



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

A1068 Hartford Road, Bedlington - Speed Limit reduction measures
Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed speed limit reduction measures along a section of the A1068 Hartford Road in Bedlington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the existing derestricted speed limit operating in advance of the 30 MPH speed limit along the A1068 Hartford Road in Bedlington is reduced to 50 MPH over a short section.

Link to Corporate Plan

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

Learning - "We want you to achieve and realise your potential"

Key Issues

1. The proposal has been developed following concerns raised by the elected member Councillor Wallace.
2. Speeding is a known concern which is currently managed by mobile speed camera enforcement.
3. The scheme is supported by Councillor Wallace.
4. The scheme will be funded from the 2019/20 LTP programme.

Geographical Context

Hartford Road forms part of the A1068 primary route which runs between Seaton Burn in North Tyneside and Alnwick in Northumberland. The area under investigation runs immediately south of Bedlington on approach to its junction with the A193 and Ridge Terrace.

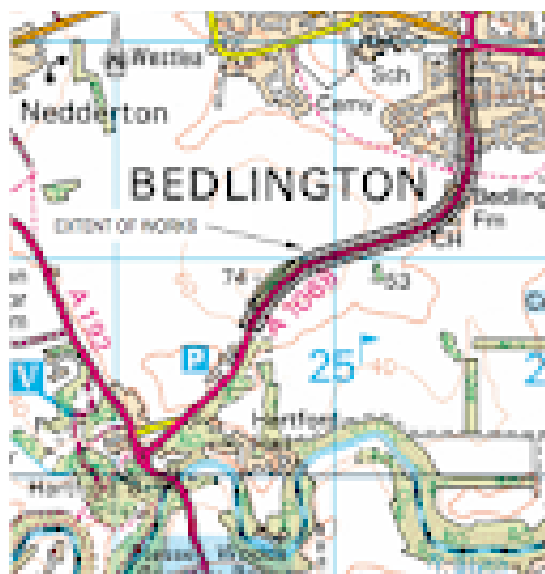


Image 1: Location Plan showing extent of proposed 50 MPH Speed Limit

The existing 30 MPH speed limit location on approach to Bedlington consists of generous single carriageway running lanes interspersed with areas of hatching with right turn pockets at regular intervals providing access to residential housing. The majority of side road entries operate a 20 MPH zone. The route is tree lined in places and operates a system of street lighting throughout.

The existing National Speed Limit location takes on a more rural form before returning to 40 MPH as the route navigates towards Hartford at its southernmost extent.

Background

In response to concerns raised regarding speeding along the A1068 Hartford Road, Northumbria Police have already increased enforcement using the mobile camera. In addition to the enforcement measures, Councillor Wallace has asked for options to be considered in the form of physical infrastructure to address speeding along the A1068 when travelling between Hartford and Bedlington. Speed limit reduction measures are therefore being proposed.

Speed Limit Amendment Proposals

An existing speed limit gateway feature is in operation immediately south of the Bedlingtonshire Golf Course access. At this location the speed limit

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reduces from national speed limit to 30 MPH when travelling in a northbound direction. Yellow backed 30 MPH terminal signs are in place prior to entering the street lit section.



Photograph 1: view looking north on A1068 at Speed Limit terminal sign location

The proposals are to retain the position of the existing 30 MPH speed limit but replace the yellow backed terminal signs with new yellow backed terminal signs supplemented by the 'Speed Camera' signs indicating the boundary of an area where camera enforcement is taking place.

Prior to entering the 30 MPH speed limit, a 50 MPH section will be introduced which will effectively replace the existing derestricted speed limit. The new 50 MPH section will operate immediately north of High Ewart Hill House to the existing 40 MPH speed limit location further south in advance of Hartford.

The speed reduction measures will be supported by 'SLOW' road markings and red surface treatment. As this is an "A" class road, vertical or horizontal traffic calming measures would not be deemed appropriate.

It is expected that the speed limit reduction measures will promote slower traffic speeds along the A1068 Hartford Road, in an area which is known for speeding and currently benefits from mobile speed camera enforcement measures.

Details of the proposals are shown on the plan at Appendix A.

Council Officers have worked closely with Councillor Wallace and Northumbria Police on the scheme.

Northumbria Police, other emergency services and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Orders.

