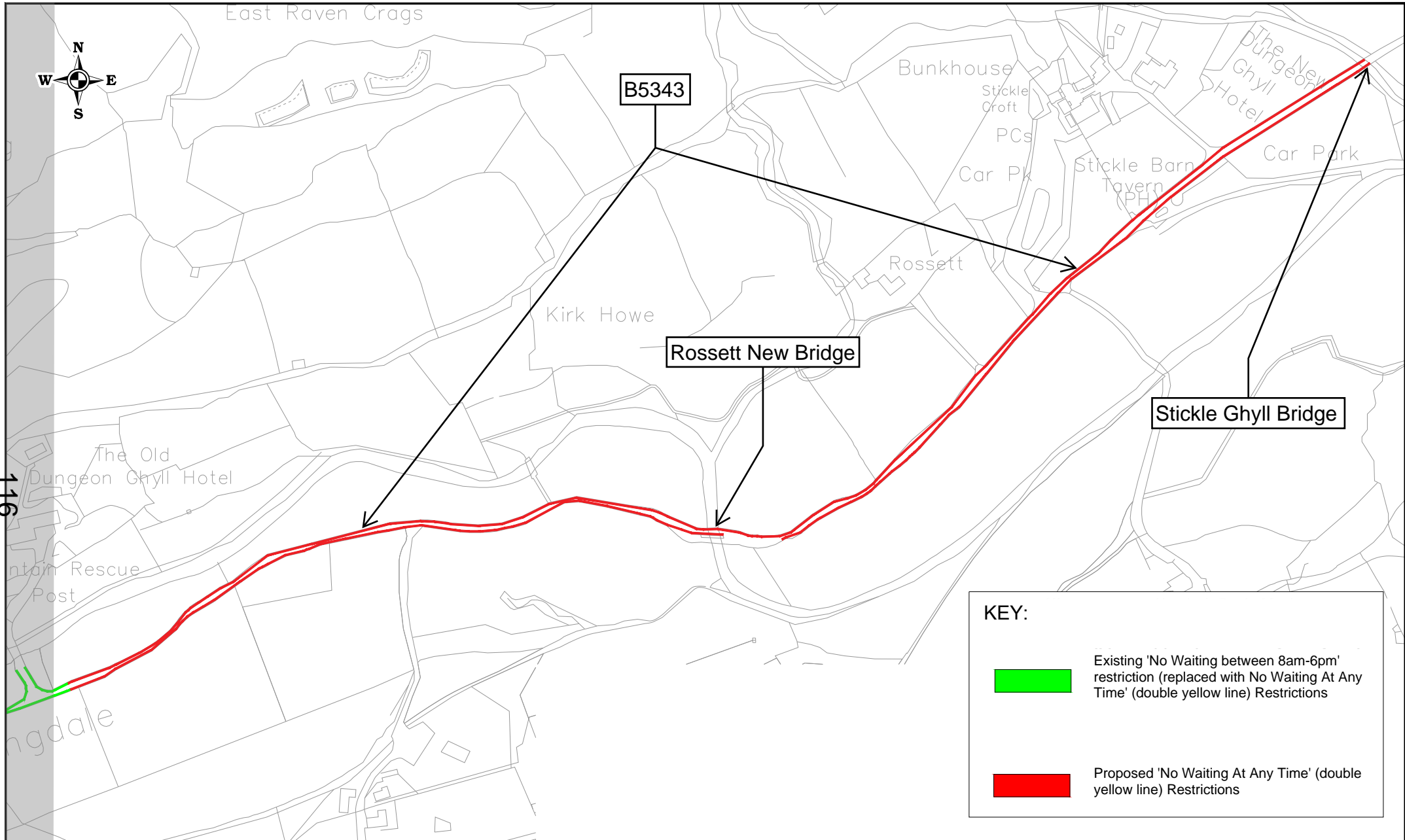
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Proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' (double yellow line) Restrictions



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**Proposed Restrictions on
B5343, Great Langdale**

