



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

Paul Jones

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Proposed 20 MPH Speed Restriction in Branton Village **Cabinet Member: Glen Sanderson – Leader of Council**

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed implementation of a 20 MPH speed restriction in Branton Village.

Recommendations

It is recommended the changes to the speed restrictions in Branton Village 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. The changes to a 20 MPH speed restriction adjacent to Branton Community First School is in line with the County Council's current road safety policy.
2. This location would benefit from reduced vehicle speeds in the vicinity of Branton Community First School where Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs) are present.
3. The scheme is supported by County Councillor Murray , local Parish Council and Branton Community First School.

Background

Introduction of 20 MPH Speed Restriction changes to Branton Village.

The introduction of the speed limit changes in Branton Village forms part of the 2020/21 Local Transport Plan. This is part of the County Council's road safety initiative to introduce 20 MPH speed limits adjacent to all schools in Northumberland, provided it is feasible to do so. Anecdotal evidence suggests that measures of this kind adjacent to schools provide a safer environment for all road users.

In addition to the 20 MPH speed limits adjacent to the school, the design criteria recommends changes to the existing speed limits to facilitate this i.e. 30 MPH "buffer" - As detailed on the scheme plan in Appendix B.

Branton Village



To facilitate these changes, the new speed limits will be included in the new Traffic Regulation Order (TROM_207) with revocation of existing Orders where applicable and road marking and signage changes.

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

NCC Officers have worked closely with County Councillor Murray and the local Parish Council on this scheme.

In addition to the introduction of revised speed limits in Branton, a scheme to introduce Gateway Signage in the neighboring village of Ingram will also take place. The works for both schemes will be programmed together by the NCC delivery teams, thereby providing economies on resources employed. See Appendix C

Satellite View of Branton Village



Local canvassing of the scheme was undertaken by the Parish 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.

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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 2020/21 Local Transport Plan
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_207)
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	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, parents and staff using the school 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	Wooler

Delegated Decision

Background papers:

File reference -

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Appendix A – Location Plan Speed Limit Extents

Appendix B – Branton Scheme Plan/Location Plan -

Appendix C - Ingram Scheme Plan/Location Plan -

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services.

Subject: Proposed implementation of 20 MPH speed restriction in Branton Village.

Consultation: Not required for the introduction of changes to speed limits adjacent to Branton Community First School on road safety initiative grounds. The scheme is supported by the local County Councillor and Northumbria Police.

Decision Taken: To introduce the changes to the 20 MPH and 30 MPH speed restrictions in Branton Village.

