



Northumberland

County Council

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY SERVICE DIRECTOR - LOCAL SERVICES

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Proposed Revocation of A1068 Choppington Road 40 MPH Speed Restriction

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposed revocation of the 40 MPH speed restriction adjacent to a private housing development on the A1068 Choppington Road north of Bedlington Town

Recommendations

It is recommended that the existing 40 MPH speed restriction on the A1068 Choppington Road north of Bedlington Town be revoked, thereby making the speed limit 30 MPH adjacent to the new housing development.

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 revised speed limit required due to a new housing development being built.
2. The scheme has been subject to full planning approval.
3. Local County Councillor Malcolm Robinson fully supports these proposals.

Delegated Decision

Background

The proposed introduction of a revised speed limit on the A1068 is required following a private housing development adjacent to Choppington Road, Bedlington.. The existing restrictions will no longer be appropriate due to the construction of this new estate and junction layout.

It is proposed that the existing 40 MPH Speed Restriction on this section of the Highway be revoked. The speed limit will then automatically be reduced to 30 MPH, under Section 81 of the Road Traffic Act (Street Lighting Regulations). This changes will therefore make the speed limit consistent throughout the length of the A1068 between (and including) Bedlington and Guidepost

The construction works on site have commenced via the planning application and will continue for a number of months. It is intend that the changes to the speed limit will be brought in as soon as possible.

Full details of the proposed new speed limit are detailed on plan in Appendix A.

These changes are a condition of formal planning application reference - 19/01457/REM



A1068 Northbound approaching new development junction

To facilitate these changes to the speed limit a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Revocation will be drafted and advertised through the current legal process.



A1068 Choppington Road Aerial View of New Housing Development Site



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Delegated Decision

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.

Local County Councillor, Town Council and other interested parties have been notified via the Planning Consultation and Approval Process.

Delegated Decision

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed by the Developer as part of planning application
Legal	Traffic Regulation Orders (reference TROM_232)
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	Revised speed limit will enable enforcement to be carried out by Northumbria Police
Customer Consideration	A reduction in the speed limit will be consistent with adjacent speed limits, thereby benefiting all road users
Carbon reduction	A speed reduction with help reduce carbon emissions
Wards	Bedlington West

Delegated Decision

Background papers:

File reference -
Planning Application - 19/01457/REM

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Choppington Road Bedlington\TRO and Notices

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

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DECISION TAKEN

Title of Officer: Service Director, Local Services.

Subject: Proposed revocation of the 40 MPH speed restriction adjacent to a private housing development on the A1068 Choppington Road north of Bedlington Town.

Consultation: Consultation carried out via Planning Application and Approval process. Statutory Consultees notified via TRO Amendment legal process.

Decision Taken: To revoke the existing 40 MPH Speed Restriction on the A1068 Choppington Road Bedlington. Thereby reducing the speed limit to 30 MPH under the Street Lighting Regulations.

Signature of Director



Date

9th November 2021

Appendix A – Scheme Plan

