

## Delegated decisions



Northumberland County Council

### RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

**Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services**

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#### **PROPOSED 20mph SPEED LIMIT, JACKSON AVENUE, THE GREEN & PONT VIEW, PONTELAND**

**Cabinet Member: Councillor Glen Sanderson**

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#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the results of the consultation exercise regarding a proposal to provide a 20mph speed limit in Jackson Avenue, The Green and Pont View, Ponteland.

#### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that, given the results of the consultation, the proposed 20mph speed limit is implemented.

#### **Link to Corporate Plan**

Living - "We want to feel safe, healthy and cared for"  
Enjoying - "We want to love where you live"

#### **Key Issues**

The County Council has received concerns from local residents via Ponteland Town Council about traffic speeds in Jackson Avenue, The Green and Pont View.

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### Background

1. The County Council has received concerns from local residents via Ponteland Town Council about traffic speeds in Jackson Avenue, The Green and Pont View.
2. The three streets together are a cul-de-sac which is accessed from North Road.
3. As a result of the concerns raised, residents and statutory consultees were consulted on a proposed 20mph speed limit. The proposal is for a speed limit only. No physical traffic calming features are proposed. A copy of the consultation letter and plan is shown in Appendix A.
4. 42 responses were received. The results of the consultation were:

For: 39 (93%)  
Against: 2 (5%)  
Neutral: 1 (2%)

A summary of the responses received is shown in Appendix B.

5. Ponteland Town Council are in favour of the proposal.
6. Given the results of the consultation, it is recommended that the proposed 20mph speed limit be implemented.

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### Implications Arising out of the Report

<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	The scheme will be funded through the Local Transport Plan Programme.
<b>Legal</b>	Motorists will be required to comply with the 20mph speed limit.
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<b>Human Resources</b>	None
<b>Property</b>	None
<b>Equalities</b> (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	None
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	Local residents and statutory consultees have been consulted.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Ponteland North

### Background papers:

File ref: HE174328

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### Report sign off.

***Authors must ensure that relevant officers and members have agreed the content of the report:***

	initials
Finance Officer	n/a
Monitoring Officer/Legal	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
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Director	
Portfolio Holder(s)	

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### Appendix A - Consultation Letter and Plan

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Date: Monday 4th December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposed 20mph speed limit, Jackson Avenue, The Green and Pont View, Ponteland**

Concerns have been raised by residents via Ponteland Town Council over traffic speeds in Jackson Avenue, The Green and Pont View.

In order to address this it is proposed to provide a 20mph speed limit, as shown on the enclosed plan. The proposed limit will be marked with signage at the entry from North Road, and some smaller repeater signs to remind drivers of the limit will be placed at suitable locations within the area. No physical traffic calming measures are being proposed.

I am therefore writing to find out your views on this proposal. A freepost form is enclosed for you to send any comments you may have or you can reply via email to

[HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk) or online at <http://trafficconsult.northumberland.gov.uk>

Regrettably, it is not possible to reply to individual comments, but you may wish to note that comments may be included in a Decision Report to the Director of Local Services and Housing and may be available for public inspection.

The closing date for any comments you may wish to make is Friday 5th January 2018

**I would urge you to take the opportunity to comment on this matter as any decision taken will be based upon the responses received from residents.**

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Yours faithfully,



Richard McKenzie  
Senior Programmes Officer



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### Appendix B - Consultation Responses

