

# RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

**Paul Jones** 

### A190 The Avenue 40 MPH Speed Limit Extension

Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson - Leader of Council

19 May 2021

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### **Purpose of Report**

This report sets out the background to the proposed extension of a 40 MPH speed limit in association with a new Pegasus Crossing on the A190 The Avenue road at Seaton Delaval.

#### Recommendations

It is recommended that the 40 MPH speed limit is extended on the A190 at Seaton Delaval.

### **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 County Council has received concerns about traffic speeds and lack of crossing provisions for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders on the A190 The Avenue road.

This location has been identified by Seaton Valley Community Council as one of its priority areas for highway improvement works to be considered and the scheme will be funded from the 2021/22 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.

### **Background**

The A190 The Avenue is a single carriageway linking Seaton Delaval with Seaton Sluice and has existing derestricted, 30 and 40 MPH speed limits in place. The majority of the route is not street lit and incorporates a number of bends but is well used by motorists heading to and from the coast or to Seaton Delaval Hall, along with pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders.

In the centre of The Avenue lies a public bridleway on the south side and on the opposite northern side a U-road leading to New Hartley village. This layout can be observed in Figure 1 and demonstrates that no formal crossing provisions are in place where the National Speed Limit is in operation.



Fig 1: A190 The Avenue junction with public bridleway and route to New Hartley ahead

A new 'Pegasus' crossing is therefore to be constructed i.e. a pedestrian crossing designed to be primarily horse-rider friendly which will give non-motor users priority in crossing the road when accessing this off-road route or to New Hartley, in order to improve road safety. In order to facilitate this, this section of the A190 will reduce from the National Speed Limit to a maximum speed limit of 40 MPH.

Traffic calming features in the form of new 40 MPH signs and road markings with red surface treatment will be implemented to advise motorists of this new restriction and 50 metres of high friction buff coloured surfacing will be laid at the crossing on either side to minimise the risk of any collisions occurring. New warning signs with yellow backing boards to inform road users of cyclists, horse-riders, the T-junction and new traffic lights will also be included as part of the scheme. The new 40 MPH speed limit area is illustrated in Figure 2.



Fig 2: Proposed new 40 MPH speed limit area

It is expected that the speed limit reduction measures will promote slower traffic speeds at this location where the presence of pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders is more prominent on a busy A-road linking Seaton Delaval with the coast and New Hartley.

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

Seaton Valley Community Council have been notified of, and have acknowledged, the intention to provide the 40mph speed limit.

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 through the Local Transport Plan Programme										
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_221)										
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	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	Seghill with Seaton Delaval, Holywell, Hartley										

