

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

Paul Jones

3 November 2020

Proposed 30 MPH Speed Limit Extension and New 40 MPH Speed Limit Restriction B6395 Cottier Grange Prudhoe.

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council

#### Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed changes to the 30 MPH and 40 MPH speed limits on the B6395, Cottier Grange Prudhoe.

#### Recommendations

It is recommended the changes to the 30 MPH and 40 MPH speed limits on the B6395 Cottier Grange Prudhoe are introduced.

#### Link to Corporate Plan

Living - "We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for" Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live" Learning - "We want you to achieve and realise your potential"

#### **Key Issues**

- 1. Traffic speed concerns have been raised via local forums.
- 2. The scheme is supported by County Councillor Stewart, Town Council and Northumbria Police.

#### Background

# Introduction of Speed Limit changes on the B6395 Cottier Grange Prudhoe.

Concerns of speeding traffic along this section of the B6395 Prudhoe have been raised by residents via local forums on a number of occasions.



B6395 Eastbound approaching current 30/Deregulated Speed Limit



B6395 Eastbound approaching existing A695 Junction (Gateshead Area)

Discussions took place between local County Councilor Gordon Stewart, NCC Officers, Prudhoe Town Council and Northumbria Police. Following these discussions a scheme design was presented and universally agreed to proceed.

The following are the key changes agreed:

- Extension of the existing 30 MPH Speed Limit on the B6395 at the east end of Prudhoe.
- Introduce a new 40 MPH Speed limit eastward to the new junction with the A695. (Replacing the existing Deregulated Speed Limit).

It is anticipated the extension of the 30 MPH limit will give greater protection to road users in the area, coupled with the new 40 MPH speed limit, which will link up and be consistent with the speed limit on the Gateshead side of the County Boundary.

#### **Delegated Decision**

This link up of speed limit has been confirmed, following discussions with our colleagues at Gateshead Council and this will compliment arrangements at the new B6395/A695 junction in the Gateshead Area. (See below).



#### Satellite view of B6395/A695 Junction

The NCC Highways Design Section produced the scheme design, which was subsequently agreed.

To facilitate the changes to speed limits, the 30 MPH Extension will be covered by existing street lighting regulation relating to speed limits and the 40 MPH speed limits will be included in a new Traffic Regulation Order.

Local canvassing of the scheme was undertaken by the Town Council and Local County Councillor.

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.

## Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies	
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed from the 2020/21 Local Transport Plan	
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_203)	
Procurement	Signage and road markings to meet Regulations for Traffic Regulation Orders	
Human Resources	None	
Property	None	
Equalities	N/A	
(Impact Assessment attached)		
Yes □ No □ N/A □		
Risk Assessment	N/A	
Crime & Disorder	Speed limit schemes will reduce vehicle speeds and promote a safer environment in the area where the new speed limit are being introduced.	
Customer Consideration	Residents in the area and road users will benefit from reducing vehicle speeds.	
Carbon reduction	Reduced vehicle speeds can lead to reduced vehicle emissions and potential moving towards more sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling.	
Wards	Prudhoe South	

#### Background papers:

File reference -

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Appendix A - Scheme Plan/Location Plan -

## Author and Contact Details

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## **DECISION TAKEN**

Title of Officer:	Service Director, Local Services.
Subject:	Proposed implementation of changes to 30 MPH and 40 MPH speed limits on the B6395, Cottier Grange Prudhoe.
Consultation:	Not required for the introduction of changes to speed limits on road safety grounds. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and Northumbria Police.
Decision Taken:	To introduce the changes to the 30 MPH and 40 MPH speed limits on the B6395, Cottier Grange Prudhoe.

Signature of Director

Date

12 November 2020

#### Appendix A

#### Location Plan – B6395 Cottier Grange Prudhoe