R O S T	A G A I N S T	N E I T H E R	Other Relevant Comments
1			Hi im commenting on the letter that's been sent to 2 the green ponteland about the 20mph speed limit on the green jackson ave and pont view. There's 1 person that usually speeds around the green. I'm furious about this but im glad this has come my attention and hopefully this won't happen again.
1			<p>I have no objections to the proposal.</p> <p>Would you clarify please if 20mph applies to Guardians Court, NE20 9UG?</p> <p>I have previously complained to the Police about speeding on North Road, Ponteland.</p> <p>Are there any plans for a speed camera or sign which flashes when the 30mph speed limit is exceeded.</p> <p>Cars drive so fast on North Road it is difficult to cross the road at busy times. There have been numerous accidents in the area.</p>
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1			<p>1. Would also support physical traffic calming measures being included.</p> <p>2. Would also highlight need for traffic calming measures (and need for 20MPH limit) between North Road / Jackson Avenue junction and North Road / Thornhill junction due to narrow public footpaths and consistent no-compliance with current 30 MPH speed limit.</p>
1			It is high time that all off main roads are designated 20mph. Additionally, the portion of Callerton Lane from the fire station and beyond the schools should also be reduced to 20mph, even if this is able to be deemed as part time during school opening hours.
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		1	Thank you for your letter dated 4th December 2017 in which you invite us to offer our comments on the above proposal. I would inform you that as an Emergency Service we may be required to use the above road(s) for access and egress in the event of being activated to attend an emergency call, or to convey patients to hospital for out-patients appointments. I would thank your for your consultation on this matter and offer our support for the ongoing road safety programme.
1			As a resident of Jackson Avenue I support any measure to moderate the speeds of vehicles operating in an area with no through roads, and purley residential properties. Such as the area described, therefore I support the measure. However my main concern both as a motorist and a pedestrian using the north road for access and egress to my home. Is the complete and utter disregard of speed limits or safe driving practises shown by the vast majority of drivers using the north road. I use the road daily both as a pedestrian and a motorist and daily see vehicles traveling at high speeds on the north road (i.e suspect in excess of 60 mph). And i have not seen any measurements being taken to prevent this abuse. I expect a fatal accident will happen on the north road and not on the Jackson Ave. The green and Pont view area which I find moderately safe except for the odd offender
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1			Could you not also stop the parking on pavements? Sometimes you have to walk on the road to as the cars are so far on the pavements!
1			The 20 mph speed limit should be extended to all of north road. I Appreciate that police use this road also, but i fell that not all police journeys need to be blue light.
	1		drivers will not adhere to 20mph zones. These streets are cul de sacs, they will not be monitored. Speed bumps at the entrance of the streets will have more impact on safety.
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1		I fully support this proposal and would like the speed limit to cover North Road from the sign at junction of Thornhill Road for the reintroduction of the proposed pedestrian crossing of three years ago. General traffic in North Road is too fast. young children or animals Lookout!
1		We are not against this speed limit as we do not anyway! However it would have been much more of a pleasure to open this and find you were going to update the roads and pavements instead of it looking like an uncared for area. Ridgeley Drive was terminated to look smart. But then again we don't think that you can spend the time and money areas other than that and Darras Hall!!
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1		Yes I fully support the 20mph speed limit and think it is a good idea. There are lots of children & elderly residents in these streets so slower traffic would lessen the chance of accidents happening.
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1		About time too
1		Some of the vehicles drive in far too fast.
1		While I fully support your proposals I think your time and our money would better spent finding a solution to the traffic problem in Ponteland and finding a solution which affect the people in this area as to how we can get out onto the North Road at busy times which to my way of thinking is more important.
1		I agree with the new proposed speed limit. Children love to play out with their friends, but how fast people drive in the street frightened me. If the limit is not changed it is likely that someone will end up getting injured.
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1		Looking forward to it. Should do something about parking on pavement too.
1		Car ect parking on footpaths and The Green needs corners removed as delivery lorry's and refuge waggons cant get round as the road is to narrow Did mention it to councillor Dodds. Thank you.
1		A very good idea
1		I agree some drive too fast they clearly do not consider the small children & pets who live in the area. However how much is it going to cost for signage, i do not believe you will have any way to enforce the speed limit so this will likely be a waste of money. You could consider parking also, often cars are parked on the road, causing a hazard & making it difficult for people crossing the road to see properly.
1		We certainly support the 20mph speed on Jackson Ave, we live on the corner & have seen some near crashes on the motorist coming up to the corner too fast & not stopping at the cross road. We are elderly people & have no pavement on our side result we have to step onto the road to get to the pavement on the otherside, my husband also uses a motor scooter for pavement use & has to cross the road also. Motorist coming around the corner at speed resulting ending on the wrong side of the road, this making it dangerous for us going out of the gateway.
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1		This is a very good idea it will help avoid accidents and will help any children on there bikes who ride around The Green
1		Its about time something is done to stop speeding on these streets. We asked 35 years ago for speeding measures to be implemented, But nothing was done about it. A serious accident will happen if nothing is done to stop the speeding from cars coming out of Jackson Avenue.
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1		Good proposal in these busy street, with a lot of parked cars.
1		I can categorically confirm that it is not possible to drive at 30 miles per hour in this zone, let alone 20 miles per hour in this area. The layout of the street, pavement to the left hand-side and none to the right, means that there are always parked cars on left hand side of the street. The number of cars parked on the road which provides a natural decrease in speed as does the fact that children also play in the road and those on foot only have one payment to walk on. Any driver who is competent and aware will naturally slow down. In respect of the concerns raised may I suggest that the speed of cars is not the issue here. It is the parking of cars, some households have three cars which means, in some cases, cars being parked opposite driveway access and the lack of potential access for a fire engine, should there be a fire, is of greater concern. I notice on the attached map there are several other road areas in Ponteland, predominately on estates, that, if this street is designated 20 miles per hour should also be designated as such. I dont back this proposal as i feel this stretch of road is not a speed issue and the cost to make it 20 miles per hour would suggest that people living here are not already careful and considerate drivers who take care in a street that has families with children and parked cars.

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1			We approve the 20mph in Jackson Avenue. We are more concerned about the speed on North Road. There is no control and terrifying for us old residents trynmg to cross North Road. we were promised a controlled cdrossing but still waiting. I hope 2018 is full of surprises.
1			For safety reasons this would be a good proposal. As there are many young children who live in these streets.
1			I would just like to add one thing, using the entrance or exit of The Green as a turning circle by residents outside, No 8, 9, 13 The Green from, residents of Jackson Avenue, also non residents at least twice a week I have people hitting the wall at 12 The Green nearly hit children playing or reversing onto drives, also vehicles parking on The Green itself. On a different note is it possible to get the pipes cleaned inbetween the drains, as this is what causes flooding in the dip. Outside No1 Jackson Avenue.
1			Clear road markings and signage including road name for Pont View would be beneficial reducing unnecessary traffic into Pont View looking for addresses in Jackson Avenue. Pont View is not listed along with The Green on the entrance to Jackson Avenue.
1			I fully support the proposals and appreciate the work mr McKenzie and the council are doing in this respect. The speed that vehicles travel in this area and down the main stretch of Jackson Avenue is clearly unsafe, there is no footpath along one side of the main area which adds the safety factor as gardens and driveways are at the road edge. Thank you for this proposal as I am sure that it may help the situation I support this and any measure the council decide.
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<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	

## DECISION TAKEN

**Title of Officer(s) and  
Portfolio Holder (where  
appropriate):**

**Paul Jones - Service Director - Local Services**

**Subject:**

**PROPOSED 20mph SPEED LIMIT, JACKSON  
AVENUE, THE GREEN & PONT VIEW,  
PONTELAND**

**Consultation**

For: 39 (93%)  
Against: 2 (5%)  
Neutral: 1 (2%)

**Decision Taken:**

It is recommended that, given the results of the  
consultation, the proposed 20mph speed limit is  
implemented.

Signature of Director/  
officer/Portfolio Holder where  
appropriate)\*



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**Date**

28/03/2018

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