



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

25th February 2020

Extension of an existing 30 MPH Speed Limit Restriction, Longhorsley Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Environment & Local Services

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed extension of an existing 30 MPH speed limit operating along the A697, north of Reivers Gate Longhorsley.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the existing 30 MPH Speed Limit is extended to include the section of the A697 north of Reivers Gate, Longhorsley.

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. Pedestrian use is more prominent in this specific area since the development of the Reivers Gate Housing Estate..
2. The proposal has been developed following concerns raised by residents in the area, the elected member and the Parish Council.
3. The scheme is supported by Councillor Sanderson and the Parish Council.
4. The scheme will be funded from LTP allocation.

Background

With changes to the road layout to the north of Longhorsley i.e. drop kerbs/crossing points and the increased number of pedestrians in the area. It is proposed to extend the existing 30 MPH speed limit on the section of the A697, north of Reivers Gate estate, Longhorsley. The aim is to increase road safety in the area.



Photograph 1: A697 Travelling south approaching existing speed limit location (Reivers Gate)

The speed limit relocation will enable sufficient decision making time to adjust approach speeds travelling southbound on the A697, before the Reivers Gate estate. The current 30 MPH speed limit for Longhorsley is within a street lighting formation (covered by Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Section 82), the extension is outside and therefore will require a new Traffic Regulation Order to be made.

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

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Council Officers have worked closely with County Councillor Sanderson and Longhorsley Parish Council 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.

Delegated Decision

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed from the LTP 2019/20
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_173)
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	Longhorsley

Delegated Decision

Background papers:

File reference - S:\Highways\PROJECT\18\HE MINOR IMPROVEMENTS\HE185304 Longhorsley Ped X-ing

Appendix A – Plan - Speed Limit Extension Longhorsley

Author and Contact Details

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services

Subject: Proposed extension of an existing 30 MPH speed limit operating along the A697 north of Reivers Gate Longhorsley.

Consultation: Not required for the introduction of an extension of an existing 30 MPH speed limit operating along the A697 north of Reivers Gate Longhorsley, proposed on road safety criteria. Supported by Local County Councillor and Parish Council and notified to Northumbria Police.

Decision Taken: To proceed with the extension of an existing 30 MPH speed limit operating along the A697 north of Reivers Gate Longhorsley.

Signature of Director



Date

5th May 2020

