



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

Proposed 30 MPH Speed Limit Extension at Embleton & Dunstan Steads
Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed extension of a 30 MPH speed limit in association with new traffic calming measures at Embleton.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the 30 MPH speed limit is introduced at Embleton and extended towards Dunstan Steads.

Link to Corporate Plan

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

Key Issues

The proposal has been developed following concerns of high vehicular speeds raised by residents in the area.

The scheme is to be partially funded by the local Ward Member Councillor Pattison through the Members Local Improvement Scheme budget and from the 2020/21 Local Transport Plan (LTP) budget.

Background

The B1339 single carriageway road is the main route through Embleton. It has a derestricted speed limit on the northbound approach to Embleton until it reaches a 30 MPH limit at the entrance where commercial properties and the church are located at the junction with Sunny Brae. This road then leads to an end route at Dunstan Steads, which also operates under a derestricted speed limit and is popular with tourists visiting the coastal area. The only traffic calming features in operation are speed limit entry signs and faded road marking roundels with red surfacing.

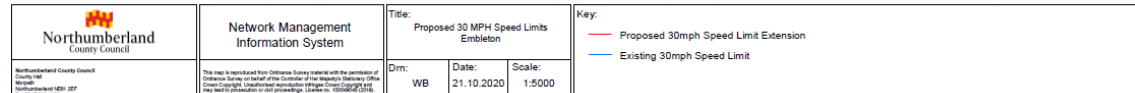


Photograph 1: B1339 showing northbound approach at Embleton

In response to concerns raised regarding speeding in the Embleton vicinity, the Parish Council have asked for options to be considered in the form of physical infrastructure to address this and an extension of the 30 MPH speed limit is therefore being proposed, with added traffic calming features.

Traffic calming features at both approaches to Embleton are to be introduced. At Vincent Edwards Church of England First School, this comprises of the provision of advisory 20 MPH speed limit signs which flash during school start and end times to encourage slower speeds at the approach to the school, with warning signs to notify motorists of schoolchildren ahead. It is anticipated that advisory measures will be sufficient through this section of the B1339, where no collisions have been recorded in the last 5 years and speeds are already indicated to be low from recent surveys. The Department for Transport suggests that signed-only 20 MPH speed limit routes are most appropriate for areas where vehicle speeds are already low and that this alone will lead to general compliance using such signage.

At the extended speed limit routes, further repeater signs with the 30 MPH speed limit will be installed to act as a reminder and 'SLOW' road marking text will also be installed to coincide with the new restrictions.



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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 the Members Local Improvement Scheme allocation and LTP 202/21 fund
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_202)
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	The proposal is designed to reduce the risks associated with driving at speed.
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	Longhoughton

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Background papers:

File reference – S:\Highways\PROJECT\17\HO MEMBERS
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Appendix A – Scheme Layout

Author and Contact Details

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed 30 MPH speed limit at Embleton and Dunstan Steads

Consultation: Not required for the introduction of a 30 MPH speed limit restriction at Embleton and Dunstan Steads - the proposal is supported by the Local County Councillor and has been notified to Northumbria Police.

Decision Taken: To introduce and extend a 30 MPH speed limit at Embleton and Dunstan Steads