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Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed from LTP 2019/20
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_156)
Procurement	Signage and road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Risk Assessment	None
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement.
Customer Consideration	A reduction in speed will lead to a safer environment for all road users.
Carbon reduction	Speed reduction assists with carbon reduction
Wards	Bedlington Central

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Background papers:

File reference - *S:\Highways\PROJECT\19\HF Local Safety Schemes\Countywide Schemes\HFD19531 - various location in Bedlington area\Consultation Drawings*

Appendix A – Scheme Plan - HFD19531/06/A1068/01/03

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed speed limit reduction measures on the A1068 Hartford Road in Bedlington.

Consultation: Not required for introduction of a 50 MPH Speed Limit Restriction along Hartford Road in Bedlington – proposal supported by Local County Councillor, and notified to Northumbria Police.

Decision Taken: To introduce a graduated speed limit (50 MPH) which will be imposed prior to entering the existing 30 MPH speed limit on the A1068 Hartford Road in Bedlington.

Signature of Director

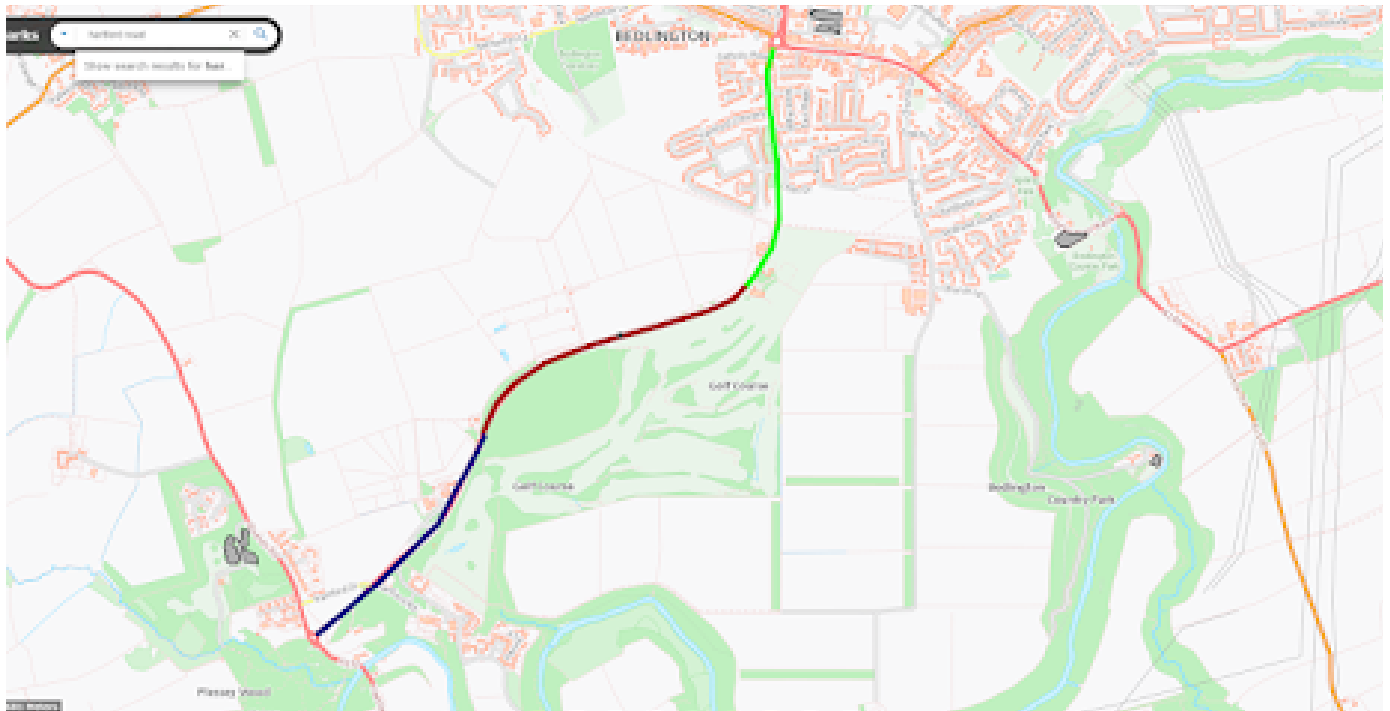





Date

17 July 2020

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Appendix A - A1068 Hartford Road Speed Limit Amendments



-  Existing 30 MPH Speed Limit to be retained with the addition of 'Speed Camera' signing
-  Existing Derestricted Speed Limit and proposed 50 MPH Speed Limit
-  Existing 40 MPH Speed Limit to be retained