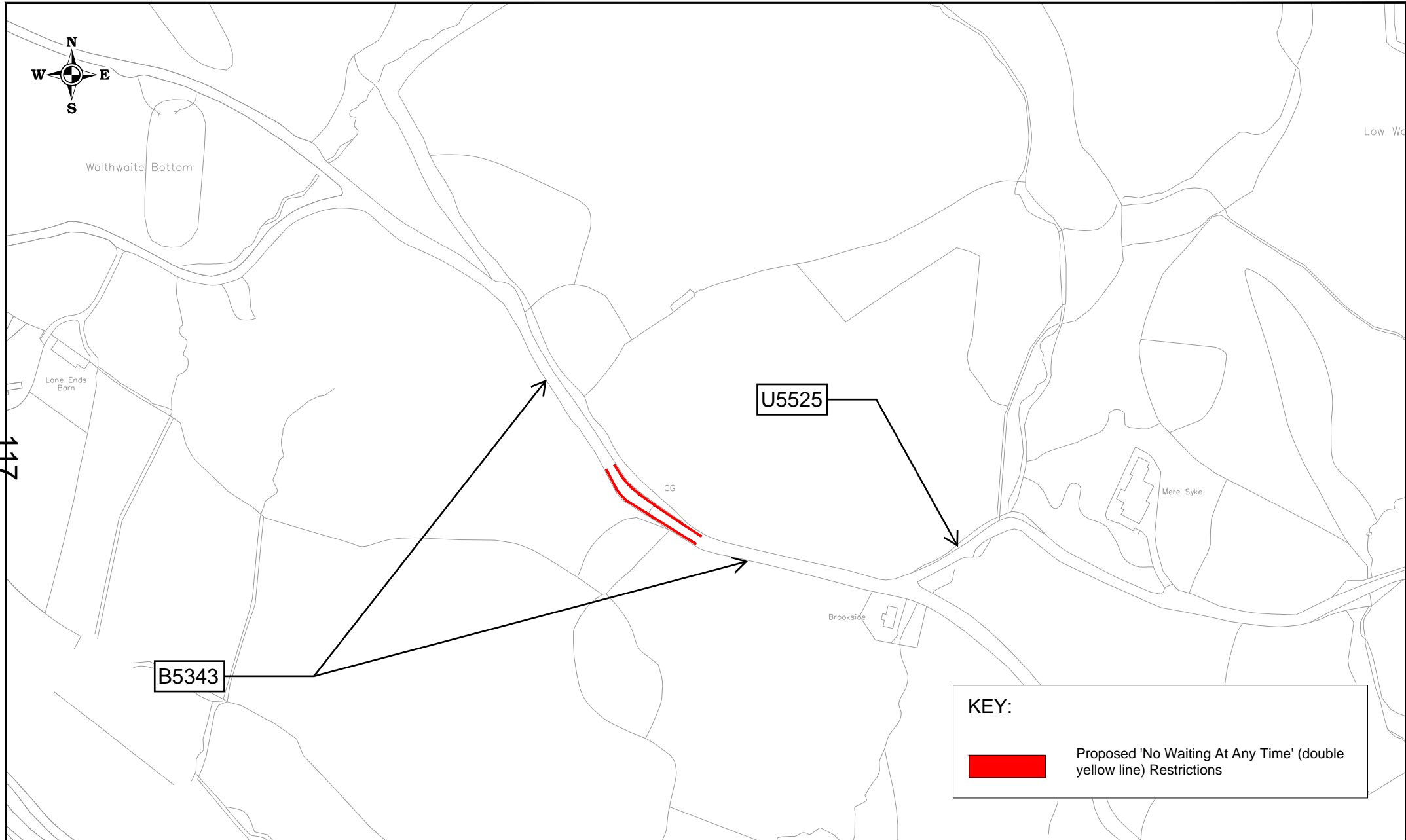
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Proposed Restrictions on B5343, Great Langdale