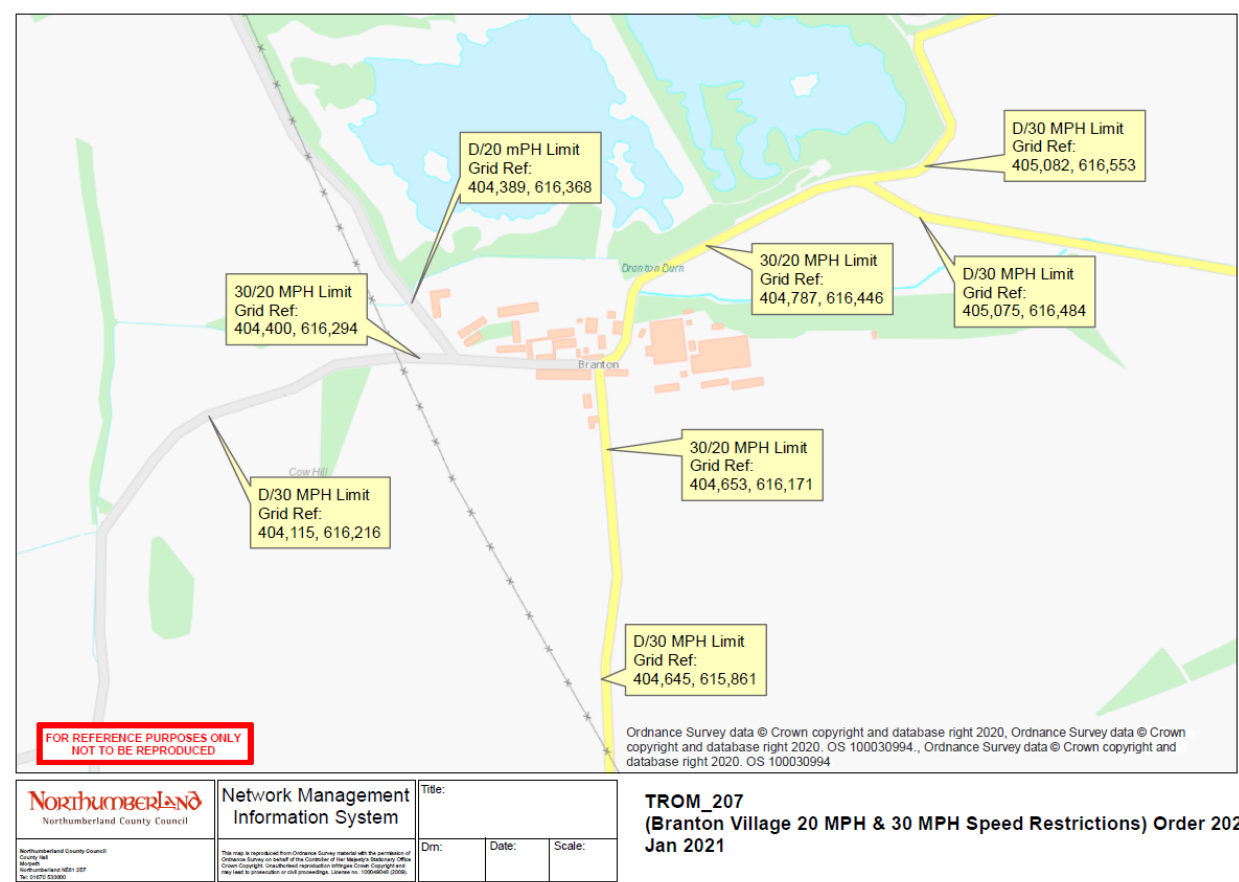
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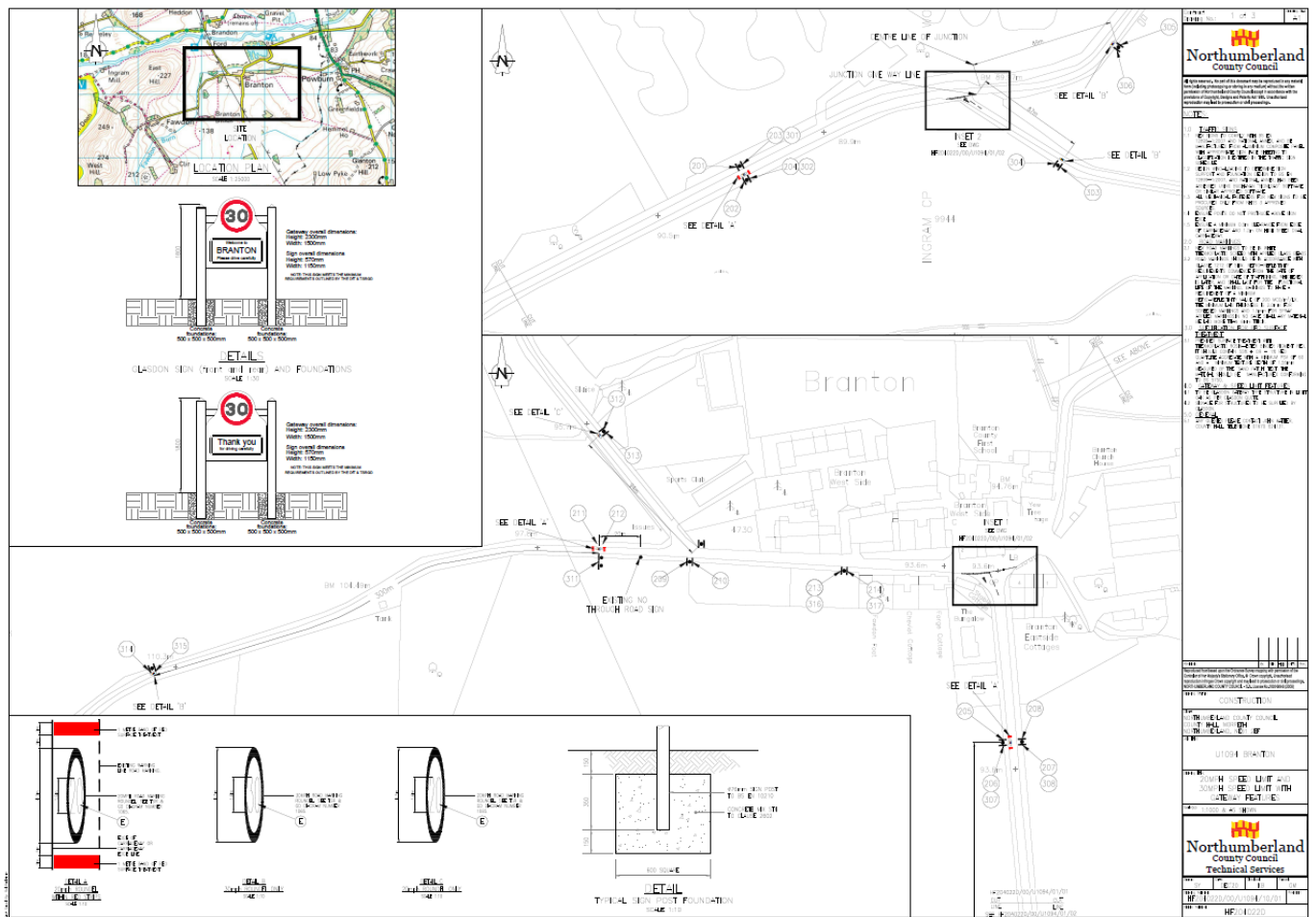


Date

25 January 2021

Appendix A – Location Plan Speed Limit Extents





Appendix C - Ingram Scheme Plan/Location Plan -