Signature of Director



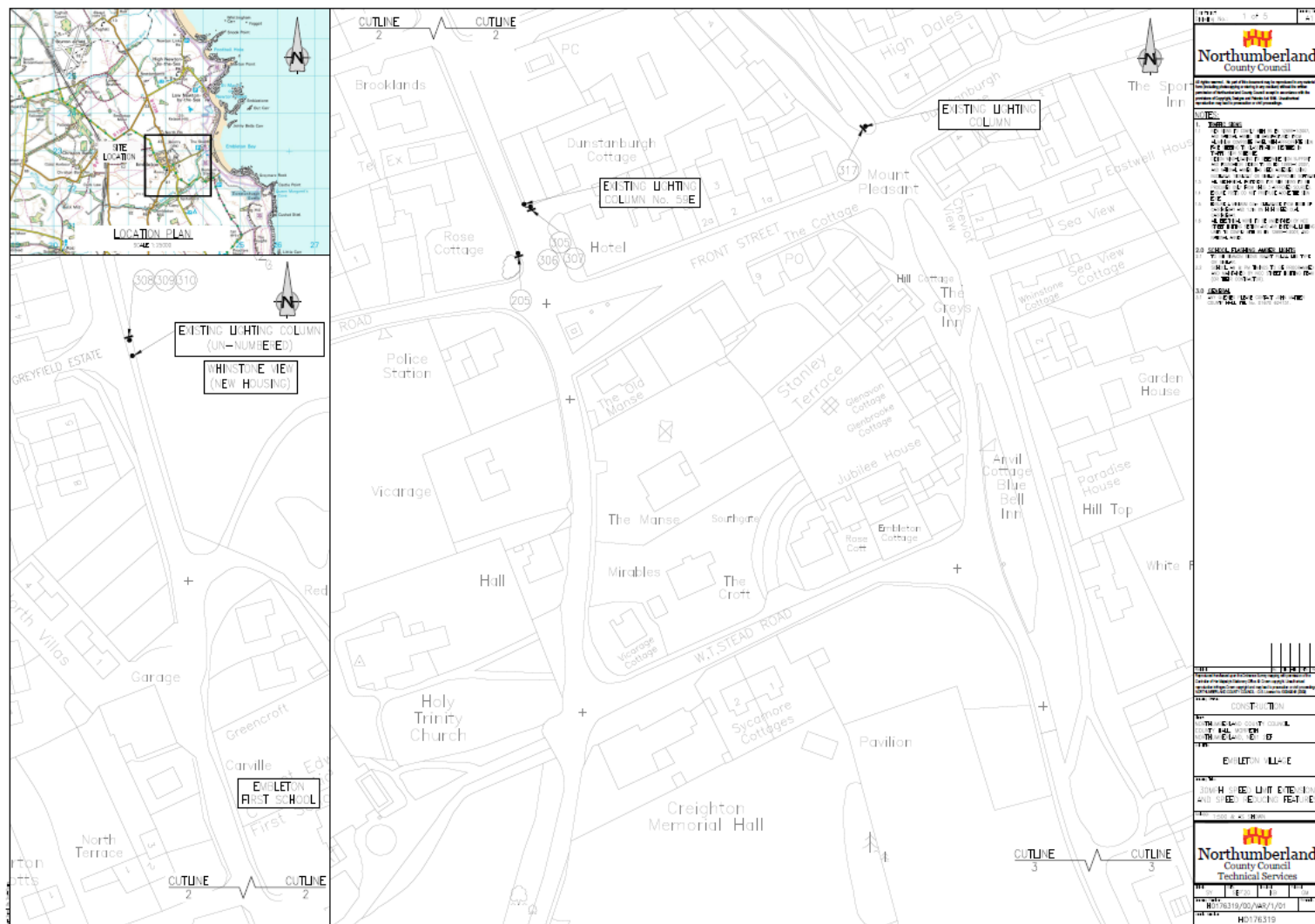
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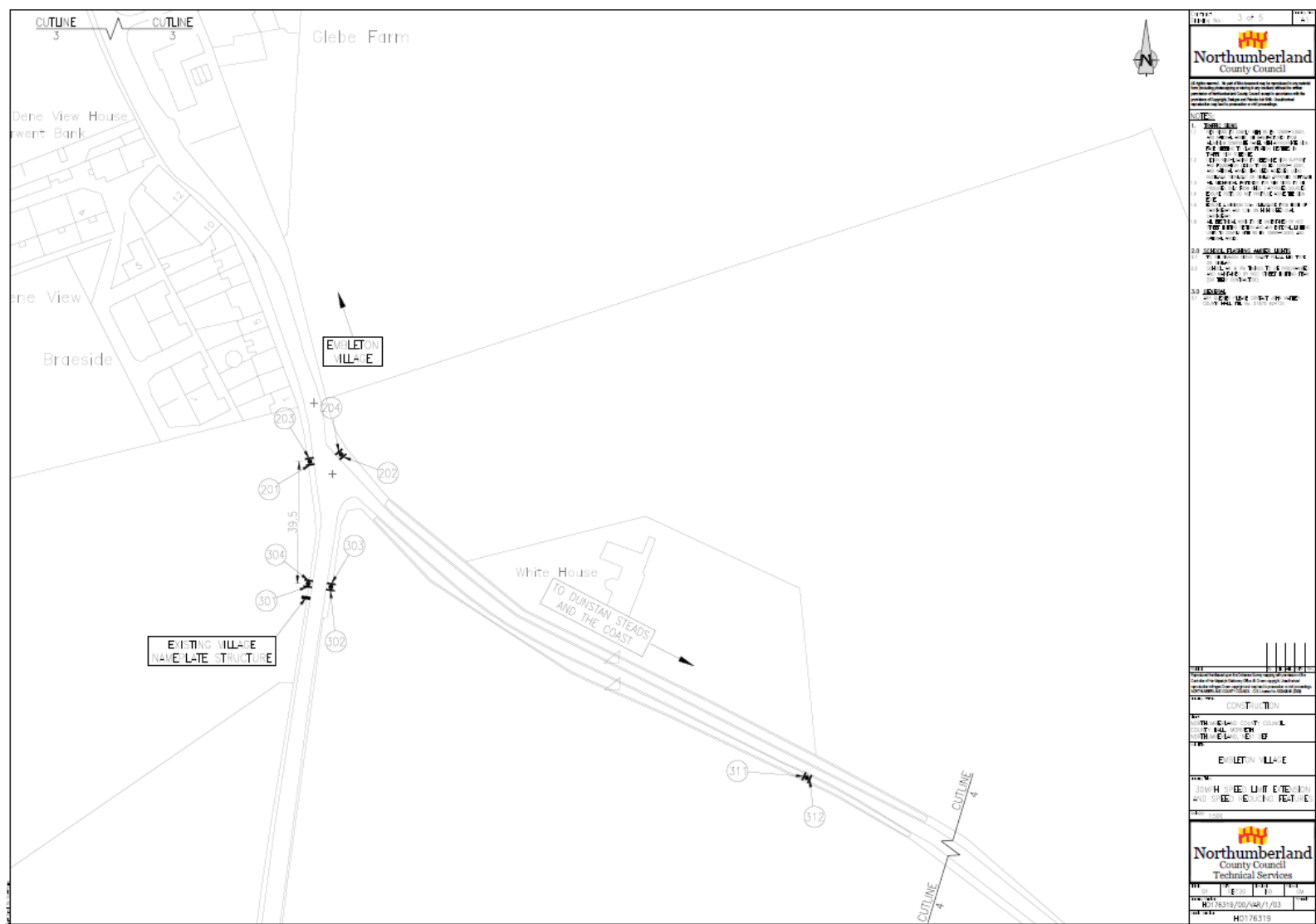
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