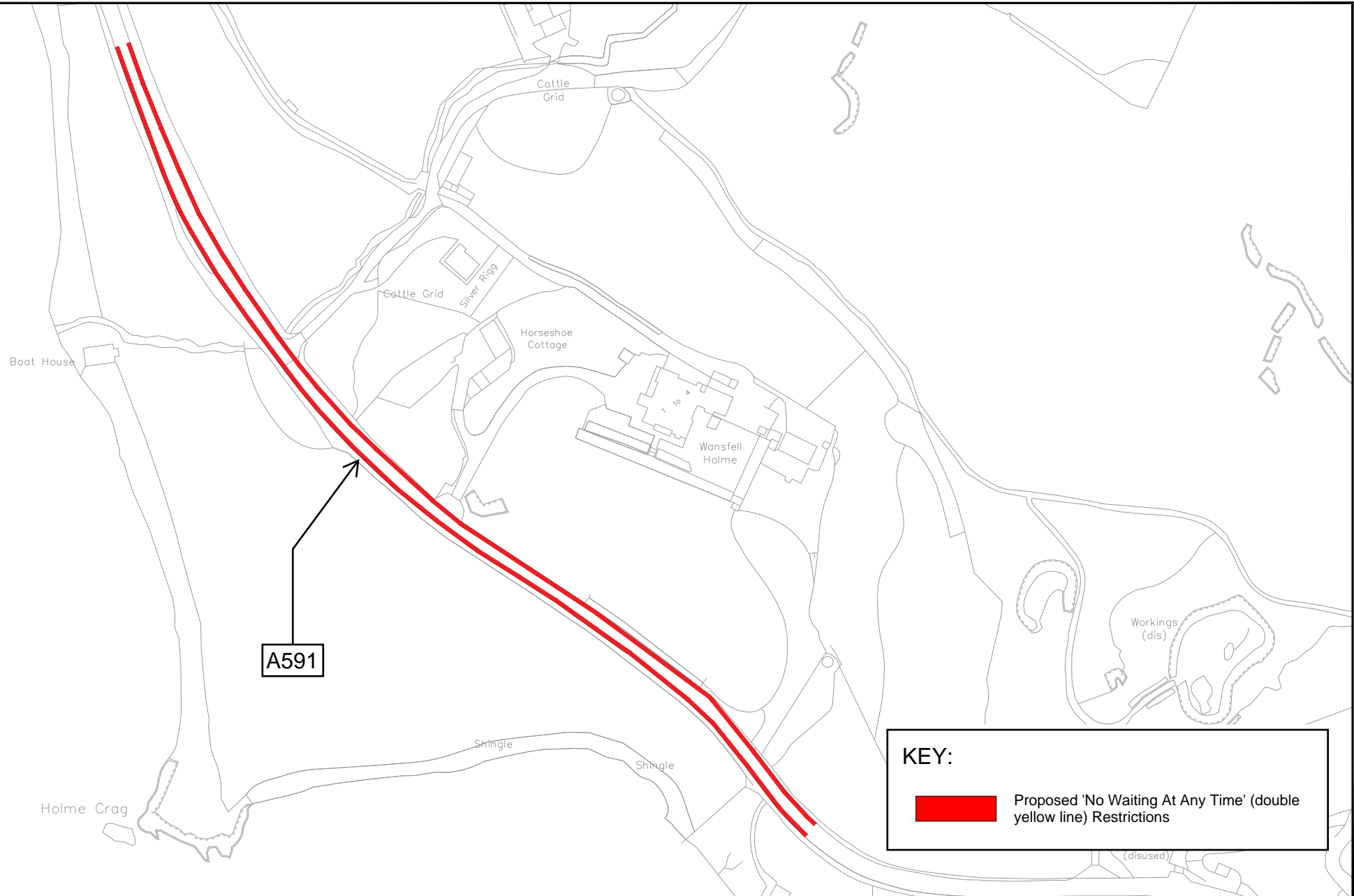
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Proposed Restrictions on A591 near Jenkin's Field, Ambleside

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U5532 Steps End Road

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-  Proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' (double yellow line) Restrictions



Proposed Restrictions on
U5532 at Pelter Bridge

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Appendix 3

WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, SOUTH LAKELAND AREA)

(TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 20><

Statement of Reasons

Westmorland and Furness Council (“the Council”) proposes to make the above Order, for the following reasons in Section 1(1) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984:

- a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
- c) for facilitating the passage on the roads or any other roads of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)

A6 Shap Road and A591 Grasmere – Proposed “No Stopping” (Except for Police) Restrictions

Alongside Cumbria Constabulary and Cumbria Road Safety Partnership, the Council seeks to reduce the total number of people killed or seriously injured in collisions in the Westmorland and Furness area year on year. Cumbria Constabulary requested we install parking areas suitable for mobile safety cameras in Kendal and Grasmere to gather data and provide evidence for enforcement due to community speeding concerns raised leading the Police to believe there is likelihood of danger arising. A risk review by the Council, to national guidelines, has shown that the locations chosen could be used for parking at any time by members of the public or businesses to park nearby local amenities. This would lead to the the mobile safety camera operations team being unable to perform their duty in reducing the likelihood of danger arising from increased vehicles speeds beyond the posted speed limit.

We therefore we propose a permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to prohibit stopping except for Police Vehicles (including those directed by the Police) to ensure the parking bays are available for the mobile safety camera operations team as shown on the following plans:

- VO2.001.A6
- VO2.002.GRA

Birch Street, Windermere – Proposed “No Waiting At Any Time” Restrictions

Bentinck Drive Kirkby Lonsdale – Proposed “No Waiting At Any Time” Restrictions

The Lakes, Various – Proposed “No Waiting At Any Time” Restrictions

Due to the likelihood of danger to the public, caused by inconsiderate parking causing an obstruction to road users and emergency service vehicles, Westmorland and Furness Council has proposed a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle to wait at any time, on any day along those locations shown on the following plans:

- VO2.003.BIR Birch Street
- VO2.004. KLO Bentinck Drive
- VO2.005.LAK.1 Great Langdale
- VO2.005.LAK.2 Great Langdale
- VO2.005.LAK.3 Elterwater
- VO2.005.LAK.4 Ambleside
- VO2.005.LAK.5 Pelter Bridge

Bridge Restrictions Traffic Regulation Order

Consultation Summary

RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION, ADVERTISING OBJECTIONS DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Responses

Lake District National Park (LDNP)

No Waiting At Any Time proposals at A591, Elterwater, Dungeon Ghyll and U5532 Pelter Bridge –

Support the 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at Dungeon Ghyll, near Elterwater and the A591 Ambleside. The measures brought in on a temporary basis made a material difference to the traffic and amenity for both residents and visitors in and passing through these locations and we support these measures becoming permanent. These measures were raised through and supported by the multi-agency Tactical Visitor Management Group (now the Strategic Visitor Management Group, SVMG) and were set out in the Area Action Plans developed as part of this group's remit. Really pleased to see the introduction of further restrictions at Pelter Bridge. The parking at this location has led to residents being unable to access their properties and genuine concerns that emergency services would not be able to reach them if needed. These measures were also raised through the SVMG and were supported. Would suggest working with the highways department to ensure signage at the LDNP car park clearly advises that there is no parking beyond that point to prevent people driving up the road 'just in case' and causing congestion.

Response

Thank the Lake District National Park for their comments. An advisory sign which has been ordered with the wording as follows; 'Narrow Lane, No parking or turning beyond this point'. This will be positioned after the entrance to the car park.

Ref No.	Support/ Conditional / Object	Comment(s)	CCC Comments
1	Object	<p>A591 Jenkins Field, Ambleside and A65 Bentnick Drive, Kirkby Lonsdale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of proposed traffic restriction orders are unnecessary, as the roads you seek to control with double yellow lines are already controlled by double white line systems. A double white line system prevents stopping or parking vehicles for its duration, except for specific purposes. <p>The offence is created in Regulation 26 of The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 The restrictions are explained in Rule 240 Highway Code</p> <p>Rule 240 - You MUST NOT stop or park on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the carriageway, an emergency area or a hard shoulder of a motorway except in an emergency (see Rules 270 and 271) • a pedestrian crossing, including the area marked by the zig-zag lines (see Rule 191) • a clearway (see Traffic signs) • taxi bays as indicated by upright signs and markings • an urban clearway within its hours of operation, except to pick up or set down passengers (see Traffic signs) • a road marked with double white lines, even when a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects to proposed restrictions at A591 Jenkins Field, Ambleside and A65 Bentnick Drive, Kirkby Lonsdale. • It is correct that vehicles parked on a road marked with double white lines can receive a fixed penalty notice from the police. The Council, with support from Cumbria Constabulary, have proposed to install no waiting at any time (double yellow line) restrictions so they can be enforced by our Civil Enforcement Officers. This is beneficial in areas where obstructive parking is taking place repeatedly as enforcement levels are increased. A further benefit is that the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers can enforce on both sides of the double yellow line, up to the edge of the highway, meaning they can enforce against vehicles parking on the verge/footway. With regard to the A591 Jenkins Field