### **Delegated Decision**

### **Background papers:**

Appendix A

HED20407-04-A190-10-01\_Rev- - Overall Scheme Layout

HED20407-04-A190-10-07\_Rev- - Road Marking Layout

HED20407-04-A190-10-08\_Rev- - Traffic Sign Layout

HED20407-04-A190-10-09\_Rev-- Traffic Sign Schedule

### **Author and Contact Details**

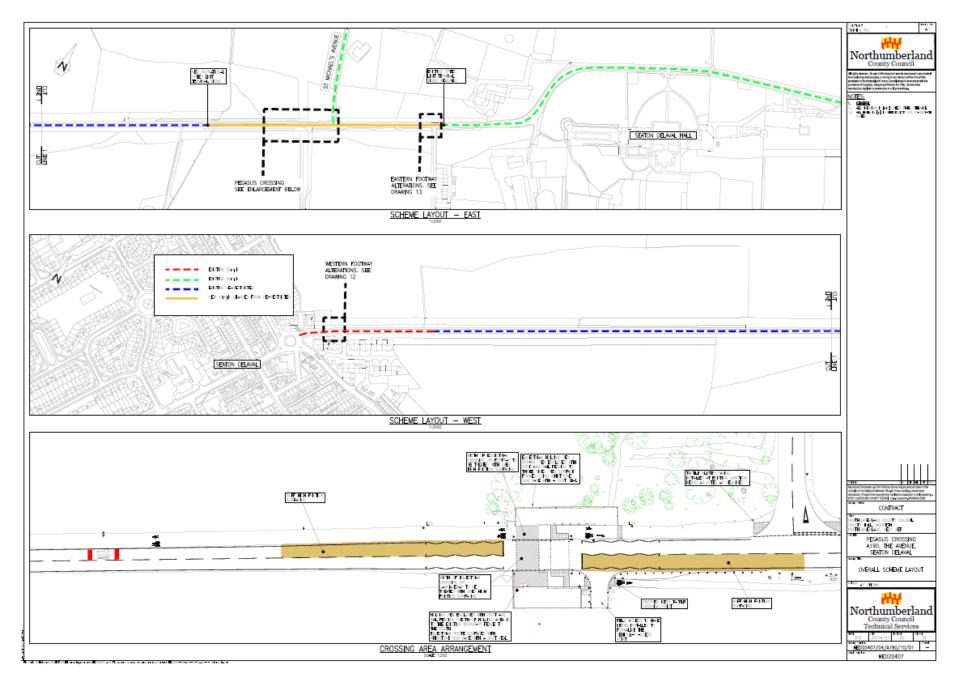
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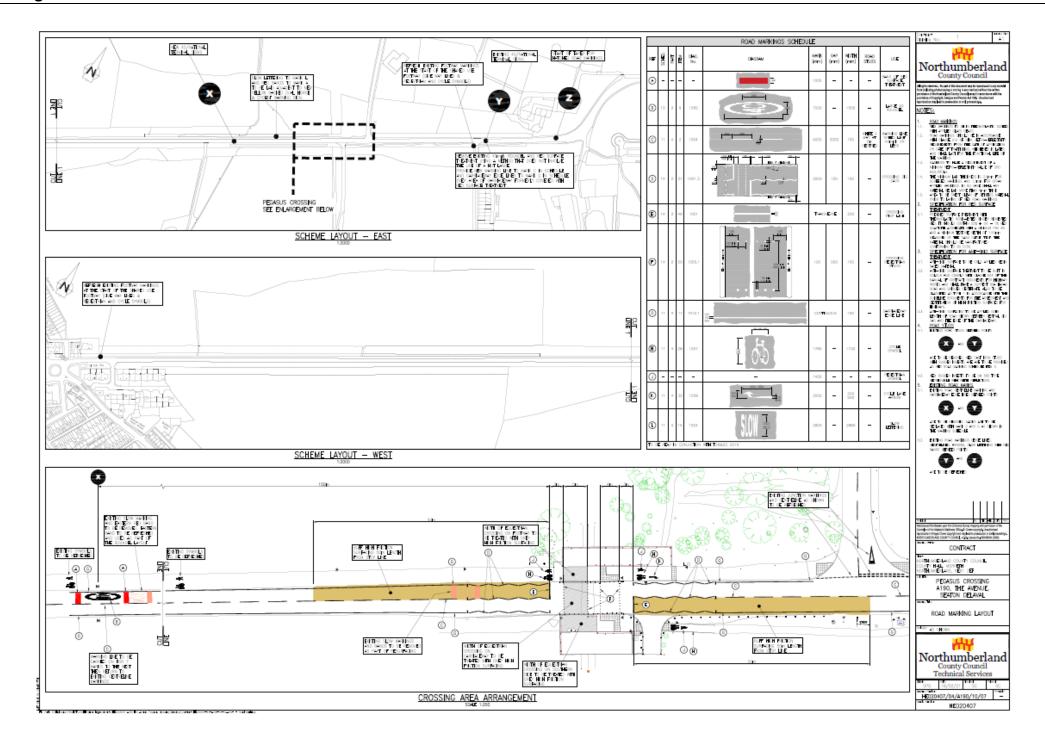
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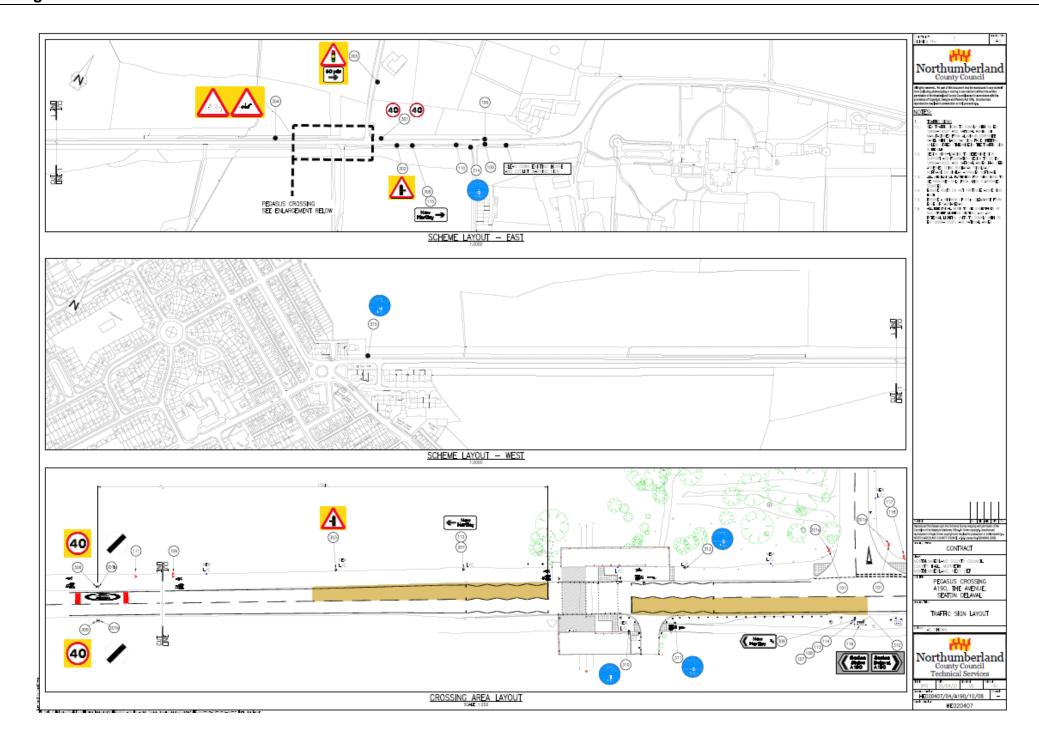
### **DECISION TAKEN**

Title of Officer:	Service Director, Local Services
Subject:	Proposed 40 MPH speed limit extension at A190 The Avenue
Consultation:	Not required for the extension of this 40 MPH speed limit restriction - the proposal is supported by Seaton Valley Community Council and has been notified to Northumbria Police
Decision Taken:	To extend the 40 MPH speed limit along a section of the A190 at Seaton Delaval
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### Appendix A







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