		<p>broken white line is on your side of the road, except to pick up or set down passengers, or to load or unload goods</p> <p>The offence in regulation 26, as outlined above, is an endorsable offence (3 points) and may be dealt with by way of fixed penalty notice (£100), or by way of a notice under Section 72 Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 . This this is a police enforcement issue. The roads in question are:</p> <p>A591 Ambleside - Jenkin's Field A65 Kirkby Lonsdale, Bentinck Drive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects to the proposed "Removing the "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions on the A591 Lake Road (south of Waterhead the northbound cycle bypass pull-in)" - The continued use of the waiting restriction is necessary to prevent "pull-in" from being used as a parking space by vehicle users. Cyclists use the pull-in for its intended purpose. Removal of the double yellow lines will only encourage its use as a permitted parking place. 	<p>at Ambleside objection to the removal of No Waiting At Any Time restrictions these are not proposed to be removed but extended. Due to the way legal schedules are written, existing restrictions have to be revoked in the legal wording of the legal schedules and replaced with the wording which includes the proposed extension. As the restrictions in this location have been in place since summer 2022 (under a temporary traffic regulation order which we are proposing to make permanent) the road markings will stay as present., should these be approved at the South Lakeland Locality Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended the proposals are approved.
2	Object	<p>Police Parking Bays (A591 Grasmere and A6 Shap Road, Kendal)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Object to the proposal for the provision of police vehicle parking bays at the locations specified in the above proposal. Understand these bays are intended primarily for the use of speed camera vehicles, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects to the proposals. • Cumbria Constabulary Speed Camera Van team have advised that there is no legal criteria that have to be followed for the implementation of the Police parking bays which are also to be used by the Speed Camera Vans.

		<p>however, Home Office and DoT criteria for the siting of speed cameras, fixed or otherwise, are not met at these locations so their deployment cannot be justified and may be unlawful. Oppose any measures which serve to perpetuate what is quite simply an industrial scale penalty farming racket as it is clear these speed camera vans, apart from failing to reduce collisions, may well be actually responsible for causing them through distraction. There are far too many unnecessary penalties being issued often in cases where the speed limit is set well below the 85th percentile and measures ought to be taken to reduce the number of penalties being issued not increasing them.</p>	<p>Both these sites were set up as a result of public concern, investigated by the Casualty Reduction and Safer Highway (CRASH) group made up of Cumbria Constabulary, the highway department and statutory bodies. These sites have been deemed appropriate for enforcement due to the number of vehicles travelling above the speed limit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data provided by Speed Camera Team for Shap Road Kendal indicates that the speed camera van has been deployed 18 times since March 2023 at this location and 747 Notice of Intended Prosecution have been issued.• The deployment of speed camera vans is an important function in reducing vehicle speeds across the Westmorland and Furness Council area and improving road safety.• Introduction of a legal order to make the bays usable only by Police vehicles (and Speed camera vans) will ensure that this important function can continue impeded and should a
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			<p>nonpolice vehicle park in the bay enforcement action can be taken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended the proposals are approved.
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Summary

- Responses received total 3
 - 1 in Support for proposals at A591, Elterwater, Dungeon Ghyll, Pelter Bridge.
 - 1 in Objection to proposals at A591 Jenkins Rise, Ambleside and A65 Bendrick Drive, Kirkby Lonsdale.
 - 1 objection received to the proposed police parking bays at A591 Grasmere and A6 Shap Road, Kendal.
- Having considered all the responses it is recommended that the proposals are approved and implemented as advertised.

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Westmorland and Furness Council

Report Title:	Appointments to Outside and Other Bodies
Meeting:	South Lakeland Locality Board
Meeting Date:	25 January 2024
Report Author:	Linda Jones – Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer
Lead Cabinet Member(s):	Not Applicable
Wards Affected:	All
PUBLIC, PART EXEMPT OR FULLY EXEMPT	Public
List of Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1 – Appointments to Outside and Other Bodies at previous South Lakeland Locality Board Meetings

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Full Council at its meeting on the 20th April 2023 granted approval and delegated authority to the South Lakeland Locality Board to make a number of appointments to outside bodies within the local area's boundaries.
- 1.2 Cabinet at its meeting on the 24th April 2023 proposed that the Locality Board make a number of appointments to other bodies.
- 1.3 The South Lakeland Locality Board at its three meetings held since May 2023 has made a number of appointments to outside bodies and other bodies which are set out at Appendix 1 to the report for information purposes only.
- 1.4 The South Lakeland Locality Board are being asked to appoint three Members to the Windermere School Endowment.

2. Recommendation

For the reasons set out in this report, it is recommended that the South Lakeland Locality Board:-

- 2.1 notes the report and appoints three Members from its membership to the Windermere School Endowment.

3. Information: the Rationale and Evidence

Background

- 3.1 The South Lakeland Locality Board are being asked to appoint three Members to the Windermere School Endowment.
- 3.2 The appointed Members will act as Governors and will be required to attend two meetings per year and will be consulted by email on some matters throughout the year.
- 3.3 The term of appointment will be three years.

4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (People, Climate, Communities, Economy and Culture, Customers, Workforce)

- 4.1 This report links to the people, economy and culture, and communities council plan priorities, by proposing continued Council engagement with various outside bodies and stakeholders within the local area.

5. Consultation Outcomes (with services, ward councillors & public consultation where required)

- 5.1 There are no consultation outcomes.

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 The Locality Board could decide not to appoint Members or not to appoint three Members to the Windermere School Endowment, however this option is not recommended as these appointments are relevant and representative of the Council's priorities.

7. Financial Implications and risk

- 7.1** There are no direct financial consequences of the decision to appoint members to outside bodies. Any relevant membership or subscription costs are already included within the annual revenue budget approved by Council on 7 March 2023. Where members are authorised to claim expenses they will be in accordance with the member allowances scheme which is to be approved as part of the Council agenda today.

8. Legal & Governance Implications

- 8.1** Appointment to an outside body can take various forms, dependent upon the exact legal status of the organisation, and members should seek advice if they are unclear as to their individual role and responsibilities. In particular, Members should seek legal advice from the Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer where there is any concern that a situation may arise where there might be a conflict or issue with an interest arising from their involvement with an outside body.
- 8.2** Members should ensure that they act in accordance with the rules, constitution or framework set by the outside body and in accordance with the Council's Member Code of Conduct, and/or any similar Code of Conduct which the outside body requires the member to abide by.
- 8.3** Members are reminded of the need to register their appointment to an outside body as an "Other Registerable Interest" under the Councils' Member Code of Conduct.
- 8.4** Under the Locality Boards Terms of Reference within the Constitution at Part 2 – Section 5: Functions of Committees 14.12.1(c), the Locality Board has the authority to nominate to the membership of Outside Bodies within the locality, including to Local Authority School Governors, as may be referred by Council or the Cabinet. Members have a responsibility to establish and maintain those relationships.

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 There are no human resources implications resulting from this report.

10. Equality & Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty, Armed Forces Families, Care Leavers and Health inequalities implications)

10.1 None

11. Background Information & Sources (used in preparation of this Report)

11.1 Full Council Meeting – 20th April 2023

11.2 Cabinet Meeting – 24th April 2023

11.3 South Lakeland Locality Board Meeting – 10th May 2023

11.4 South Lakeland Locality Board Meeting – 18th July 2023

11.5 South Lakeland Locality Board Meeting – 18th October 2023

Linda Jones – Chief Legal and Monitoring Officer

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Appointments delegated to South Lakeland Locality Board

Name of Body	No of previous appointees	Previous Appointed Members	No of Proposed appointees	Appointed Member(s)
Appleby Horse Fair Multi-Agency Co-ordination Group	3	Phil Dew CCC Graham Simpkins Eden Suzie Pye SLDC	1 place delegated by Eden Locality Board	Ian Mitchell
Arnsdale and Silverdale AONB Executive Committee	2	Helen Chaffey SLDC Pete McSweeney CCC	1	Helen Chaffey
Brewery Arts Centre Trust	3	Geoff Cook CCC Brenda Gray SLDC Robin Ashcroft SLDC	2	Janet Battye Doug Rathbone
Broughton Beck Educational Foundation	1	A Going not a LA member	1	Deferred
Brow Edge Foundation	1	Sue Sanderson CCC	1	Sue Sanderson
Cumbria Housing Group	4	Celia Tibble CCC Patricia Bell CCC Kevin Hamilton BBC Judith Derbyshire EDC Helen Chaffey SLDC	Judith Derbyshire plus one member from each Locality Board	Vicky Hughes
Grundy's Charity for the Poor	1	Roger Bingham CCC	1	Vicky Hughes
Hawkshead Grammar School	1	Matt Brereton CCC	1	Suzanne Pender
Kelsick Educational Trust	1	Will Clark CCC	1	Will Clark
Kendal Business Improvement District (BID)	2	Geoff Cook CCC Robin Ashcroft SLDC	1	Helen Ladhams
Sedbergh United Charities and Widows Hospital	1	Nick Cotton CCC	1	Hazel Hodgson

Name of Body	No of previous appointees	Previous Appointed Members	No of Proposed appointees	Appointed Member(s)
Appleby Horse Fair Multi-Agency Co-ordination Group	3	Phil Dew CCC Graham Simpkins Eden Suzie Pye SLDC	1 place delegated by Eden Locality Board	Ian Mitchell
South Lakeland Health and Wellbeing Partnership	1	Suzie Pye SLDC	Under Review	
Ulverston Business Improvement District (BID)	1	Jeanette Jenkinson SLDC	1	Helen Irving

Other bodies delegated to South Lakeland Locality Board

Name of Body	No of previous appointees	Previous Appointed Members	No of Proposed appointees	Appointed Member(s)
Bowness and Windermere Forward Board	1	Robin Ashcroft SLDC	1	Deferred
Burton Educational Foundation	N/A	N/A	1	Vicky Hughes
Casualty Reduction and Safety Partnership – South Lakeland	1	Stan Collins CCC	TBC	Under Review
Cumbria Fells and Dales Local Action Group	1	Nick Cotton CCC	1	Hazel Hodgson
Goodley Dale Cottage Homes Trust	2	Ben Berry CCC Will Clark CCC	0 – No longer wishes the Council to appoint.	
Kendal Futures Board	3	Geoff Cook CCC Robin Ashcroft SLDC plus 1 vacancy	2	Jonathan Brook Doug Rathbone
Kendal Museum Working Group	1	Helen Ladhams SLDC with 1 substitute	1	Eamonn Hennessy

Name of Body	No of previous appointees	Previous Appointed Members	No of Proposed appointees	Appointed Member(s)
Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership	1	Stan Collins CCC	1	Doug Rathbone
Lakes Line Rail User Group	1	Doug Rathbone SLDC	1	Doug Rathbone
Local Listing Heritage Panel	4	J Brook SLDC A Connell EDC H Wall BBC Celia Tibble CCC	1	Doug Rathbone
Sedbergh Economic Partnership	1	Robin Ashcroft SLDC	1	Hazel Hodgson
South Lakeland Voluntary Society for the Blind	1	Roger Bingham CCC	1	Hazel Hodgson
South Lakes Business Against Crime Partnership	1	Pete McSweeney SLDC	1	Vicky Hughes

Cartmel Old Grammar School Foundation -TBC

Champions

Champion	Member
Armed Forces Champion for South Lakeland Locality Board	Vicky Hughes

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